

DSC Rock Hopper Sailing Instructions

26th December 2019

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions;

3.1 **Any** change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than one hour before the start of the first race on the morning it will take effect.

4. Schedule of Races

4.1 All boats will start together Warning signal 11.55 Start 12.00

There may be more than one race at the Race Officer's discretion.

4.2 The event is open to all dinghy classes

4.3 The Rock Hopper Trophy will be presented to the first boat on PY handicap. Other awards will be presented.

4.4 All boats must provide a valid PY handicap

4.5 **All boats must sign on and provide their details to the race committee before launching**

5. Class Flags

5.1 The Code flag will be T

6. Racing Area

6.1 The racing area shall be in the vicinity of Donaghadee Harbour.

7. The Courses and marks

7.1 The course and details of the marks is shown in appendix A

8. The Start

8.1 The starting line will be between two temporary orange marks, with a rib anchored at one end of the line.

8.2 The standard 5-4-1-Go start sequence will be used.

9. The Finish

9.1 The finishing line will be between the two orange marks with the rib anchored at one end of the line

10 Time Limits

10.1 The time limit for the race is 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the time limit will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing.

11. Protests and Requests for Redress

11.1 No protests will be heard as part of the regatta. Disputes will be settled by arbitration

12. Safety Regulations

12.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

12.2 All crew shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while on the water.

13. Prizes

13.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

First overall on PY handicap

First 4.2 Topper

First 5.3 Topper

Penguin Trophy

First Pico
First GP

Note – a boat can only win one prize

13.2 The prize giving will take place in the Club at 16.00

14. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone". Sailing by its nature is 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 organizers does not relieve the boat of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions

15. Insurance

15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 or equivalent, for the duration of the event.

16 Use of Club boats

16.1

- (a) Anyone using a Club boat must firstly satisfy the Club of their ability to sail safely before going afloat. You must complete an application (on first occasion only) for use of Club boats prior to use. By completing this form you are also acknowledging that you will be liable for any damage or loss while using the Club Boat.
- (b) In the event of strong winds the Club Principal and / or Safety Officer will advise juniors sailing club toppers or picos not to sail. Their decision will be final and will be taken in the interest of safety.

Appendix A

Marks will be temporary round orange spheres or orange cans.

Start flags

“T” Class 1 & Class 2



“P”



Course

A **Triangular course** will be laid as an approximately equal-sided triangle. Marks to be rounded in the following order and the start line crossed as indicated:-

Start - 1 - 2 - 3

1 - 3

1 - 2 - 3 -

Finish

Start Sequence

5 minutes T flag up+ horn

4 minutes P flag up+ horn

1 minute P flag down+ horn

0 minutes T flag down+ horn

