

# **IOM Dinghy Championships**

**Hosted by**

**Manx Sailing & Cruising Club**

**Saturday 12 September & Sunday 13 September 2026**

## **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.

### **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 12 September Races 1, 2 & 3

Warning Signal Race 1 @ 11:00  
Races 2 & 3: as soon as possible.

Sunday 13 September 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.

Competitors and helpers are also reminded that the Clubhouse is situated on a busy road, trucks will be using it on race days. Please take care and park responsibly.

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

## **Risk Statement**

Rule 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) 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.

## **Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows:

The MYA Dinghy Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner. Prizes will also be awarded to boats finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. There will be a prize for the highest placed Junior (under 18) competitor.

## **Social**

The Prize Giving will be held in the Lookout after racing at approximately 15:00 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**