



**Royal St George Yacht Club
Leinster Branch, Irish Schools Sailing Association**

**The Leinster Schools Team Racing Championship 2017
Saturday March 25th 2017**

NOTICE of RACE

1. The Leinster Schools Team Racing Championship 2017, for three boat teams, will take place on Saturday March 25th 2017. In the event that weather prevents sailing on the Saturday, then it will be run on Sunday the 26th. The event is open to any team meeting the conditions below.
2. The organising authority is the Royal Saint George Yacht Club.
3. The Championship will be sailed in two person Firefly dinghies provided by the organising authority.
4. Event Format

Registration will take place at the Royal St George Yacht Club from 08.00 to 0900 on Saturday March 25th 2017. The format and race schedule will be available at registration. There will be a briefing for all competitors at 09.00 on Saturday March 25th 2017, and the first warning signal will be at 10.00.

5. Entry and Eligibility

This event is open to School teams from Leinster. Team must consist of 6 members from the same School and must be aged 18 or under on 4th May 2017. Teams wishing to compete should contact Bonita Moscos McDonald in the Royal Saint George Yacht Club; 01 2801811 or sailing@rsgyc.ie.

To promote school team racing and to encourage participation by students from areas or groups of institutions where there are insufficient sailors in each school to establish school teams the Leinster Branch of ISSA may accept entries from “combined schools” teams. The following conditions will apply:

- Combined Schools teams must represent a clearly defined geographical area, or a recognised group of educational institutions
- No combined school team member may be a student of a school that is entered in the event.
- Where possible competitors of a combined team will be members of the same sailing club
- When the event is a qualifying event for further events, eligibility for that further event will be decided by the organising authority of that event. If the combined school teams are declared ineligible they will be replaced by the next team in the qualifying event.



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- The number of entries is limited to fifteen teams.

Decisions of the Leinster Branch of the Irish Schools Sailing Association about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends rules 62.1 and 63.1.

6. Entry Fees and Damage Deposits

The entry fee is €150 per team. To be eligible for Entry, **teams must enter before Wednesday March 15th**. The number of entries is limited to fifteen teams. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of €500 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value in order to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally, or to an unidentified team, will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage. The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the Championship.

7. Rules

Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

All races will be umpired. The Call Book for Team Racing will apply.

8. Personal Flotation Devices and Clothing

All competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device, and a dry suit or wet suit at all times when afloat.

9. Acknowledgement of Risk

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going afloat, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and that her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone



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helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beach-masters.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

10. Prizes

Prizes will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

11. Irish Schools National Championships

The first four teams at the event will qualify to compete in the Irish Schools National Championships which will be held in Schull, Cork **on April 28th/29th**.

12. Each school needs to have an adult with/responsible for them on the day, and they need to be there for the event.

Teams intending to enter should contact:

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