

Kircubbin SC - Club Racing 2021

Thursday evenings & Sunday afternoons as may be arranged

2021 Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules :**
Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), & the prescriptions of the RYA will apply. In these Sailing Instructions, the following RRS are changed - RRS 29.2, 32.2, 35, 61.3, A4, A5 & A9.
2. **Start Line :**
Either a 'shore start' or a 'committee boat start' may be used.
 - a) The Start Line for the 'shore start' is a transit from the Battery flagpole through a white staff on the shore, and should be crossed from East to West : the orange starting flag will be displayed at the Battery flagpole.
When starting, boats should pass between the Inner Limit buoy to the north and the Line Mark 'L' to the south : these limit marks may or may not be on the Starting Line.
 - b) The Start Line for the 'committee boat start' is between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag, and a port-end starting mark.
3. **Starting Signals :**
 - a) In addition to the signals of Rule 26, to alert boats that a starting sequence is to begin, the Race Committee may display the orange starting flag with one long sound at least five minutes before the first warning signal is displayed.
 - b) In addition to the provisions of RRS 29.2, the Race Committee may signal a General Recall where it considers it appropriate to do so.
4. **Class Flag & Starting Times :**
The Class Flag will be Flag 'F'.
The first Warning Signal will be made at 19:30, or later at the discretion of the Race Committee.
Competitors should note that the Starting Time may be earlier on and after Thursday 26th August.
5. **Course :**
The course to be sailed will use the KSC racing marks numbered 1 to 8, the port-hand (red) Kirkcubbin Roads navigation mark 'R', and the starboard-hand (green) Kirkcubbin Roads mark 'G', all per the accompanying diagram.
The racing marks are black inflatable marks.
 - a) For 'shore starts', the course will be displayed as an array of numbers/letters at the Battery : a Red number or letter on a White background indicates a mark to be rounded to Port ; a White number or letter on a Black background indicates a mark to be rounded to Starboard : the marks are to be rounded or passed in the order displayed.
This information may also be provided by radio
 - b) For 'committee boat starts', course information will be provided ashore prior to racing, or may be provided by radio.
 - c) Boats must pass the Black Spar Markers at Monaghan Bank & White Bank on the side furthest from the danger that each is marking, and the lines between each marker and the respective danger that it is marking are designated as obstructions.
6. **Finish :**
Either a 'shore finish' or a 'committee boat finish' may be used.
 - a) For a 'shore finish', a blue flag will be displayed at the Battery flagpole and the Finishing Line will be between the **Battery flagpole** and the Line Mark 'L'.
 - b) For a 'committee boat finish', the Finishing Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat, and an adjacent mark. Where Flag L is displayed at the finish of a race, this indicates that further races will be started and run as soon as possible – this changes RRS Race Signals.
8. **Time Limit :**
A time limit of 1hr 30min will apply for the first boat in any race : where the first boat has sailed the course as

required by Rule 28.1 and finished within the time limit, any boat not finishing within a further 30 minutes will be scored 'DNF' without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A4 & A5.

9. **Protests & Redress :**

Protests and requests for redress must be delivered to the Race Committee no later than one hour after the last boat has finished the day's racing. This changes Rule 61.3.

10. **Scoring :**

a) A race shall be valid if two or more eligible boats come to the starting area.

b) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

c) When four or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

d) The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used, however the final sentence of section A9 is amended to read - 'A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area.'

11. **Handicapping :**

a) The RYA National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) 'Club Series' will be used.

b) In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32.2, the race committee may opt to finish a boat before the leading boat in the race has completed her full complement of laps. Finishing times for the race in which this procedure is used will then be calculated as average lap times.

12. **Safety :**

Crews are strongly recommended to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.

13. **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 racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk : by taking part in the series, 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 that they are fit to participate;

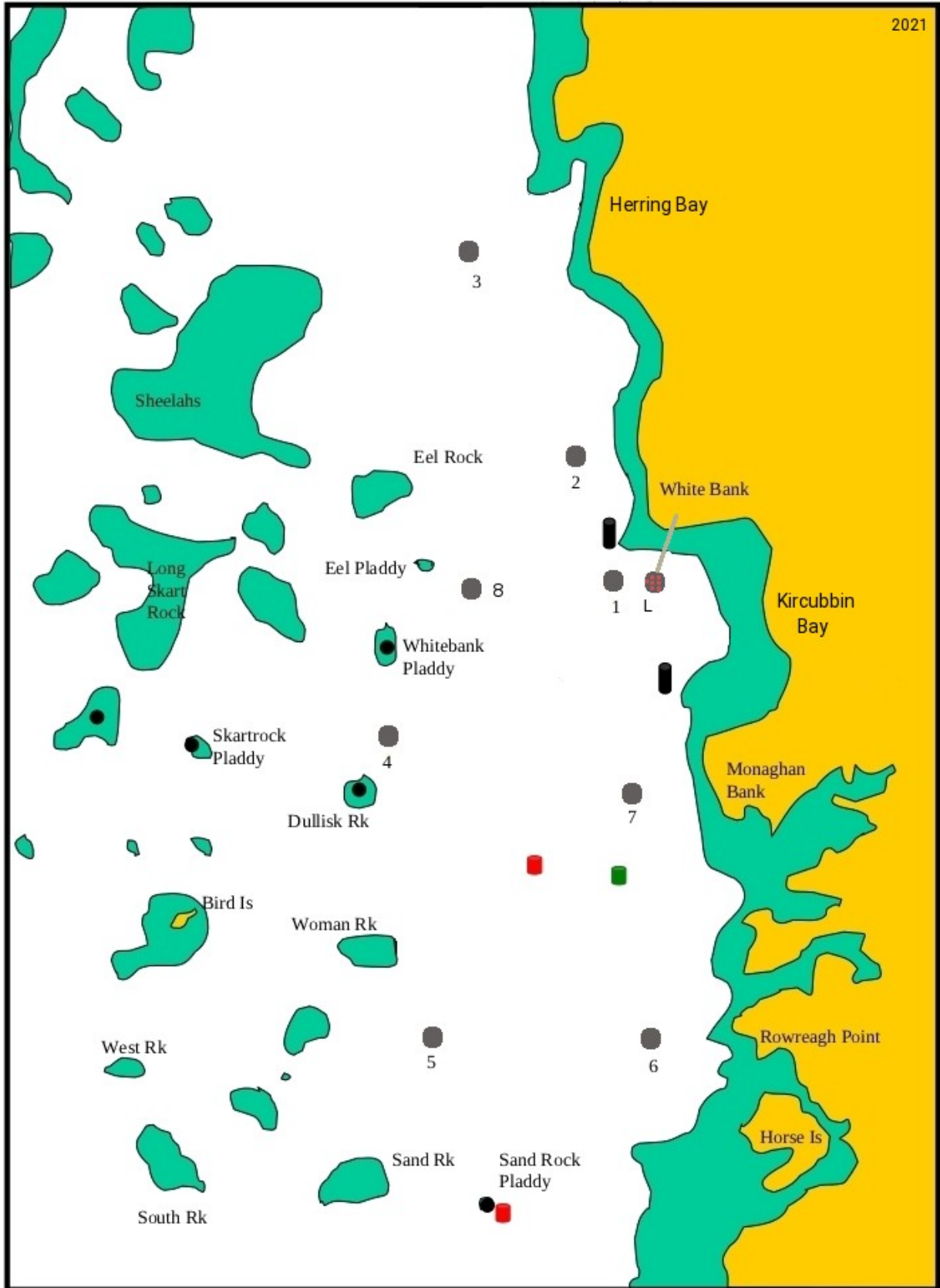
e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve competitors of their own responsibilities;

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;

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the Kircubbin sailing venue or to these races drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or races.

14. **Insurance :**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.



KSC Racing Mark Locations

Notes for competitors -

Please ensure that you have (and display!) a **SAIL NUMBER**.

The starting sequence is Orange Flag, then **5,4,1,GO !**