



THE IRISH SHIPMAN ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club

Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd August 2025

Sailing Instructions

Registration & Briefing:

Registration from 14.00 hrs at DMYC on Friday 22nd August 2025.

Briefing at 14.30. 1st warning signal at 16.00.

1. Organising Authority and Rules

- (a) The Organising Authority (OA) is the DMYC in association with the Irish Shipman Association.
- (b) This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and any amendments thereto, the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS), the class rules of the Irish Shipman Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs)
- (c) All Irish Shipman Association committee members and competitors are granted temporary membership of DMYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, and other equipment is their responsibility and neither the Irish Shipman Association, the Race Committee, nor DMYC can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage to such property.

2. Conditions of Entry

- (a) Entry is open to all Shipman 28 boats that are currently listed and whose owner(s) are fully paid up members of the Irish Shipman Association.
- (b) Entry is conditional upon compliance with the Declarations and Acknowledgements contained in the Championship "Entry Form and Declaration" by all competitors.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

- (a) Changes in Sailing Instructions and or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board of the DMYC situated in the entrance foyer, before 09.30.hrs on the day they take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 21.00hrs on the day before it shall take effect.

4. Signals made ashore

- (a) Signals made ashore will be displayed from the DMYC flagstaff.
- (b) If flag AP is displayed ashore, no warning signal will be made until at least 45 minutes after flag AP is removed. (This changes RRS Race Signals).

5. Schedule of Races and Number of Races

- (a)

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races	High Water Dublin
Friday 22 nd Aug.	16:00	2	12.02 hrs. (3.96m)
Saturday 23 rd Aug.	11:25	1	12.43 hrs. (4.03m)
DBSC Committee Boat	14:20	1	

- (b) On Friday, the warning signal for the second race will be made As soon as practical

Races 1,2 & 3 DMYC Goose Committee Boat

6. Courses

The Courses will be as follows:

Fixed mark courses as per the "DBSC Summer Series Committee Vessel Starts Saturdays 2025" which will be distributed electronically.

The Start

- (a) A course number will be displayed on the flagship no later than 5 minutes before the start and may be announced on the radio (channel 68). The number shall designate the course to be sailed as defined in the course card.
- (b) The starting line shall be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat displaying an Orange Flag and the Starting Mark (a Red & White Candy Stripe mark).
- (c) An Inner Limit Buoy may be laid and if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.
- (d) The Finishing Line shall be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat displaying a Blue Flag and an outer distance mark (with red flag) unless the course is shortened at one of the marks.
- (e) The Race Committee finishing boat for this course shall be positioned approximately to windward of the last mark of the course.

7. Starting Time Limit

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS (Did Not Start) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

8. Starting Procedure

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Class Flag is Code Flag W

Signal before start	Flag	Sound	Minutes to Start
Warning	Class flag raised	1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, U or Black raised	1 sound	4
One minute	P, U or Black lowered	1 long sound	1
Starting	Class Flag lowered	1 sound	0

9. Recalls

- (a) Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1 and may be called on VHF CH. 68.
- (b) General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2.

10. Time Limits

The time limit for the leading boat in each race shall be 2 hours (120 Mins) from its valid starting signal. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

11. DBSC 2nd Race on Saturday 23rd August

This race will be combined with the usual DBSC start for Shipmans.

11.1. The Start

- a) The starting line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the committee vessel displaying the club burgee, and a blue pennant or Red Pennant at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark or a Rib displaying an orange flag.
- b) The Race Committee may, no later than three minutes before the starting signal of any class, move either end of the starting line.
- c) A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A3 and A5.
- d) The Race Committee may after the starting signal, broadcast the sail numbers of boats that were OCS by VHF. Failure to do so or the order of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 61.4(b).
- e) Should there be a general recall the race committee may decide to continue the starting

schedule and restart the race for the class recalled after all other scheduled starts have been completed. This will be signalled by displaying the class flag of the class due to start at the next starting signal. VHF communications may also be made. Failure to do will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 29.2.

11.2 **The Course**

- a) The course will be sailed around fixed marks as shown on the chart "DBSC Racing Marks". The approximate positions are given in the "Yacht Racing Marks & Bearings". If a fixed mark is missing or in the wrong position, it may be replaced by a temporary mark, laid in the correct position of the mark that it replaces. Such a replacement shall be announced on VHF [CH 74] by the Race Committee.
- b) All Marks to be passed on the required side and in the order shown on Course Card.
- c) Marks in Red shall be passed to Port and Marks in Green shall be passed to Starboard.
- d) No later than 3 minutes before the starting signal of each class the race committee shall designate the course to be sailed, by displaying the letter and number reference from the appropriate Fleet Course Card.

11.3 **DBSC Race Times for Saturday 23rd August 2025**

Committee boat 'Corinthian' VHF CH 74	Flag	Warning Signal
Cruiser 3	No 3	14.10
Ruffian 23	Q	14.15
Shipman	W	14.20
Glen & Mermaid	K	14.25

11.4 **The Finish – DBSC Saturday 23rd August 2025**

- a) The finish line will be between the red and white staff or the main mast of the DBSC committee vessel displaying the club burgee and a finishing mark.
- b) If a Race Committee vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying Flag F with sound signals, boats should, having passed that mark sail directly to the finish and cross the line from the direction of that last mark. If only certain classes in the fleet are being shortened in this way the class flag will be displayed with the F flag. (This is in addition to RRS 32.2).
- c) Courses may be shortened by a Committee Vessel taking up position beside any mark of the course, displaying Flag S and class flags if appropriate. Two sound signals will be made on approach of the leading boats. If the entire fleet is to be shortened the appropriate fleet pennant will replace all class flags.
- d) The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 17.00 Hrs

12. **Protests and Requests for Redress**

- (a) Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee on the Committee Boat after finishing the race in which the incident occurred either by direct hail or by radio (VHF Channel 68 for Goose, 74 for Corinthian).
- (b) Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The time

- limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- (c) Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- (d) Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).
- (e) On the last day of scheduled racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a re-opening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 63.7
- (f) Protests under SI 21 [Safety Regulations] may be brought only by the Race Committee and not by a competitor this changes RRS 60.1.

13. Scoring

- (a) RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point scoring system shall apply
- (b) A boat that did not start, did not finish or that retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 5 more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. This changes RRS A4.

14. The Irish Shipman Championship, AND Shipman Handicap Race Series are run on the following basis:

- (a) The Handicap Series will run concurrently with the Championship and separate prizes will be awarded for Handicap results. The handicapping of boats shall apply as fixed by the Race Committee and Handicapper. The Shipman Race Committee and Handicapper reserve the right to alter the appropriate handicaps before and during the Championship.
- (c) A boat may not win a Scratch and Handicap prize in the same series. The Scratch series shall take precedence.

15. Helming

The boat must be helmed by a regular helm of the boat in the current season who must be a member of the Shipman Association.

16. Crew

The Crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew of equivalent skill and experience.

17. Sail Numbers

All boats must sail with their correct sail numbers. Exemption from this sailing instruction may be given, but entirely at the discretion of the Race Committee and permission must be sought in writing prior to racing.

18. Shipman Burgee

All boats must display the Shipman Burgee on the backstay while racing.

19. Retiring

- (a) Competitors retiring from races by DMYC should advise the race committee as soon as possible on VHF CH.68
- (b) Competitors retiring from races by DBSC should advise the race committee as soon as possible on VHF CH. 74

20. Radio

The Race Committee may use VHF (DMYC Goose CH 68, DBSC Corinthian CH 74). Failure to receive any communication by radio shall not be deemed grounds for redress.

21. Competitors' responsibility and safety

- (a) No responsibility shall be accepted by DMYC. The Shipman Association, 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Attention is drawn to RRS 4 - Part 1 Fundamental Rules.
- (d) Boat owners and competing crews 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 third party insurance cover of not less than Three million EURO (€3,000,000), and shall

- (e) produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.
International Code flag “Y” may be flown at any start in accordance with RRS 40 and if flown then it is mandatory that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy. However it is strongly recommended by the Race Committee that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy and a safety harness as appropriate.

22. Prizes

1st Overall Scratch: - The O’Connor Cup

1st Overall Handicap: - The Cork Harbour Shipman Trophy

1st Overall White Sail: - The Donal O’Sullivan Perpetual Trophy

First Race	-	Scratch	-	The Olle Enderlein Plate
		Handicap	-	Fitzpatrick Perpetual Trophy

Second Race	-	Scratch	-	The Woodchester Silver Sail
		Handicap	-	Whiterock Plate

Third Race	-	Scratch	-	DMYC Perpetual Trophy
		Handicap	-	The Shipman Trophy (Wheel)

Fourth Race	-	Scratch	-	The Invader Cup
		Handicap	-	Commodore’s Prize ½ Hull (Blue)

All major trophies are awarded on an annual basis and are to be held by the winners until 2026, additional prizes for placed boats in individual races or overall may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

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