



Kircubbin SC - Club Racing Series 2024 **Thursday evenings & Sunday afternoons as may be arranged**

The Notice of Race for this Series is available on Kircubbin SC website.

2024 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,

 - RS 29.2 is amended so that the Race Committee may signal a General Recall at its discretion,
 - RRS Race Signals the use of Flag L is changed to indicate '*further races are scheduled imminently*',
 - the Scoring System of Appendix A is changed as detailed below,
 - RRS 61.3 is amended so as to change the protest time limit to *one* hour after the last boat's finish time.

2. **Race Schedule :**

Races are scheduled for Thursday evenings starting in June, and running to early September. Additional races may be agreed and arranged on other sailing days as necessary. For Thursday races, the first Warning Signal will be made at **19.25**, or later at the discretion of the Race Committee. Competitors should note that the first Warning Signal may be **earlier** on and after Thursday 22nd August.

3. **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 Battery flagpole will display an orange flag for shore starts. 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 an adjacent starting mark.

4. **Starting Signals :**
 - a) The Warning Signal for the first & subsequent races will be made at 19:25, or later at the discretion of the Race Committee. Competitors should note that the Starting Time may be **earlier** on or after Thursday 29th August.
 - b) 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.
 - c) In addition to the provisions of RRS 29.2, the Race Committee may signal a General Recall where it considers that it is appropriate to do so.

5. **Class Flag :** The Class Flag will be Flag 'F'.

6. **Courses :**

Courses to be sailed in Kircubbin Roads will use the KSC racing marks together with any supplementary marks as required - see mark diagram below. The KSC racing marks are black or yellow inflatable marks.

 - a) Course information will be provided via WhatsApp or sms text message. In the event of non-availability of these systems, for 'shore starts', the course may 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.
 - b) Further information as to start timing, etc, may be provided by the Race Committee by VHF radio M1 / Ch 37.

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 & the respective danger that it marks are designated obstructions.

7. **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 course side of 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 45min 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 15 minutes will be scored 'DNF' without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1 & A5.1.

9. **Protests & Redress :**

RRS Appendix T will be used. 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 the 'protest time' in RRS 61.3.

10. **Scoring :**

- a) A race shall be valid if two or more eligible boats come to the starting area.
- b) Four races are required to be completed to constitute the 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 to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
When more than eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- d) **The Low Point Scoring System** of RRS Appendix A will be used, amended as follows -
 - i) the first sentence of RRS A5.2 is changed so that '*A boat that did not start, did not sail the course, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area*' (ie, rather than *the number of boats entered in the Series*).
 - ii) additionally, '*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*' is appended to RRS A5.2. For clarity, A5.3 is **not** used.

11. **Handicapping :**

The RYA YTC handicap system will be used.

12. **Safety :** Crews are strongly recommended to wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.

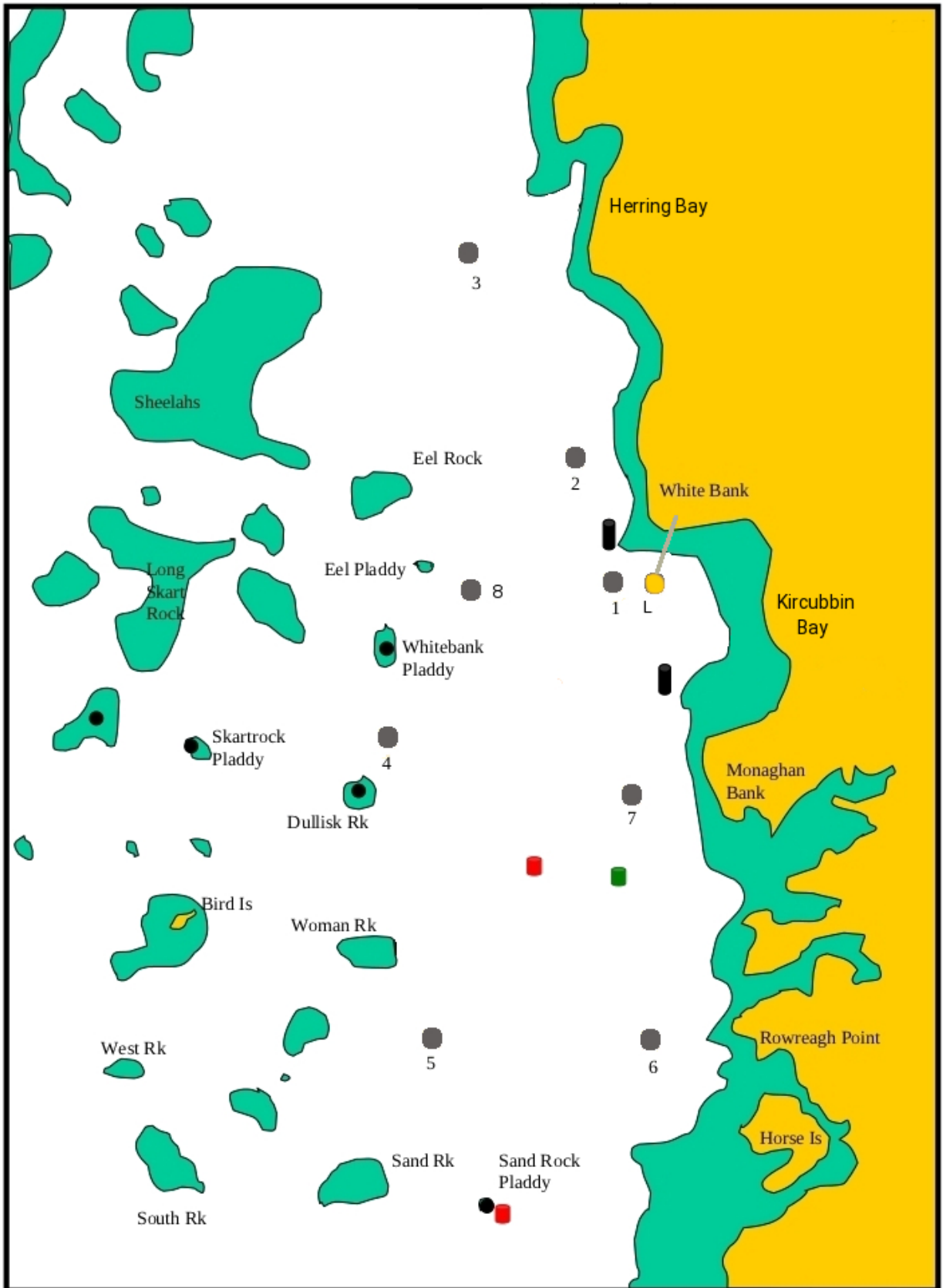
13. **Risk Statement :**

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 **5,4,1,GO** ! An Orange flag means this sequence will start soon!