



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS CALVES WEEK

5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST - 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025

THE  
SCHULL HARBOUR  
  
HOTEL



SCHULL HARBOUR SAILING CLUB, PIER ROAD,  
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The Organising Authority [OA] is  
Schull Harbour Sailing Club.

# Schull Harbour Hotel Calves Week 2025

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### 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1030 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12126/event?name=Schull%2520Harbour%2520Hotel%2520Calves%2520Week%25202025> . A sheet with a QR code will be provided to each boat at registration.
- 3.2 Results will be posted online at <https://shsc.ie/page/calves-week>
- 3.3 Announcements may be made on the Whatsapp Group "SCHULL HARBOUR HOTEL CALVES WEEK Information" to draw competitors' attention to updates and changes on the official noticeboard. This can be accessed using the QR Code at the end of this document.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 3.5 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority including a Calves Week event flag with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 4.3 **CONSIDERATION OF NON-COMPETITORS**  
The OA is dependent on the goodwill of all harbour users as well as the community of Schull for the continued successful running of this event. To ensure the continuing of this goodwill we ask competitors to be considerate of other harbour users who may not be participating in this event, in particular any commercial users who access the pier for the purposes of their business. We also ask that competitors be mindful of general road safety on the Main Street and to obey any requests of any stewards that are on duty in that area.

- 4.4 While sufficient ferries will be in operation, the OA is anxious to avoid congestion on the pier. Competitors are therefore urged to allow ample time to get to their boats each morning.

## 5 WHITE SAIL (WS) RULES

- 5.1 The use of Gennakers, Bloopers, Cruising Chutes and Spinnakers or other purpose-built downwind sails is prohibited. This includes the use of Code Zeros and Flying Headsails.
- 5.2 Spinnaker poles and or whisker poles are allowed for poling out headsails.
- 5.3 Boats shall only use one headsail at a time. unless the boat carries on a bowsprit, a Yankee sail in a cutter rig, in which case the yacht may use a Yankee and Staysail.
- 5.4 All crew on board a White Sail entrant shall comply with World Sailing Regulation 22.2.1 Group I categorisation.

## 6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at Schull Pier.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## 7 SCHEDULE


- 7.1 The Race Office at the Schull Harbour Hotel opens at 14:00 hrs Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August, with registration from 14:30 hrs to 17:00.
- 7.2 The skippers briefing will take place at the Schull Harbour Hotel at 09:00 Hours Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.
- 7.3 The first warning signal for the first class each day is scheduled for 1130.
- 7.4 The Fastnet Race is scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August.
- 7.5 Classes shall start in the following order unless otherwise signalled from the Committee Vessel:


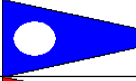
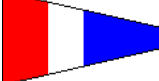

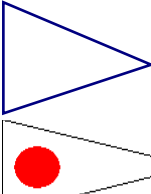
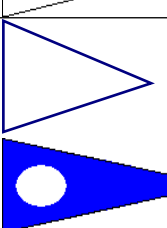
Date	Order of class starts
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	0-1-2-WS1-3-4-WS2
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	WS2-WS1-4-3-2-1-0
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup>	0-1-2-WS1-3-4-WS2
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	0-1-2-WS1-3-4-WS2

- 7.6 Cobh is the Primary port for tide times for Schull Harbour, adjusted by -00:40.

## 8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 Class flags shall be prominently displayed on backstays or aftermost part of rigging in the event a backstay is not rigged at all times while racing. White sail classes shall always display their class flags as White over Numeral 1 or White over Numeral 2.
- 8.2 The class flags are:

Class	Flag	Illustration
0	ICF Numeral 0	

1	ICF Numeral 1	
2	ICF Numeral 2	
3	ICF Numeral 3	
4	ICF Numeral 4	
WS 1	White Pennant/ ICF Numeral 1	
WS 2	White Pennant/ ICF Numeral 2	

## 9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area is Long Island Bay and the Fastnet Rock. All races will Start near Copper Point or Inside Harbour, and finish inside Schull Harbour.

## 10 COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be determined by the Race Committee using fixed marks (other than Start/Finish marks) and islands in Long Island Bay as well as the Fastnet Rock & displayed on a board on the Committee Boat on the day of the race.
- 10.2 Course details may be announced on VHF channel 69 prior to the start of each class.

## 11 MARKS

- 11.1 A chart showing the positions of the permanently laid marks is available on registration.

## 12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line is between a red and white pole on the committee boat at the one end and the course side of the starting mark at the other. An inner-distance mark may be laid. Boats shall not sail between this mark and the committee boat at any time.
- 12.2 [DP]Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. A boat may not request redress based on failure of the race committee to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 12.4 In the event of a General Recall, the recalled class shall restart ASAP. Subsequent class starts are delayed accordingly.
- 12.5 [NP]A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This

changes RRS A4.1

- 12.6 The Race Officer may combine class starts with other classes - this will be indicated by the class flags on the committee boat and may be announced on VHF channel 69.

### 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line is between the red and white pole on the finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and the course side of a laid mark, or Mark No. 6 as indicated.

### 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies. The penalty is 1% of the recorded Elapsed Time. In addition, boats shall report the information set out in RRS 44.3 at [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/penalty\\_reports?event\\_id=12126](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/penalty_reports?event_id=12126) prior to the elapse of the protest time limit. This changes RRS 44.3.

### 15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below. If one boat finishes within the time limit, the remaining boats shall finish within the Race Time Limit or Finishing Window, whichever is later.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
6 hours	60 minutes

- 15.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats failing to sail the course within the later of the Finishing Window or Race Time Limit, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

### 16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in any class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available on [https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests?event\\_id=12126](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/protests?event_id=12126)
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings (including the location) in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4 RRS Appendix T will apply. RRS T1(b) is changed to read "A Post-Race Penalty is a 3% Time Penalty, being 3% of the recorded Elapsed Time. However, rule [44.1\(a\)](#) applies.
- 16.5 Arbitration and protest hearings may be conducted in person or remotely at the sole discretion of the OA.

### 17 SCORING

- 17.1 3 races are required to be scored to constitute a series.
- 17.2 A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 (a) When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.  
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race

scores excluding her worst score.

17.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

17.5 For races scored under ORC, the OA will determine the Wind Velocity for each day. This will not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 61.1(a)).

17.6 Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap based on the current IS Handicap list which may be adjusted based on event historical data and data gathered from the various other events. A system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for redress (this changes RRS 61.1(a)).

## **18 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

18.1 Each boat shall have a minimum of 2 persons on board.

18.2 Anchors shall not be stowed on the bow roller at any time during racing but must be kept on board.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity via VHF Channel 69.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

19.1 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the OA. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## **21 PRIZES**

21.1 Daily Prizes will be given IRC & ECHO for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in each class. Notwithstanding that a boat may be scored under more than one handicap systems, a boat shall not be awarded multiple prizes for that day; in that event the IRC prize will take precedence.

21.2 Overall prizes will be awarded to the first three boats.

## **22 RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this

event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Boat owners and 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 adequate third-party insurance cover and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

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