

## **GUIDELINES FOR SLYC DUTY RACE OFFICERS**

### **SUPPLEMENT FOR ROUND THE LOUGH RACE SATURDAYS**

On Round the Lough Race Saturdays the attached guidelines are varied as follows.

Firstly, on arrival at the Club you will need to consider if conditions are suitable for a Round the Lough Race. It may be too windy for any racing in which case you should hoist flag N from the Clubhouse flagpole as for an ordinary racing day.

Occasionally, when conditions are fresh, Race Officers may consider it unsuitable for a Round the Lough Race but OK for a round the buoys race and substitute an ordinary Saturday race for the keel boat classes. In these cases you should hoist flag S from the Clubhouse flagpole.

Sometimes conditions are so calm that the keelboat classes have little chance of reaching Marfield Bay by the 5 pm time limit and in these cases you should also substitute a round the buoys race for the scheduled Round the Lough race and hoist flag S from the Clubhouse flagpole.

Secondly Dinghies will still be racing round the buoys so you will need to display the appropriate set course code as normal.

Thirdly course setting for Round the Lough Races is easier for Race Officers as there are only two decisions to make: which first mark to use and which of the three pre-arranged courses to use. The normal considerations apply when choosing the first mark. So far as course selection is concerned, try to choose a course that gives a beat.

As a general guideline you may wish to use course X if the wind is SW or W, course Y if it is NE or E or course Z if it is N, NW, S or SE.

Fourthly you are not responsible for finishing Round the Lough races. The boats taking part do not finish at the battery and record their own finishing places. You can therefore leave the battery after finishing the dinghy classes.