Carlingford Lough Yacht Club

Pursuit Racing – Carlingford Kettle, Sat 9-Sep-17

Additional Sailing Instructions

These Sailing Instructions are in addition to the Safety Regulations and Telecommunication rules of the normal CLYC Cruiser SIs. There will be 3 pursuit races on Saturday 9-Sep-17, the first one starting at 2:00 pm sharp.

Aim:

The purpose of the exercise is to start each boat at a different time, slowest first, so that after the pre-determined duration of the race, 45 minutes in this case, all boats will be at exactly the same place on the course! We all know that this can't happen, but the winner will be the boat that's ahead of the rest at 45 minutes.

Skippers are asked to be understanding in case anything doesn't quite go to schedule. On the other hand it's racing and will be taken deadly seriously as usual! These races will not be part of any series or affect any handicaps.

Schedule:

For the first race, the slowest boat will start at 2:00 pm and the race will end at 2:45 pm. Each boat will have her own starting time, which will be calculated according to her personal handicap (current NHC) on that day. The list of boats with their individual starting times will be available to all well before the racing. The Race Officer will announce the starting times on VHF Channel 6.

Race 2 will follow Race 1 as soon as is practicable and the boats' starting times will be based on CLR values.

Race 3 will follow as soon as is practicably possible, with the same starting intervals between boats as in Race 1. All races will count towards the Carlingford Kettle.

The Start:

The start line will be between the Committee Boat and Mark 4. It's important that each skipper is aware of the starting sequence, and that each boat starts at exactly her own starting time – starting before that will attract a DSQ score – end of race for that boat! Boats not starting yet must not interfere with other boats which are about to start.

The Course:

Buoys will be positioned and the course will be as near as possible to the diagram in the Addendum.

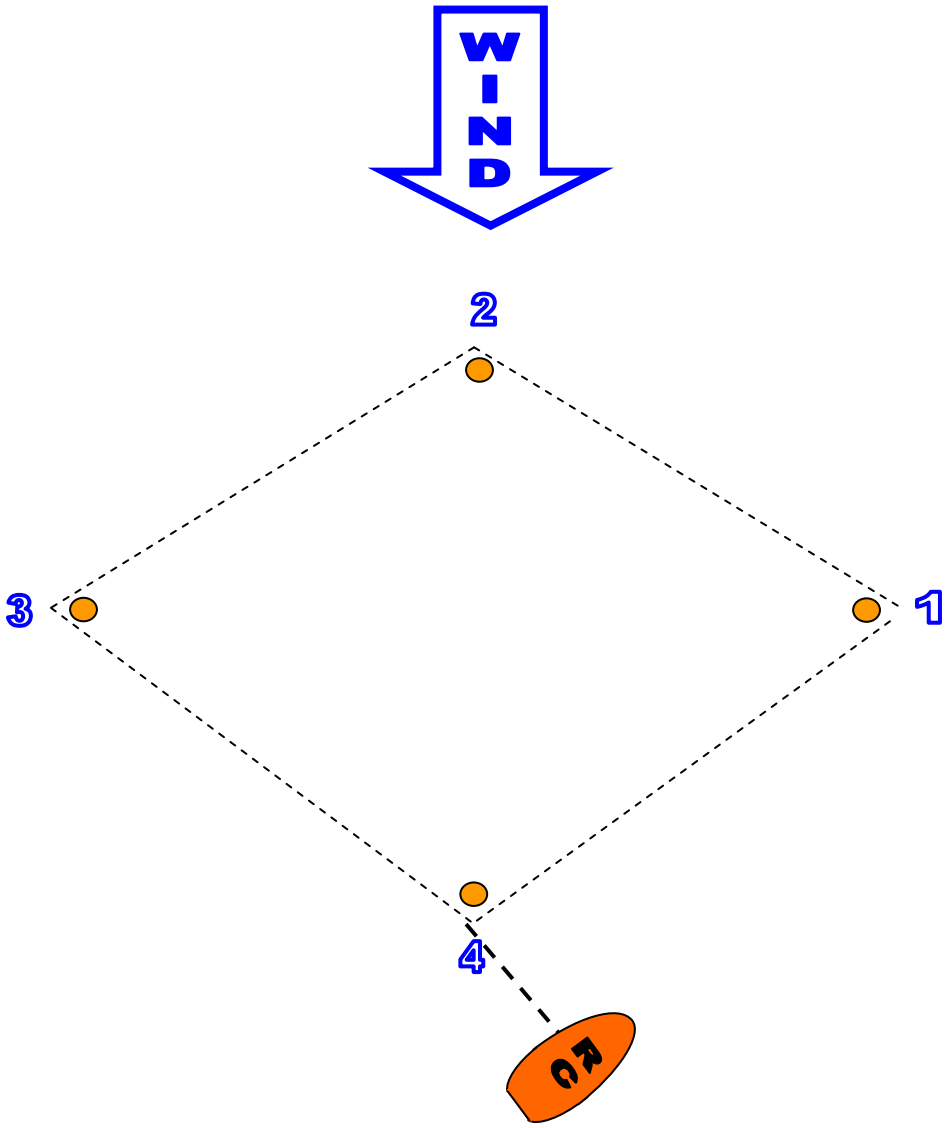
Boats will continue sailing as many legs or part-legs of the course as are necessary to complete the race duration. There may be more than or less than 4 legs in a race.

The course has been chosen so that the boats will not head off on different tacks, in which case it would be impossible to tell which boat was leading at the end of the race, should that be on a windward leg.

The Finish:

Skippers are asked to note which boat finishes immediately ahead of them if any, and immediately behind them, if any.

Addendum



Pursuit Race course: Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 1 etc, until race time (eg 45 mins) has elapsed