

Isle of Man Youth Dinghy Championships 2023

Hosted by

Manx Sailing & Cruising Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and these Sailing Instructions. No boat or rig changes will be permitted during the event. All competitors must be aged 19 or under on Saturday 20 May 2023 and have reached RYA Stage 3 / 4 or above to compete.

As this is an event for Juniors no adults/parents will be allowed in the changing rooms inside the MS&CC Clubhouse. Alternative facilities will be provided outside the clubhouse.

Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be displayed on a whiteboard located in the garage, under the 'Lookout'.

Signals made ashore

Signal flags ashore will be flown from the mast on the 'Lookout'.

If flag AP is displayed ashore, racing will start not less than 1 hour after the AP is lowered.

Schedule of races

Saturday 20 May	Races 1, 2 & 3	Warning Signal Race 1 @ 11:00 Races 2 & 3: as soon as possible.
Sunday 21 May	Races 4, 5 & 6	Warning Signal Race 4 @ 11:30 Races 5 & 6: as soon as possible.

Racing area

The racing area will be Ramsey Bay - South of the Grand Island Hotel Plot, North of the Iron Pier.

Courses

The course will be indicated by a letter displayed on the committee boat and sailed according to the attached diagram.

Classes

All boats shall sail within the same mixed handicap fleet.

Marks

All marks will be either round orange inflatable buoys or yellow stick inflatable buoys.

The Start

Races will be started under rule 26 with the warning signal (ICF Numeral 1) made 5 minutes before the start.

The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

Boats not starting within 4 minutes after the start signal will be scored DNC

Change of position of the next mark

The race committee may move marks to maintain the configuration of the course relative to the wind. Such changes will not be signalled to competitors. This amends rule 33.

The Finish

The finishing line will normally be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the nearby finishing mark.

Penalties

RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 will apply (Two turns).

Handicap System

The duration of each race will be approximately 40 minutes.

The Average Lap/Portsmouth Number system will apply

Protests

Boats wishing to protest shall inform the Race Officer immediately after finishing and within 30 minutes of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day.

Protest Notices will be posted on the whiteboard within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Competitors must check the notice-board as there will be no onus on the Race Committee to contact individuals.

Scoring

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

Three races completed will constitute the series.

One discard will be applied if 6 races are completed.

Safety

Adequate personal buoyancy for crew members must be worn in the yacht at all times. Wetsuits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Inflatable type buoyancy aids will not be considered adequate unless fully inflated. It is the intention of the Committee that this rule will be implemented at all times. Anyone not in compliance with this instruction will be disqualified without a hearing.

Please rig your dinghies on the beach in front of the clubhouse. If you do rig on the road/pavement in front of the clubhouse do not attach your boom in case it either injures a passer-by or damages someone's car.

Competitors are reminded that the first consideration of patrol boats is the safety of competitors.

Patrol boats are provided on race days for competitors taking part in club racing. In the normal sequence of events, they will not be available to other boats outside the race area, nor will they be available once club racing has finished.

Boats retiring from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

Please remember that the road outside the clubhouse will not be closed so traffic will need to be able to have access. Do not block the road with boats or vehicles and take care when crossing the road.

Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk (RRS Rule 4. Decision to Race). Manx Sailing & Cruising Club, Committee, Race Officer, patrol crews will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in competition with or prior to, during, or after the racing.

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with the minimum of cover £2 million.

Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

The Tomlinson Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Prizes will also be awarded to boats finishing in 2nd and 3rd place overall.

Social

The Prize Giving will be held in the Lookout after racing at approximately 16:00 and will be accompanied by a Regatta Tea

WIND



Mark 1

Mark 2

Mark 3 **Start**

Mark 4

Course

- T - 1,2,4,1,2,4 and so on, passing through the start/finish line "gate" at Mark 3 on upwind legs.**
- P - 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, passing through the start/finish line "gate" at Mark 3 on both downwind and upwind legs.**
- S - 1,4,1,4 and so on, passing through the start/finish line "gate" at Mark 3 on upwind legs**