



MALAHIDE YACHT CLUB

TOPAZ CLASS ASSOCIATION of IRELAND

5th July 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES:

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 All the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, where relevant, will apply.

1.3 *The boats entitled to race shall be the Topaz Uno and the Topaz Uno Plus. A Topaz Uno shall carry one person and a Uno Plus shall carry two persons. A boat entered as a Uno Plus may sail without a jib if the crew so wish but must carry two persons to rank as a starter. A boat with only one person on board shall only use a mainsail. Boats shall only enter in one class for the regatta.*

1.4 Boats shall only compete with standard equipment as supplied with a Topaz Uno or Uno Plus by Topper International, as appropriate to the boat type entered. The use of non-standard equipment or alterations intended to enhance the performance of boats will not be permitted. In the event of a dispute about the eligibility of equipment on a boat the matter shall be referred to the Race Committee for a decision. For example, items such as tell tales on sails and wind indicators shall not be considered as performance enhancing items.

1.5 Both Topaz Uno and Uno Plus shall race as a single class and results will be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap numbers. In the event of the number of entries making the fleet size unmanageable, in the opinion of the Race Committee, they shall have the discretion to have separate starts for the two types of boats. Competitors will be notified of this by way of an amendment to these Instructions. Such an amendment will not be considered a change in start time (see SI 3)

1.6 All the rules of the Topaz Class Association of Ireland (ITCA) will apply.

1.6.1 All competitors must be members of the ITCA.

1.6.2 Adequate personal buoyancy, in compliance with rule 40.1, shall be worn by competitors at all times whilst afloat.

1.6.3 All boats must carry a painter at least 5 metre long consisting of 5mm diameter rope, securely tied to the hull at one end. Safety checks may be performed by the ITCA and/or race committee.

1.6.4 Boats must carry their individual sail numbers on their sails.

1.6.5 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.5 million per incident or the equivalent.

1.7 Appendix A (Course Diagrams) forms part of these sailing instructions.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the MYC Broadmeadows Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule (or start time) of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of the MYC Broadmeadows Clubhouse.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5 SAFETY

5.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

6.1 Four races shall be sailed. It is proposed to have a break in racing either after race 1 or race 2 to allow competitors go ashore. The break will be signalled from the Committee Boat and the shore flag pole after the finish of the race immediately preceding the break. The intention to recommence racing will be signalled by the lowering of the Answering Pennant on the shore flag pole. In the event of the start of the first race having to be postponed it may be necessary to run the races without a break.

6.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 10.55am.

6.3 When there has been a long postponement, the warning signal for the next race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, a burst of four sound signals may be made no later than two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. FLEETS & PRIZES

7.1 Results for all entrants shall be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap numbers for the purpose of awarding class prizes. Where racing has been run with both Uno and Uno Plus classes racing as a single fleet, class prizes will be awarded on the basis of a boats position in the overall fleet after the overall results have been calculated using the PY Handicap numbers. If the classes race separately then PY will not be used for class prizes and results in each class race shall be the basis of awarding finishing places in races.

7.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Boats will be classed as either Uno or Uno Plus and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both classes. The overall winner of the event will be judged to be the first placed boat with the biggest margin over second placed in either class.

There will also be an Under 13 award for the best position in either class.

7.3 Where Uno Plus entrants are prize-winners both the helm and crew will be awarded prizes.

7.4 Allocation of boats to age categories for the purpose of eligibility for age related prizes will be determined by the age of the oldest person on a boat. Ages shall be calculated by reference to the crew ages on Jan 1st, 2008. Where dates of birth are not declared on the entry form the competitor(s) shall be deemed to be over 18.

8. CLASS FLAG:

The Class Flag will be International Code Flag T. If the Uno and Uno Plus are to start separately the Class flags to be used shall be identified in the amendment to the SIs.

9. RACE AREA:

Racing will be conducted on the Broadmeadows Water.

10. COURSES:

10.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

10.2 The course chosen shall be signalled by flying the appropriate course flag (1 or 2) from the Committee Boat when on station in the race area, prior to the commencement of the start sequence for the race to which the course selection applies.

11. MARKS:

The marks of the course will be yellow pillar marks. Limit marks on the start and finish lines shall be smaller marks, which shall be indicated to competitors at the briefing.

12. THE START:

12.1 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the outer distance mark.

12.2 An Inner Limit Buoy may be laid approximately on the starting line and, if so, a boat shall not pass between this buoy and the Committee Boat after the Warning Signal. For the purposes of RRS 18.1, 28, and 30.1, the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Vessel shall be treated as a single mark.

12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

13. THE FINISH:

The finishing line will, unless the race has been shortened, be between the main mast of a committee boat and the outer distance mark. Shortened races shall be finished between a mark of the course and a finishing boat. The committee boat finishing a race shall fly a blue flag.

14. TIME LIMIT:

14.1 The time limit for each race will be the earlier of 90 minutes from the starting signal or 20 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat. This amends RRS 35.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course (Mark1) within 45 minutes of the starting signal the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS:

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee, protest committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

15.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings.

15.4 A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision of the Protest Committee. This changes rule 66.

16. SCORING

Discards

(a) When 2 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 3 races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, except as specified by RRS 89.3(b).

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT:

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

17.2 Substitution of Crew will be allowed where a minor retires due to tiredness or cold.

Changing class from Uno Plus to Uno will be allowed in such circumstances with the prior approval of the Race Committee. Any boat changing class in such a way shall not be eligible for the award of Class related prizes. This changes RRS 19.2

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

