



Beneteau 31.7
Irish Open & National Championships 2025



Greystones Sailing Club

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st August

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12411/event
- 2.2 The Race Committee may draw attention to signals given on the Committee vessel and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on Channel 73. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main mast at Greystones Sailing Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 A briefing will be held in Greystones Sailing Club at 11:00 on Saturday the 30th of August (**Changes NOR**)
- 6.2 Five (5) races are scheduled for the championship.

Date	No. of Races Scheduled	Time of first Warning Signal
Saturday 30 th August	3	12:25hrs (Changes NOR)
Sunday 31 st August	Remaining races	11.55hrs

All times are in IST

- 6.3 The Race Committee may run an extra race on Saturday to enable the scheduled number of races to be completed. Hoisting ICF "E" at the end of scheduled racing will signal this on that day.
- 6.4 While the intention is that no warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday 31st August, the Race Committee reserves the right to run racing after that time in order to complete a minimum of two races to constitute a series.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 IC Numeral 9 (note it is not a requirement that a class flag is flown on boats)

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The Racing Area will be in the waters to the east of Greystones Harbour.

9. CREW LIMITS

- 9.1 The maximum number of crew is limited to 9 for any 1 race.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be of the Windward/Leeward type.
 10.2 A spreader mark (1a in Appendix A) may be laid at the windward mark.
 10.3 The diagram in Appendix A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left and the number of rounds as per Appendix.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 The windward, spreader and leeward marks will be large inflatable, orange barrel shaped marks.
 11.2 The starting mark (if used) will be a large inflatable yellow pillar.
 11.3 The finishing mark will be a red danbuoy.
 11.4 A race committee vessel signalling a change to a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 13.2

12. THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and either a starting mark or the orange flag on a RIB at the port end of the line.
 12.2 An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the race committee vessel, not necessarily on the starting line, and, if laid, is a starting mark according to RRS 18.1(a) and RRS 31. No boat shall pass between an inner distance mark and the race committee vessel after the preparatory signal.
 12.3 In addition to RRS 29.1, the Race Committee will, if possible, broadcast individual OCS recalls by sail number on VHF channel 73. Failure to do so or delay or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
 12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or finishing line) to a new position. Minor changes may not be signalled.
 13.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between the staff or mast displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of the port end finish mark.

15. SHORTENING COURSE

- 15.1 In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, when a Race Committee vessel displaying International Code Flag F and making repeated sound signals is positioned adjacent to a mark of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. SI 12.2 will apply.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
 16.2 In addition, RRS 44.2 is changed by inserting after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.

17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

18. HEARING REQUESTS

- 18.1 Protests shall be lodged online using the link on the official notice board linked from <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12411/event>.
- 18.2 Protests shall be lodged each day within 60 minutes after the last boat to finish in the last race of each day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 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 GSC. It is the responsibility of competitors to make themselves available at the time and place indicated on the virtual notice board.
- 18.4 Arbitration. Appendix T will apply except that the post-race penalty is 20% or at least two points. This changes T1(b). RRS 60.5(c)(2) applies: if a boat has taken an applicable penalty she shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless the rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 When four or more races are sailed, a boat shall discard her worst result.

20. PRIZES

- 20.1 Prize giving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing.
- 20.2 Prizes shall be awarded to the first three competitors in both Scratch and Handicap divisions. A competitor may not receive a Scratch and a Handicap prize. The Scratch prize shall take precedence.
- 20.3 Perpetual Trophies shall be presented to the winners in both Scratch and Handicap divisions.

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 21.1 The wearing of personal flotation devices is strongly recommended.
- 21.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. [NP] [DP]

22. LIABILITY

- 22.1 Greystones Sailing Club and their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the regatta, and competitors take part in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. The person in charge is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third-party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.
- 22.2 **RRS 3, Decision to Race.** The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, who must do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew, each of whom are physically fit and properly clothed to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, steering equipment, rigging and sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used. Neither the establishment of these special regulations, their use by the sponsoring organisations, nor the inspection of a boat under these regulations, in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

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Appendix A

Round 1	Start – 1(port) – 1a (port) –2 (port)
Round 2	1(port) – 1a (port) –2 (port) – Finish

