

# EAST ANTRIM BOAT CLUB - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2024

**RULES AND AMENDMENTS:** Races will be held under The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) and RYA prescriptions with EABC amendments and class regulations. Posting a notice on the official board 24 hours prior to the affected race may amend these instructions.

**RACE OFFICIALS:** Race officers will be by rota.  
Duty may be changed by mutual arrangement provided the Sailing Secretary is given notice.

## **STARTING TIMES, CLASSES AND SIGNALS:**

**NB** THE "LIGHT" SYSTEM WILL BE USED (CODE FLAGS FOR BACK UP ONLY)

<b>SUNDAY SERIES (Dinghies and Flying 15 only).</b>				
Four separate Series – Mar/Apr: May/June: July/Aug: Sept/Oct				
CLASS	COLOUR CODE	LIGHT COLOUR	CODE FLAG	STARTING TIMES
Flying 15 H-Cap	White	White	F	14.05hrs
Laser H-Cap	Black	White	D	14.10hrs
Topper, Optimist, Mirror	Yellow	White	J	14.15hrs

<b>TUESDAY / THURSDAY SERIES (All classes).</b>				
Four separate Series – May : June : July : Aug				
CLASS	COLOUR CODE	LIGHT COLOUR	CODE FLAG	STARTING TIME
KA – UNRESTRICTED	Green	Green	No. 1	19.15hrs
KB - RESTRICTED	Blue	Amber	A	19.20hrs
Flying 15 H-Cap	White	White	F	19.25hrs
Laser H-Cap	Black	White	D	19.30hrs
Topper, Optimist Mirror	Yellow	White	J	19.35hrs

**Other Light Signals.**

Preparatory	-----	Blue light.
Premature starter	-----	Red light.
Shortened course	-----	Red light.

Cruiser classes will be divided as follows: - KA is Unrestricted (Spinnaker) and KB is Restricted (White sail). The YTC handicap system will be used to calculate results for both classes. Boat owners must update their YTC handicap on an annual basis and forward a copy of their certificate to Hon Sailing Secretary ahead of the series commencing.

**SAILING AREAS AND COURSES:** The sailing areas, courses and number of laps shall be shown either on the official card (1/2001D for Dinghies and 1/2008K for Cruisers) or posted at the clubhouse.

Courses shown on the course card shall be identified by a letter or a numeral for Dinghies and by a letter and a number for Cruisers and shall be displayed at the battery. When a course has been posted at the clubhouse, the letter "X" will be displayed in the appropriate place at the battery. Course cards will be on permanent display in the battery.

## **START AND FINISH (ALL RACES):**

**CRUISERS:** The start and finish is an extension of a straight line between the black pole (with orange square) at the battery and the pole (with orange square) in front of the Clubhouse.

**DINGHIES:** The start and finish is a straight line between the flag pole and the outer limit mark.

**OTHER SIGNALS:** In accordance with The Racing Rules of Sailing.

**CHANGE OF COURSE: (DINGHY CLASSES ONLY)** Any alterations of course shall be displayed at the battery and the flags/lights of the affected classes displayed. Successive laps need not necessarily be the same as the preceding laps. Competitors are responsible for observing any change of course.

**SHORTENED COURSE:** This shall be indicated by displaying the Red light / Code Flag S with the class light / flag of the affected classes as the leading boat of the class rounds the last mark of the course. When displayed, dinghy races shall finish at the end of the lap in progress, and keelboat races may be shortened to the finish the race, as the boats go through the finishing line, on any leg of the course.

**PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2:** Rules 44.1 and 44.2 (360 turns penalty) shall apply.

**PROTESTS:** Notice of intention to protest shall be made to the Race Officer within 60 minutes of coming ashore, and a written protest on the prescribed form lodged with the Sailing Secretary within 48 hours of coming ashore.

**SAFETY AFLOAT:**

**CRUISERS:** All boats shall be in seaworthy condition and carry navigation lights, lifejackets for each crew member, at least one safety harness, waterproof torch, flares, heaving line and float, anchor and warp. Boats shall comply with their own class rules where applicable. The responsibility for safety rests with the owner.

**DINGHIES & FLYING FIFTEEN'S:** All boats must comply with their class rules. Effective personal buoyancy must be worn at all times. Wet suits alone do not comply. All craft with transom-hung rudders shall have an effective "retaining" device fitted. A 3m towrope must be carried at all times by each craft. The responsibility for safety rests with the owner, but the Sailing Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat for compliance with these rules.

**INSURANCE:** Adequate 3rd Party Insurance is mandatory for all boats and insurance declarations must be provided.

**TIME LIMITS: DINGHIES & CRUISERS: The time limits will be 17.30 hrs. for afternoon races and 21.30 hrs. for evening races. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored as "DID NOT FINISH."**

**SCORING:** The following system will operate: 1st 1 point; 2nd 2 points; 3rd 3 points; 4th 4 points etc. as in appendix A2, low points system in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

A Boat that did not start, did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing section A4.2.

A boat penalized under rule 30.2 or 44.3 shall be scored points as provided in rule 44.3(c).

A series will consist of a minimum of 4 races.

A race will only be counted towards a series when it has a minimum of 2 starters.

Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be awarded to a series which consists of 4 or more races.

**DISCARDS:** are calculated on a per series basis will be 1 - 3 races sailed - No Discards; 4 or more races sailed - 1 Discard.

**TIES:** In the event of 'a tie' on total points, it shall be broken in accordance with the current Racing Rules of Sailing.

**IDENTIFICATION: CRUISERS:** Boats shall have sail number /letters on their mainsail and must display their class pennant on their backstay. **DINGHIES & FLYING FIFTEEN'S:** Each boat shall carry its full sail number and its class emblem.

**N.B.** Failure to comply may result in that craft being deemed a non-starter.

**OWNERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY CAUSED BY THEM TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY WHILE RACING AND THEY MUST PROTECT THEMSELVES BY INSURING AGAINST THE RISK.**

**FAILURE TO OBSERVE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND OR SAILING INSTRUCTIONS MAY LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.**

**SAFETY NOTICE.**

**THE CROSS-CHANNEL FERRIES MANOEUVRE ON BOTH THE APPROACH TO AND INSIDE THE LOUGH. YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO RIGHT OF WAY, EVEN IF BECALMED.**

**EABC SAILING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND ALL CRUISERS SAILING WITHIN PORT LIMITS TO MONITOR CHANNEL 11.**

**ALL VESSELS MUST AT ALL TIMES COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL RULES FOR THE PREVENTION OF COLLISION AT SEA.**