

2021 Dinghy Team Racing Cup

hosted by Glandore Harbour Yacht Club

Sailing instructions

General SI's - Applicable to Team Racing and Relay Race, GHYC 2021

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, subject to any changes described in these Sailing Instructions. Appendix D will apply in the case of the Team Racing format and some aspects of Appendix D will be used for the Relay Race.
- 1.2 Rule D1.1(d) (room to tack-arm signals) is deleted.
- 1.3 Rule D2.4(a) is changed so that either a green and white flag or a green flag may be used.
- 1.4 During the Team Racing event, a boat that is capsized at or after the start signal shall retire immediately.
- 1.4 When boats are provided by the organising authority they shall be deemed to conform to their class rules. When class rules change rule 42, such changes shall not apply.
- 1.5 All competitors shall wear a flotation device while sailing and when on pontoons or ribs waiting to compete.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible a team shall register as required by the notice of race.
- 2.2 After registration, no team member may be changed without the prior permission of the Race Committee which shall only be given in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.3 No competitor in the team racing can compete in the relay race or vice versa without the permission of the Race Committee which shall only be given in exceptional circumstances. No competitor shall helm in both team race and relay race.
- 2.4 All competitors shall be 18 years or younger on 1st June, 2021 in the Relay Race and 19 years or younger on 1st June 2021 in the Team Racing.
- 2.5 All competitors shall be or have been instructors, helpers or participants in their club's summer sailing course in the year of the event.

3 Registration and briefing

- 3.1 Registration will take place at 8.30 am at the clubhouse.
- 3.2 There will be a briefing at 9 am at the Harbour Wall.
- 3.3 The racing will commence at 10 am

4 Notice to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Harbour Wall used for the event.

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Changes to these SI's will be posted on the official notice board not less than 30 minutes before the warning signal of the 1st race. Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the umpires prior to the warning signal.

6 Boats supplied by the organising authority

- 6.1 For each race the Race Committee will allocate boats to the participating teams. Boats will be identified by a numbered card attached to the mast. The teams must use the boats allocated to them unless given specific permission from the Race Officer.
- 6.2 Standing rigging shall not be altered nor any gear removed without the permission of the Race Committee
- 6.3 The Race Committee will attempt, insofar as is possible, to ensure that the fleets of boats are evenly matched.

7 Disclaimer of Liability

- 7.1 It is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each team to decide if that team should race in the prevailing conditions or not. It is the sole responsibility of the person in charge of each boat to decide if that boat should race or continue to race.
- 7.2 Competitors compete in the event entirely at their own risk – see Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event. The Organising Authority encompasses everyone helping to run the event.

8 Code of Conduct

- 8.1 Competitors shall comply with any request from any official and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- 8.2 Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship.
- 8.3 If any team member or supporter abuses any official, umpire or race officer, before, after or during the event this may lead to disqualification of the team without appeal.
- 8.4 The penalty for breaking SI 8.1,8.2 and 8.3 is at the discretion of the Race Committee and may include exclusion from further participation in the event either of the individual or the team. The decision of the Race Committee in this regard is final and not subject to appeal.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 Scoring will be in accordance with the Low Point System in Appendix A.
- 9.2 The Marconi Cup will be awarded to the overall winning team as determined by the combined total of the results of the Relay Race and of the Team Racing events. The team with the lowest overall points total will be deemed the Marconi Cup winners.
- 9.3 The Relay Racing event and the Team Racing event will be scored separately before they are combined. In establishing the team racing event overall score, any ties shall be broken in accordance with Rule D4.4.

- 9.4 When combining the results equal value or weighting will be assigned to the overall results of the relay race and of the team race.
- 9.5 In the event of a tie between two or more teams when looking at the overall score, the team with the best place in either event will rank higher. (1 +3 will rank higher than 2 + 2)
- 9.6 If the tie between two or more teams cannot be broken by 9.5 above the team with the lowest (best) Team Racing event overall score between those teams will rank higher.

10 Prizes

- 10.1 The Marconi Cup will be awarded to the overall winning team as defined in S.I. 9
- 10.2 A prize will be awarded to the winning team in the Relay Event
- 10.3 A prize will be awarded to the winning team in the Team Racing Event
- 10.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

11 Instructions for the Relay Race event **See Addendum 1**

12 Specific instructions for the Team Race event **See Addendum 2**

13 GHYC Coronavirus 19 Policies

- 11.1 GHYC operates in strict adherence to National Public Health Guidelines as interpreted by Irish Sailing¹. [¹ <https://www.sailing.ie/Coronavirus>] All members, sailors, guests or otherwise are required to operate within these guidelines.

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Addendum 1

Specific Instructions for the Relay Race

Format

11.1 Teams competing in the Relay will be made up of three sets of crews per team comprising helm and crew. The first crew will be identified as flight one, the second as flight two and the third as flight three.

11.2 Each team will be allocated a flag or streamer which must be attached to the boat in a clearly visible position before leaving the pontoon. In addition each helm will wear a bib of their allocated team colour, to be provided by GHYC.

11.3 Flight one will start the race and sail the course then sail to the pontoon, where they will swap places with Flight two who will sail the course and return to the pontoon, where they will swap places with Flight three who will sail the course and finish. A sketch of the approximate course is described in Appendix 1 of this SI,

The Start

11.4 The Start will be a line between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an outer distance mark (ODM). A buoy may be attached to the stern of the committee boat and if so will be part of the starting mark.

The Finish line will be the same as the Start line.

11.5 The starting sequence will as follows:

3 minutes before the Start	Warning signal 1 sounds	3 battens
2 minutes before the Start	Preparatory signal 1 sounds	2 battens
1 minute before the Start	1 minute signal 1 long sound	1 batten
30 secs before the Start	3 short whistles	
20 seconds before	2 short whistles	
10 seconds before	1 short whistle	
Start	1 sound	no batten

Changing Flights

11.6 When changing flights at the pontoon, boats must sail to the pontoon in a safe and seamanlike manner, the Race Committee has the right to disqualify any boat that sails to the pontoon in a reckless and dangerous manner. The flight team who will replace the returning crew may assist that crew out of the boat. The crew on the pontoon may not assist the next flight to sail away from the pontoon by pushing the boat etc.

11.7 At changeover only the next flight are allowed on the pontoon and the flight who have just completed the course must leave the pontoon as soon as possible.

11.8 There will be umpire(s) afloat and on the pontoon. The pontoon umpire will police seamanship and conduct coming ashore and leaving the pontoon and can impose a 360 penalty or disqualification

11.9 The umpire(s) afloat will police the rules of sailing and can impose a 360 penalty.

11.10 The umpires' decision is final and not subject to appeal.

11.11 The time of each changeover will be recorded for use in the event of a boat breakdown, shortening course or abandonment.

Breakdowns

11.12 1 If at any time during the racing a breakdown occurs the crew must inform the race officer or umpires immediately by hailing and raising their streamer. Rule D5 shall apply.

11.13 If the umpire decides that redress is appropriate as per D5.4 and D5.5 then the following options may be used.

11.14 The race may be restarted for the flight on the water having replaced the damaged boat with a spare boat. If one of two changeovers have taken place the race officer on the pontoon will then restart the flight from the pontoon using the changeover times for that flight

11.15 If the breakdown occurs in flight three close to the finish of after a boat has finished then the team will be allocated the finishing position equal to their position at the last mark before the breakdown, if this can be established.

11.16 If for any reason the race officer cannot provide a team with a replacement boat at the pontoon the team will be allocated the finishing position equal to their position at the point the damage occurred if this can be established or at the last changeover.

Shortening Course

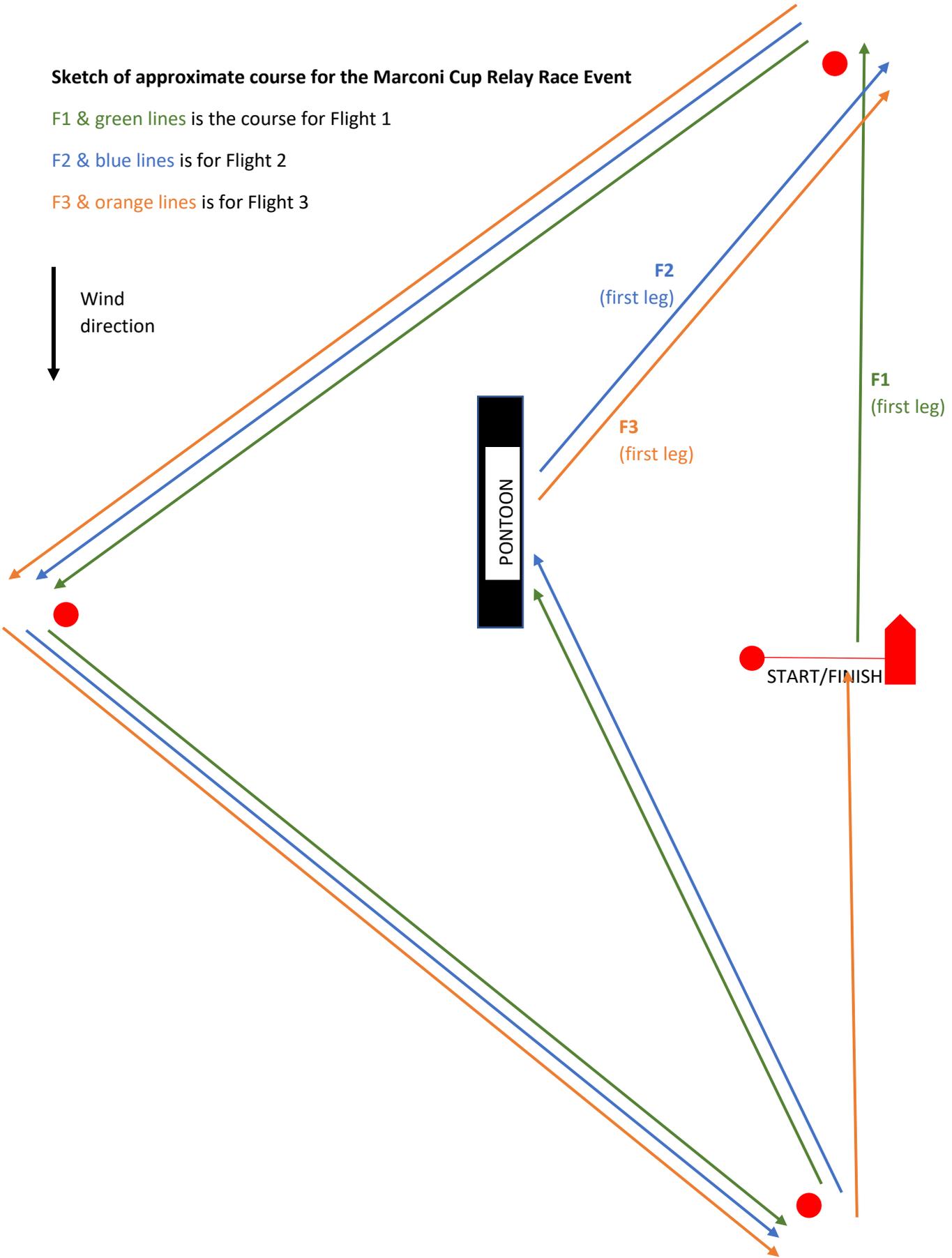
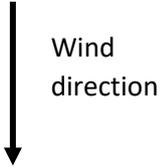
11.17 The race committee may shorten the race if it considers it necessary, and if so the results may be taken to be the order of the last completed changeover.

Sketch of approximate course for the Marconi Cup Relay Race Event

F1 & green lines is the course for Flight 1

F2 & blue lines is for Flight 2

F3 & orange lines is for Flight 3



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Addendum 2

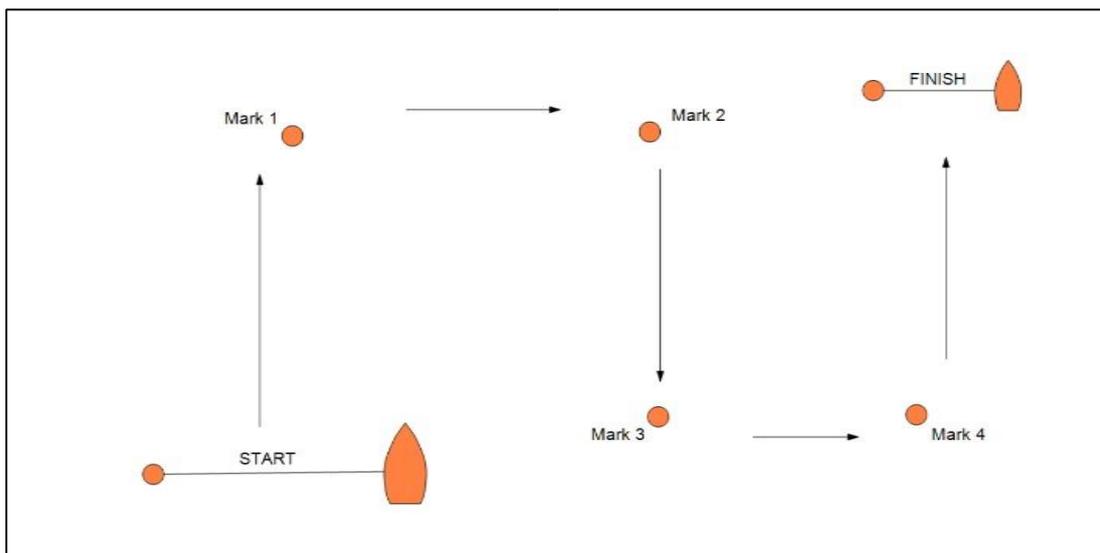
Sailing instructions specific to Team Racing

1 Format

- 1.1 The format will be a round robin event. It is intended to run semi-finals of one or three races and a final which will be the best of three. However, the race committee has the option of concluding the racing after the round robin series for reasons of weather, time or equipment problems. In that regard the race committee's decision is final and will not be subject to appeal.
- 1.2 The schedule of races will be displayed on the official notice board. Any changes will be displayed not less than 10 minutes before the start of that phase of the competition.
- 1.3 Oral instructions may be given on the water by the Race Committee and/or the umpires prior to the warning signal.

2 Courses

- 2.1 The diagram below shows the course, 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:



- 2.2 The Race Committee may move marks of the course at any time. Rule 33 will not apply. The moving of a mark by the Race Committee will not give grounds for redress.

3 Marks

Marks will be Red buoys with a white pole and flag at top. Provided the flag remains on the buoy there shall be no penalty when a boat touches any part of a flag which does not surround the staff of a mark. This amends RRS 31

Start and Finish Pin are 2 red dan buoys.

4 Breakdowns

- 4.1 Competitors shall inspect a boat before taking charge of the boat.
- 4.2 Competitors shall report any defects or damage to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity. If a team hands over a boat with an obvious fault to another team without mention of it they may be penalised.
- 4.3 When to continue racing after a breakdown or damage occurs would reasonably risk further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately. The Race Committee will decide redress in accordance with rule D5.
- 4.4 The Race Committee may postpone a re-sail indefinitely and shall score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress to, but not seeding in, the next round.
- 4.5 In the case of breakdown that is through no fault of either the teams about to race, and signalled before the preparatory signal of the race by raising the protest flag and notifying the Race Committee or umpire(s), the Race Committee may decide to sail a race with only 2 boats per team. The Race Committee's decision will be communicated to teams either verbally ashore or by the race umpire(s)
- 4.6 When the Race Committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race, D.3.1(d) is modified to read "The team with the lower total points wins the race. If the totals are equal, the team that did not have the last-place boat wins."
- 4.7 When the race committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race and when D4.2 (b) apply, the boats that did not race will be considered to have scored points equal to 5th place.

5 The Start

- 5.1 Rule 26, Starting Races, will not apply.
- 5.2 A series of short sounds will be made prior to the first warning signal of a starting sequence.

5.3 Unless otherwise notified at the briefing the starting sequence will be:

Signal	Time before starting signal	Sound signals	Alternative Visual Signals
Warning	3 min	1 horn	3 batters
Preparatory	2 min	1 horn	2 batters
One-minute	1 min	One long horn	1 batten
	30 sec	Three short whistles	
	20 sec	Two short whistles	
	10 sec	One short whistle	
Start		One horn	No batten

- 5.4 Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal.
- 5.5 The race number will be displayed or verbally notified from the start boat before the preparatory signal.
- 5.6 The starting line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag on the start boat and the starting mark as defined in SI 3.

5.7 An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the start boat. No boat shall pass between this mark and the start boat.

5.8 A boat shall start not more than 2 minutes after her starting signal.

5.9 When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line, the Race Committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound and may hail the bib colours and numbers of premature starters. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, but not later than two minutes after the starting signal. Failure to hail, or failure of a boat to hear a hailed number, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 29.1 and 62.1(a).

5.10 A boat that fails to start within two minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. However, if the boat was OCS at her starting signal, she shall be scored in accordance with RRS D3.1(b). This amends RRS A4 and A5.

6 The Finish

The finishing line shall be between a staff bearing a blue flag on the finish boat and the finishing mark as defined in SI 3.

Boats will be identified by the colour and number of the helms' bibs, helms must not remove these bibs while sailing and should aim to assist the Race Committee to see them when finishing.

7 Abandoning a race.

The Race Committee may abandon a race for any reason. Abandonment(s) may be advised orally by the umpire(s) of that race. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

8 Time limits

The time limit for each race shall be 20 minutes. Boats failing to finish within five minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 32 and Race Signals.

9 Continuity and termination of responsibility

9.1 The handover of boats between competitors shall be completed without delay.

9.2 A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to a Race Committee representative or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim. Any defects shall be reported to a Race Committee representative or Bosun at handover.

10 Umpiring and protests

10.1 All races shall be umpired and rule D2 applies.

10.2 The protest committee may refuse to hear a protest or request for redress unless its outcome is relevant to progress to, but not seeding in, the next round of the competition. This changes rule 63.1.

10.3 Breaches of SI 9 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification.

11 Official boats

Official boats may be marked. Details will be posted on the official notice board.

12 Support boats

Coach boats will not be allowed. All boats belonging to participating Clubs other than official boats must remain outside the Race Area. Penalty for breaches may be imposed by the Race Committee on the relevant Club's team(s). These breaches may be less than disqualification.

13 Right of use of name and likeness

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any text, motion pictures, video and still pictures, as well as live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.