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Topper Traveller
Sunday 9 June 2019
County Antrim Yacht Club

Organised by
County Antrim Yacht Club
in conjunction with the Irish Topper Class Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association and the rules of Topper Class Association of Ireland (ITCA IRL) shall apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions prevail. This changes rule 63.7.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows: Race Signal AP,28, 30.3, 40, 41, 60.1(b), 62.1(a) 63.7, A4, A4.2, A5, 66, P2.2, P2.3. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.5 All times are BST and UT / GMT + 1 hrs.
- 1.6 Boats sailing with the 4.2m² sail and all boats entered in the Regatta Fleet, while racing, shall each display a different coloured streamer as supplied by the Registration Team, from the masthead.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the main entrance, inner hallway in the Club house.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be notified by the race committee before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club's flagpole on the Battery of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is flown ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes flag AP in the Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 As per the table below the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is:

Day/Date	Time	
Sunday 9 June 2019	1115	First Warning Signal
	1600	No warning signal may be made after this time
		Prize Giving – as soon as, after the last race

- 5.2 There are 4 Races scheduled for the 5.3 and 4.2 fleets on the single day. Following the first race the succeeding races are started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race. Depending on entries the two fleets may be started at the same time.
- 5.3 There are 3 Races scheduled for the Regatta fleet on the single day. Depending on no. of entries the fleet may be started at the same time, with the 5.3 and /or the 4.2 fleet.
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on a mast/pole on the Committee Vessel with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made on the day of the event after 1600hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flag for the 5.3m² Full rig fleet will be Code Flag T
- 6.2 The class flag for '4.2m² fleet will be numeral pennant 6.
- 6.3 The class flag for the Regatta fleet will be Code Flag G

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Whitehead Bay.

8. THE COURSES

Appendix 1 shows the course diagram for each fleet. All races will be sailed on the same course area. The Regatta Fleet sail a shorter course in the same area, this is described on Appendix 1

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, Gate 3s & 3p and 4 will be large 2m orange dumpy marks. Mark 5 to be used only on the Regatta Fleet course, is a black dumpy mark. This will be positioned approx. two-thirds of the way up the leg towards Mark 1 from the Committee Vessel. It is not a mark on the 5.3m² or 4.2m² fleet course and are not required to be rounded by these fleets.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: Hail-cock rock inshore to the northern side of the bay and Hail-hen rock to the south end of the bay. Both are marked by red and black barrels

11. THE START

- 11.1 The start line will be between a mast/pole displaying an orange flag on a Committee Vessel and a large 1.5m yellow dumpy mark at the port/pin end of the line.
- 11.2 There may be a RIB positioned at the port end and this is not considered a mark of the course.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets. **[DP]**
- 11.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.5 If a start under rule 30.3, Black Flag Rule is recalled, the sail numbers of the boats identified will be displayed on a board at the stern of the Committee Vessel for a minimum time of 3 minutes. A repeated sound signal will be made as the numbers are displayed. Any boat so notified that she has been disqualified shall not sail in any restart or re-sail of that race. This changes rule 30.3.
- 11.6 The Race Officer may decide that the 4.2 fleet will start at the same time as the 5.3 fleet. In addition, the Race Officer may decide that the Regatta Fleet may start at the same time as the 5.3 and/or the 4.2 fleet. If this is the case, competitors will be informed at the briefing and a notice placed on the Official Notice Board. This system would remain in place for the duration of the Event.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the correct course configuration.

- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between a boat acting as a committee vessel signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the committee vessel to starboard. This changes rule 28.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a mast/pole displaying a blue flag on a Committee Vessel and a large yellow 1.5m dumpy mark at the port end.
- 13.2 In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) code flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 13.3 After finishing and clearing the finishing line, boats shall keep clear of the finishing area and of all boats not yet finished.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P shall apply.
- 14.2 Rule P2.3 shall not apply and Rule P2.2. is changed to that it will apply to all penalties after the first one.
- 14.3 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details_

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 The target time for the first boat is 40 minutes. However, a shorter or longer race time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a)
- 15.3 If no boat finishes within 90 minutes, the race may be abandoned.
- 15.4 Abandonment under SI 15.1 or 15.3 will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

16. DECLARATIONS

A boat that retires before finishing or takes a one-turn penalty or a two-turn penalty under rule 44.2 shall record the details on the Declaration Form before the end of protest time. Declarations may be made in the Race Office. **[DP]**

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protests forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Office within the time limit.
- 17.2 For each Fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore after the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.
- 17.3 A notice will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This is also the notification required by rules 61.1(b) and 63.2. Hearings may begin without a notice and within protest time when the parties are available.
- 17.4 As this is a single day of racing, a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time limit if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - no later than 15 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 17.5 Arbitration as a means of settling a protest may be available if both parties agree.

18. SCORING

The event will be scored by Appendix A, low point system..

- 18.1 The first sentence of rule A4.2 is deleted and replaced with:
All other boats, including a boat that did not start, a boat that finishes and thereafter retires or is disqualified, shall be scored points equal to one more than the number of boats entered in their respective fleet. This changes rule A4.2
- 18.2 A minimum of one race is required to constitute any championship.
- 18.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at least CE50 Newtons or equivalent at all times when afloat except when adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes rule 40.
- 19.2 A boat shall comply with an instruction from the organising authority, the race committee, a patrol boat of the race committee or an equipment inspector that she shall not go afloat or shall return ashore or shall take some other action. The instruction will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 19.3 A patrol boat in close attendance to a competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.
- 19.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee or the Race Office as soon as possible. **[DP]**
- 19.5 All competitors shall tally out before launching, and tally in after returning ashore. **[DP]**
- 19.6 A £5 donation to the RNLI for each infringement shall exonerate a competitor for failing to comply with an infringement of this sailing instruction. Or other appropriate penalty that shall not affect results. **[DP]**

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 Equipment may be inspected or measured at any time. Boats must comply with current class regulations.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Support boats, (including Coach boats), nor any other vessel associated with a boat or competitor shall enter the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. **[DP]**
- 21.2 Except when helping a boat or competitor in danger, a support boat shall not
- communicate with a competitor from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start of a race until the competitor boat has finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. **[DP]**
 - come within 100 metres to leeward of the starting line during starts, within 50 metres of any course mark or of a boat that is racing, or within any other area designated by the race committee.
 - make excessive wash.
- 21.3 A registration process will be in place for all Support Boats. On registration Support Boats will be requested to declare their availability to support safety activities as directed by the `safety Officer, in the event of deteriorating circumstances.
- 21.4 At registration Support Boats shall provide mobile phone contact details.
- 21.5 Support Boats shall carry a numbered flag, provided at registration for identification.
- 21.6 Support Boats shall have operating VHF radios and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event that they are called by the Safety Officer to assist in the event of an emergency.
- 21.7 Support boats shall comply with race committee safety instructions. **[DP]**

22. OUTSIDE HELP

- 22.1 In addition to the exceptions of Rule 41, this is changed to allow help from a race committee vessel to assist in a recovery after a capsize or to return the competitor to the boat. Change of rule 41. See the official Notice Board for guidance on Outside Help.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash (waste) may be placed aboard support and official boats. **[DP]**

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. **[DP]**

26 PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded in line with the notice of race.

27 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 racing is hers alone." The organizing authority will not accept any liability or material damage, or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

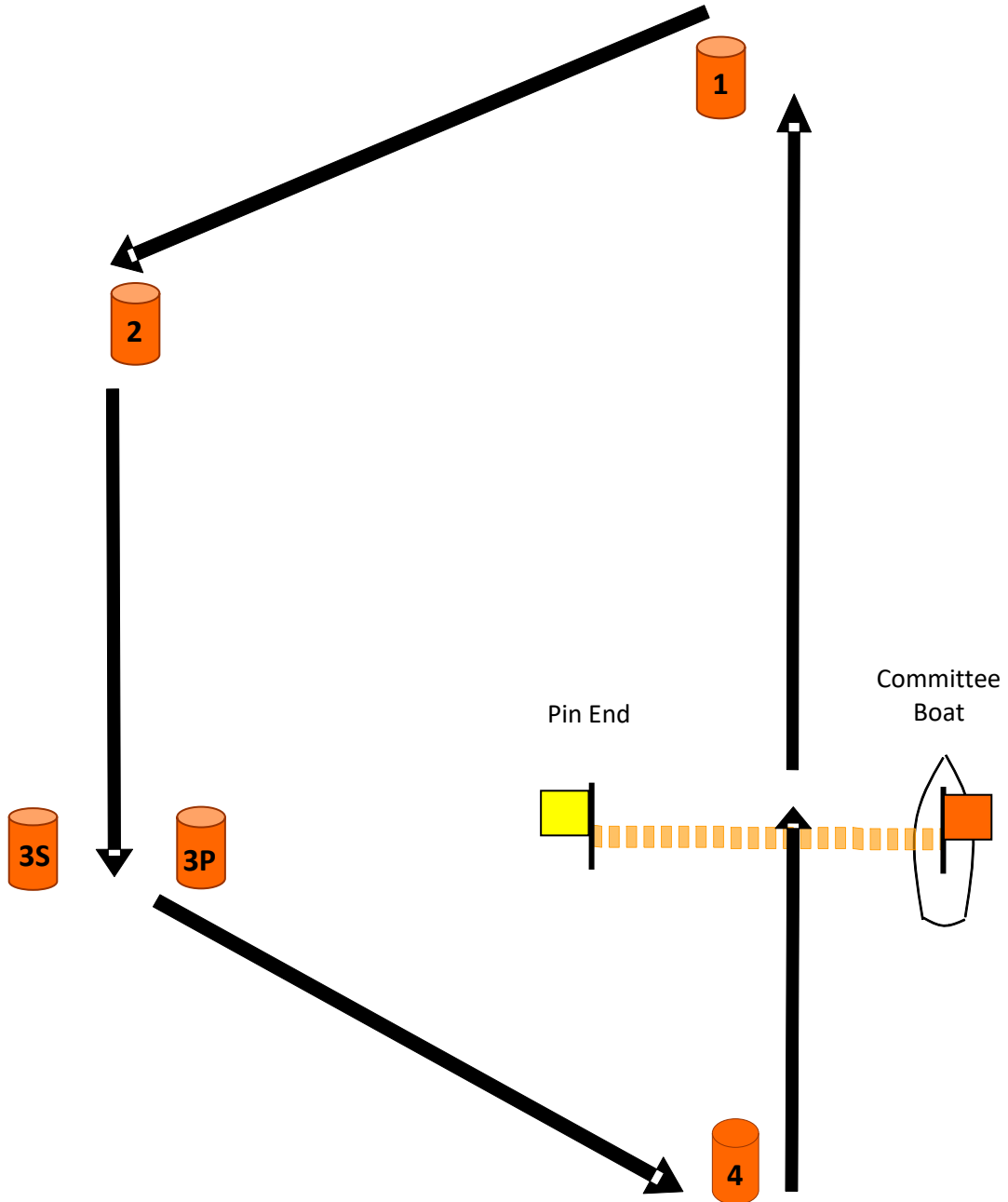
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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 organiser 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;

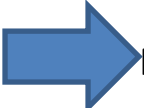
28 INSURANCE

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

Appendix 1 4.2m²Course



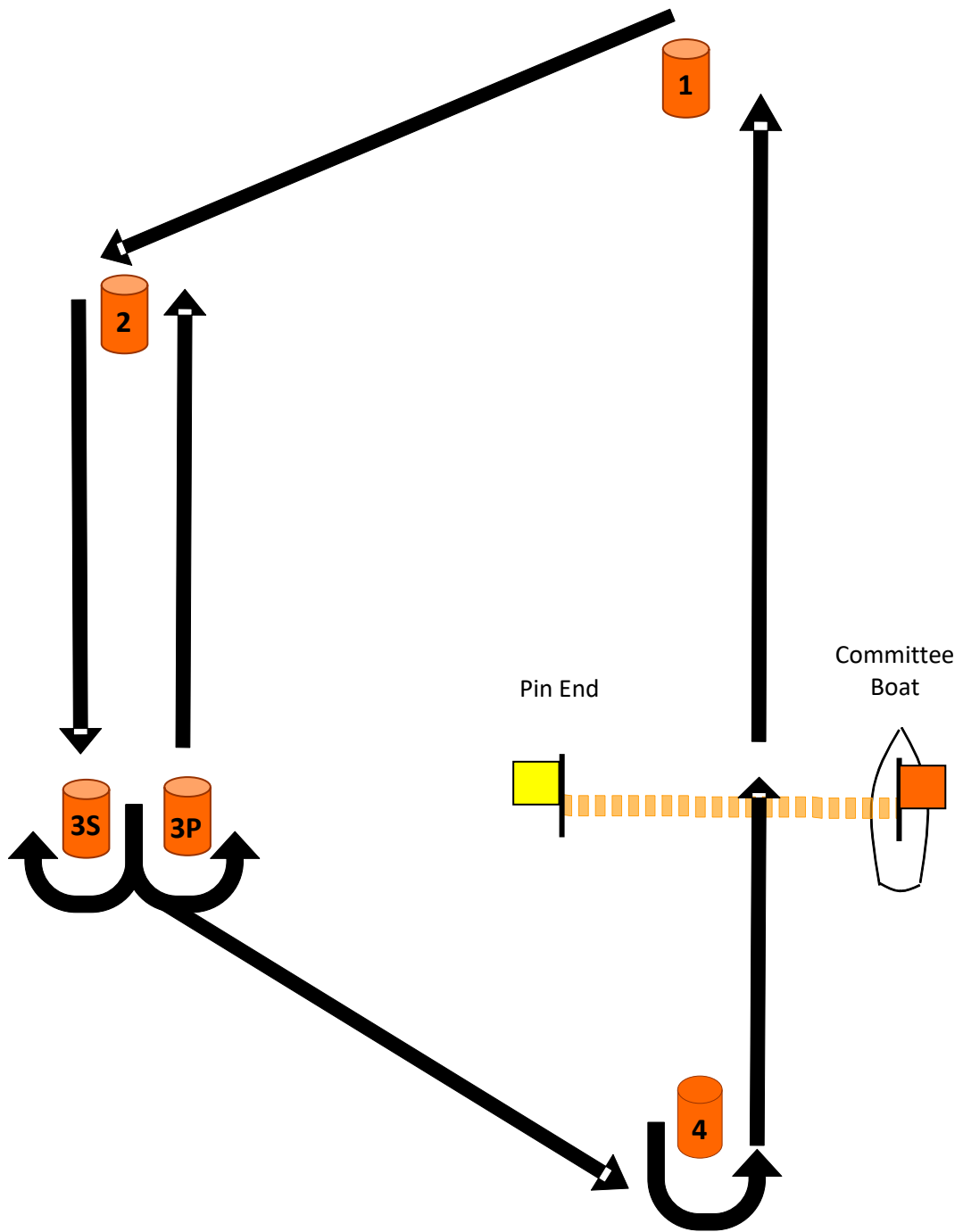
ITCA (IRL) - 4.2m² Course

1p - 2p - 3(p) - 4p  Finish

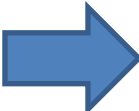
Competitors SHALL pass through the gate rounding 3(p) to port and leaving 3(s) to Starboard

If a gate mark is missing, competitors shall leave the remaining mark to port

5.3m² Course

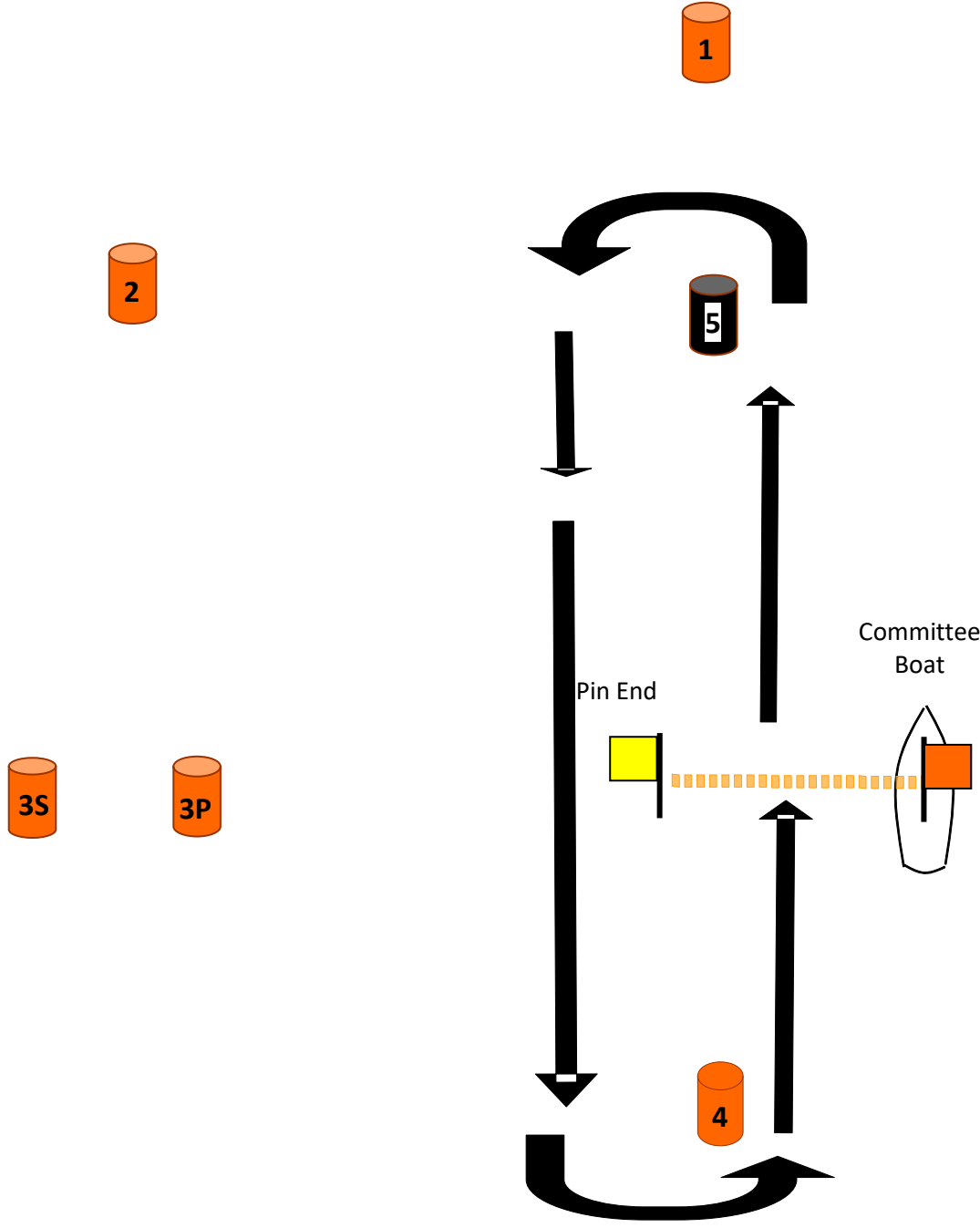


ITCA (IRL) - 5.3m² Course

1p - 2p - 3(s) / 3(p) - 2p - 3(p) - 4p  Finish

If a gate mark is missing, competitors shall leave the remaining mark to port

Appendix 1 Regatta Fleet Course



ITCA (IRL) - Regatta Course

5p - 4p  Finish

Competitors leave 5 and 4 to port and proceed to the Finish line