



## **GCSC Regatta Featuring ‘*The Rabbit Run*’ a pursuit race around the Leverets, Hare and Rabbit**

### **Sailing Instructions**

**Saturday October 7th 2023**

(Rollover Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October)

**Galway City Sailing Club**

**53°16'07"N 9°02'16"W**

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in [\*The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 to 2024\*](#).
- 1.2 The main feature of the event is a single pursuit race around the Leverets Lighthouse, Hare Island and Rabbit Island. The exact course will be given at the briefing on the day of the event and will be weather dependent.
- 1.2.1 Classes start according to start numbers allocated to each class. This changes Rule 26.
- 1.2.2 There may be an additional handicap race this will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 1.2.3 The handicap race if run will take place after the pursuit race. If a tiebreak occurs a competitor shall be ranked in order of their scores in the pursuit race. This changes RRS A8.2

#### **2. Notice to Competitors and Event Communication**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event notice board outside the door of the clubhouse

#### **3. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the

schedule of races will be notified by the race committee before 21:00 on the day before it will take effect

## 4 Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Saturday 7/10/2023	8:30 – 9.30	Registration
	9.30	Briefing
	10.55	First Gun
	17.00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving & BBQ

4.1 Races are scheduled with succeeding races being started as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race if there is to be a succeeding race. The first scheduled class will be started using rule 26

### 4 The Start

4.1 The start for the first class in the pursuit race will be run in accordance with RRS 26. The class flag used will be numeral pennant 3. Thereafter the start will be staggered depending on PY of boats entered. At the briefing depending on the PY of your boat you will be assigned a number. This number corresponds to your start time relative to the first class of boat to start. If for example you are assigned the number 0 you will be the first class to start. If you are assigned the number 5 your start is 5 minutes after the start of the class that started at 0. As a warning there will be a sound signal at one minute to your scheduled start along with a notice board held aloft with your number on it. This number will be taken down at your start time. You will need to pay attention to this and to the start sequence. This will be clarified further at the briefing. This changes Rule 26. The average duration of the race will be 120 minutes. This may be changed on the day and will be communicated on the notice board and at the briefing

4.2 If there is to be a handicap race after the pursuit race numeral pennant 4 will be flown after the finish of the pursuit race

4.2 For the handicap race the start will be in run in accordance with RRS 26. The class flag used will be numeral pennant 3

### 5 The Start Line

5.1 The start line will be between a pole on the committee boat flying an orange flag and a pink pin end mark.

### 5 The Finish

5.1 The pursuit race will finish after designated time this will be marked by a long sound signal and the finishing positions will be determined by the crews on two ribs running down the course in parallel contrary to the direction of the race, you will be notified that you have finished by a short sound signal. Your final position is your position on the race course at that moment relative to all the other boats racing

5.2 The handicap race finish line will be between a pole on the committee boat flying a blue flag and a round pink mark. The handicap race will be decided on corrected times

## **6. Penalties**

**6.1** Rule P2.1 applies to first penalty and all subsequent penalties, this changes P2.2, P2.3 and P2.4

## **7. Scoring**

**7.1** In the pursuit race competitors will be scored according to their position on the course when the signal for the end of race is sounded

**7.2** In the handicap race the competitors will be scored on corrected time in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system

**7.3** The handicap race if run, will take place after the pursuit race. If a tiebreak occurs they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the pursuit race. This changes RRS A8.2

## **8. The Courses.**

**8.1** The courses to be sailed will be finalized and communicated at the briefing.

## **9. Prizes**

**9.1** There will be an overall prize for the regatta plus 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be additional prizes for different categories, such as class, age group etc... These will be dependent on the number and type of entries we receive. In addition there will be novelty prizes and spot prizes. The emphasis for this event is on fun and the prizes will reflect this.

## **10. Protests**

Protests shall be made in writing, and lodged with the Club Office in accordance with rule 61, within 30 minutes of finishing the race.

## **11 Safety**

**11.1** Each competitor is required to liaise with the beach master and registration officer to collect your safety tag before going on the water and to hand in your safety tag when returning to shore

**11.2** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible