



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Greystones Sailing Club • Greystones • Co. Wicklow.

1. Organising Authority and Rules

- 1.1 The organising authority is the Greystones Sailing Club.
- 1.2 All competitors are hon. members of GSC for the duration of the event.
- 1.3 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 and any amendment thereto, the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), ECHO handicapping system rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SI's).

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising committee.
- 2.2 The safety of a Boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the Boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the organising authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or owner's representative.
- 2.3 Boat owners and competing crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain 3rd party insurance cover of not less than three million Euro (€ 3,000,000) and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.
- 2.4 No responsibility shall be accepted by the organising authority, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in this event.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Changes in Sailing Instructions and / or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board at Club before 13.00 Hrs on Saturday Aug 29th 2026. Taste of Greystones WhatsApp will also be used to communicate general information.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Greystones Sailing Club clubhouse halyard hoist.
- 4.2 International Code Flag "AP" Answering Pennant, made ashore with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "Racing is Postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after this "AP" is lowered. (This amends RRS Race Signals).

5. The Courses & Marks

- 5.1 All Courses will use laid marks which will be red or orange inflatable type
- 5.2 The course shall be as follows and will be displayed on committee boat and relayed on relevant race channel 73

W = Windward, L = Leeward

Course A	Wp	Lp					Finish (Committee boat)
Course B	Wp	Lp	Wp	Lp			Finish (Committee boat)
Course C	Wp	Lp	Wp	Lp	Wp	Lp	Finish (Committee boat)

- 5.3 There will be two Windward marks laid .

The Outer Windward mark will be a large orange barrel mark.

The Inside Windward mark will be a red pillar mark.

Class 1 and Class 2 will race using the Outer Windward mark.

Class 3 and Class 4 will race using the Inside Windward mark.

The race officer reserves the right to reallocate classes to Outer or Inside Windward mark if required and will notify class on CH 73 if appropriate.

6. Schedule of Race

- 6.1 The following shall be the schedule of races Saturday Aug 29th 2026.

Race 1 Saturday August 29th Warning Signal

Cruiser Class 1	14.25
Cruiser Class 2	14.30
Cruiser Class 3	14.35
White Sails Class 4	14.40

- 6.2 The following shall be the schedule of races Sunday Aug 30th 2026.

Race 2 Sunday August 30th Warning Signal

Cruiser Class 1	10.55
Cruiser Class 2	11.00
Cruiser Class 3	11.05
White Sails Class 4	11.10

Race 3 Sunday August 30th

The first Warning signal for Race 3 will be made as soon as possible after the completion of Race 2.

- 6.3 Class and Identifying Flags to be displayed clearly on backstays

Class 1	0.975 and above	Red circle on white
Class 2	0.974 - 0.900	White circle on blue
Class 3	0.899 and below	Red, white, blue
White Sails Class 4		Red with white cross (Class 5 can be flown)

Disposable flags available at registration if required.

7. Handicaps and Division of Classes

- 7.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
- 7.2 Racing will be run under base standard echo to facilitate all boats that may not hold IRC Hc. Certs will not be required.
- 7.3 Classification.
Class allocation will be based on Standard Echo handicaps with cut off point for Class 1 of 0.975 and above and Class 2 set at 0.900 – 0.974. Class 3 is 0.899 and below (Final cut off point to be set on day of regatta).
- 7.4 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to allocate a boat to any class.
- 7.5 An overall winner under ORC will also be awarded for each class with 3 or more ORC registered boats.
- 7.6 Boats competing shall indicate the class in which they are racing by displaying from their backstay a numerical flag or as issued at registration. Failure to comply with the Sailing Instructions may result in disqualification.

8. The Start

- 8.1 Races shall be started as per RRS 26.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the Race Committee Vessel displaying an Orange Flag at the Starboard end of the line and the Port end starting mark (Yellow Barrel).
- 8.3 A boat which starts later than 10 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did not Compete ("DNC").
- 8.4 Boats whose warning Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 8.5 Race committee will operate on Channel 73 remind classes of starts, courses, and other relevant information. Failure to hear or receive radio signals shall not be grounds for redress.

9. Recalls

- 9.1 In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast individual OCS recalls by sail number on the VHF channel, as soon as practical, but not less than one minute after the start. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.2 General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2. When a General recall has been signalled, the recalled class will restart after the last class in the sequence has been started.

10. Shortening and Minor Course Changes

- 10.1 If a race committee vessel displays Flag "F" with repetitive sound signals at a rounding mark, having rounded that mark, boats shall proceed directly to the Finishing line and cross the Finishing line from the direction of the previous mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.
- 10.2 Minor course changes to the course will not be notified.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of a Race Committee Vessel displaying a blue flag and the port end finishing mark (Note: This will be a red buoy, **NOT** the yellow starting pin). Boats not finishing shall not pass between the committee boat and the finish mark once the blue flag is displayed.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 All classes sailing will be timed up to 30 minutes after the 2nd boat to finish in each class.

13. Protests

- 13.1 Protests shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5 – Section A Protests – and shall be written on protest forms available at the Greystones Sailing Club Race Office and lodged within 60 minutes of the last race of the day. This amends RRS 61.3.

13.2 Penalty: Rule 44.1, 2 turn penalty will be replaced with 1 turn (360) penalty. Boats are encouraged to prioritise this resolution over risk to results in protest.

- 13.3 Protesting boats shall inform the Race Committee where possible and shall receive an acknowledgment before leaving the finishing area. Protesting boats shall inform the party protested that a protest has been lodged. This amends RRS 61.1.
- 13.4 A party protested shall attend at the Race Office immediately on coming ashore to acknowledge same and to facilitate an early disposal of the matter.
- 13.5 Protests will be heard at the Greystones Sailing club as soon as practical after the time limit. A schedule of protests will be posted in the Clubhouse. If the protest does not effect the 1st, 2nd or 3rd positions prize giving may proceed before conclusion of protest.

14. Scoring

- 14.1 The Low Scoring System RRS Appendix A.4 shall apply.
- 14.2 If only one race is completed this shall constitute the series.
- 14.3 RRS 35 shall apply.
- 14.4 When three races have been completed, a boat series score will be the total of her best two race scores.
- 14.5 When there is a tie in the series points between two or more boats, it will be broken in accordance with Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A.

15. Personal Buoyancy

- 15.1 Competitors in all classes will wear approved personal buoyancy at all times afloat.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 Prizes shall be awarded for the first three placed boats overall in each class.
An overall winner under ORC will also be awarded for each class with 3 or more ORC registered boats

17. Information for Competitors

Tidal Data

High water time August 29th Saturday 13.15

High water time August 30th Sunday 13.45

Competitors should note that the tidal flow can reach 2-3 ktns in places

Tide turns approx 1 hr before HT and earlier nearer the shore.