



# The President's Cup 2017



## Incorporating

# The Hansa 303 Irish National Championship 2017

**Belfast Lough Sailability & Carrickfergus Sailing Club,**

**Carrickfergus, County Antrim**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

**The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification**

- 1.1** The Organising Authority is Belfast Lough Sailability, in partnership with Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 1.2** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3** The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.4** Racing rules 26, 28.1, 32, 35, A4, A5, 40, 41, 44.1, 60.1(a) & (b), 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.1 66 will be changed. The changes are detailed in full in each of the sailing instructions that are identified here.
- 1.5** Class rules will not apply. In addition, Classes are not permitted to use spinnakers in this regatta.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Boatshed.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it shall take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole next to the club "starting hut"
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The Competitor's Briefing will be held in the Boatshed at **09:45** on Saturday 12th August.

5.2

President's Cup	Race Course A	6 races scheduled
Hansa 303 Irish championship	Race Course B	6 races + 1 single handed Hansa 303 race scheduled

5.3



Saturday 12 August – Schedule	Time	Course A & B
Race 1 - Warning signal	11.25 am	President's Cup & Hansa 303
Race 2 - Will take place as soon as possible on the completion of the preceding race		
On completion of Race 2 all Fleets will return to their designated locations for Lunch. The time of the Race 3 Warning signal will be confirmed during this period.		
Races 3 Warning signal	TBC	President's Cup & Hansa 303

Sunday 13 August – Schedule	Time	Course A & B
Race 1 - Warning signal	10.25 am	President's Cup & Hansa 303
Race 2 - Will take place as soon as possible on the completion of the preceding race		
On completion of Race 2 all Fleets will return to their designated locations for Lunch. The time of the Race 3 Warning signal will be confirmed during this period.		
Races 3 Warning signal	TBC	President's Cup & Hansa 303

This 4 <sup>th</sup> Race may be scheduled Saturday or Sunday	Time	Course B
Race 4 Warning signal	TBC	Hansa 303 Single handed Race
Race 4 – The confirmation of the warning signal will be made on completion of Race 3 on either day allowing for change over to single helm status.		

5.4 There will be no warning signal made after 15:00 on Sunday 13th August.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Race Course A	President's Cup (Multi Fleet)	Class Flag D 
Race Course B	Hansa 303 Irish National Championship	Class Flag E 

## 7 RACE AREA

Depending on wind direction, the Event is to be sailed directly out from Carrickfergus Harbour and Marina on the North shore of Belfast Lough.

## 8 COURSE

The type of course and laps to be sailed will be indicated by a combination of two flags displayed from the race committee boat(s).

The course configuration on Race Course A & B are described in Addendum A.

**Class Flag W** indicates a Windward / Leeward with an offset mark forming the course

**Class Flag T** indicates a Triangular course with 3 as the finish mark

Course	Course Flag	Order of Marks (Port Rounding)
1 (1 Lap)	Numeral Pennant 1	W/L Start – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish Triangle Start – 1 - 2 - Finish
2 (2 Laps)	Numeral Pennant 2	W/L Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish Triangle Start – 1 – 2 – 3- 1 – 2 - Finish
3 (3 Laps)	Numeral Pennant 3	W/L Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 - 1 – 2 – 3 - Finish Triangle Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 - Finish

## 9 MARKS

### Course A

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be red round spherical marks, the Start mark will be a green round spherical mark. If Course A sets a W/L the Finish Mark will be the green mark. Triangle course Mark 3 also functions as a Finishing mark.

### Course B

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be tall yellow spherical marks, the start mark will be a dumpy yellow mark. If Course B sets a W/L the Finish Mark will be the dumpy yellow mark. Triangle course Mark 3 also functions as a Finishing mark.

## 10 THE START

**10.1** The start line is between a staff/pole on the committee boat displaying an Orange flag and the start mark. (Pin end)

**10.2** An inner limit mark may be laid approximately on the start line. When starting, boats shall not pass between this inner limit and the committee boat.

**10.3** To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange startline flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE / SHORTENED COURSE

**11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## 11.2 Shortened Course

A vessel displaying Code Flag F at any mark means that the boats shall round that mark and proceed directly to the finishing line. This is in addition to RRS 32.

## 12 THE FINISH

**12.1** The finish line will be between the staff/ pole displaying a Blue Flag on the committee boat and the finish mark. (The Triangular course designates Mark 3 to be offset to windward of the Committee Boat and forms the finish line.)

**12.2** In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (amending the requirement to follow rule RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. RRS 60.1(b) is not applicable to this instruction.

**[DP] Competitors that have finished a race must clear the finish line and not impede those still racing.** Support Boats must also remain 30 metres away from the Line.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS

**14.1** Time limits and target times are as follows

Race Category	Fleets		Time Limit	Target Time
President's Cup	Multi Class		60 mins	30 mins
Hansa 303 Champ	Double handed		60 mins	30 mins
Hansa 303 Champ	Single handed		60 mins	25 mins

The Race Officer has discretion with regard to the overall Time Limit of 60 minutes. This changes rule 35.

**14.2** Boats failing to finish within 15mins after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat to finish or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.2** Protest forms are available at the race office located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the Protest Time. The expiration of Protest Time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5** Breaches of SI 15, 16 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.6** A request for reopening or a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2

## **16 SCORING**

One race is required to constitute a series. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When three or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

## **17 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1** A check-out and check-in tally system will be in operation. The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors. Failure to comply may lead to disqualification. It is the responsibility of all skippers and crew to check out and check in at the Boatshed prior to and after each race.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3** Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat and on marina ramps and pontoons during the period of the event, except while briefly adjusting clothing or personal equipment, in accordance with the provisions of rule 40 except that flag Y will not be displayed and no sound signal will be made. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS.
- 17.4** Boats shall be fitted with a suitable tow rope fixed to the bow and led back to the cockpit.
- 17.5** A boat is permitted to receive outside help from a safety boat for any reason other than added propulsion. To request help, a competitor shall raise and lower their arms repeatedly or make repeating sound signals on a whistle. This changes rule 41.
- 17.6** Where applicable, all crews must remain seated in their normal positions whilst racing, except in an emergency. The penalty for infringement of this rule will be one extra point; the scores of other boats will not be changed. This changes rule 49, 63.1 and A5.
- 17.7** Boats shall be berthed afloat for the duration of the event as directed by the Beach

master.

## **18 [DP] REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**18.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**18.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 [DP] SUPPORT BOAT**

Support, Coach and Spectator boats shall register at the race office before going afloat each day. After the preparatory signal no coach boat shall come within 30 metres of any other boat racing, with the exception it may come within 5 metres of the boat it is supporting whilst ensuring it is not impeding any other competitor. The penalty for breach of this sailing instruction is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

## **20 [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Except with the prior permission of the race committee, or in an emergency, no boat may make radio transmissions while racing or receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21 PRIZES**

As per notice of race.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve a boat of their own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.

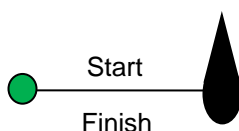
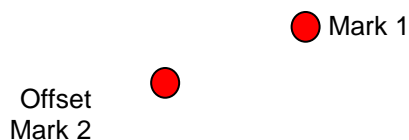
## **23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or the equivalent in other currencies.



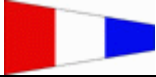


**END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

## Addendum A

**Windward / Leeward Course – Flag W**   
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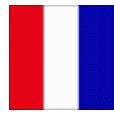


 Mark 3

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Code Flag F		When displayed at a mark proceed to the Finish
Code Flag W		Indicates the Type of Course  May also be used by a Vessel other than the CB to instruct competitor they have been given a finishing place and proceed directly to the Finish



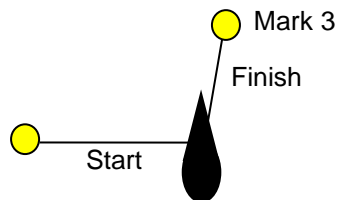
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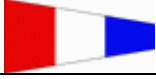




(If course configuration used for President's Cup – 1,2,3 will be red marks, Start -green mark)

● Mark 1

Mark 2 ●



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