

2017 Ireland Skiffs Open & 49er National Championships

22-24 September 2017.

The Organising Authority is the Tralee Bay Maritime Centre (TBMC) with the support of Tralee Bay Sailing Club (TBSC), located in Fenit, Kerry, Ireland.

NOTICE of RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Irish Sailing prescriptions shall apply
- 1.3 The 49er class association rules will also apply for the 49er nationals.
- 1.4 Racing Rule 42 will be changed as per class rules and described in the sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 For protests where only a Rule of part 2, or Rule 31 is alleged to have been broken an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to any formal hearing.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The 49er Nationals is open to boats of the 49er class.
- 3.2 The skiff open is open to any skiff classes (49er FX, 49er old rig, 29er, RS700, RS800, international 14 skiff...) and will be raced as PY. If 6 or more participants in a class they will be also competing for their national championship.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and posting it, together with the required fee to 4 Castlemaine Bridge, Tralee, Co Kerry.
- 3.4 49er competitors shall be a member of Irish sailing to be eligible to the title of national champion 2017.

4 FEES

Required fees are EUR120 per boat.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration : 08.30 to 10.30 on Friday Sept 15th at the Tralee Bay Maritime Centre.

5.2 Briefing: 11.00 on Friday Sept 15th

5.3 DATES of RACING:

Friday Sept 22	First gun at 12.00 for a maximum of 6 races in two sessions	3 championships races back to back in the bay windward-leeward 3 arena style races back to back in the harbour
Saturday Sept 23	First gun at 11.00 for two sessions	Long distance race in the bay “kids day” – tryout sessions on the boats with the country top helms and crews / meet the Olympians / fun races
Sunday Sept 24	First gun at 11.00 for a maximum of 6 races in two sessions followed by prizes	3 championships races back to back in the bay windward-leeward 3 arena style races back to back in the harbour

5.4 On Sunday Sept 24th, no warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.

5.5 Any change of the program will be discussed with the 49er class representative and communicated at least 2 hours before the intended first start of the day

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall comply with their respective class rules.

6.2 Each competitor shall only use one (1) set of equipment.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing Instructions will be available after Sept 7th and will be emailed to all registered participants.

8. VENUE

The “in the bay” racing will take place immediately south west of Marina. An alternative “in the bay” course may be used about Half a miles south East of the slipway in case of strong Westerlies
The “harbour” racing will take place right in front of the slip with the Marina immediately south and the slip immediately north of the course. In case of winds due North or due south, the course will be slightly East of the slip to allow a proper beat.

9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two- Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

11.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 (a) When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

11.3 The long distance race will be a standalone race and will not count towards the series

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are permitted

13. LAUNCHING

Unless otherwise directed by the Organising Authority, all competing boats and equipment shall be launched and retrieved from The Tralee Bay Sailing club slip.

14. PRIZES

Irish Sailing medals will be awarded to the best 3 placed 49ER teams
The best team in any class showing more than 6 participants will be awarded a prize
Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee .

15. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, 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.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept and liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million euros.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact the organization: Thomas Chaix, at Thomas.tbmc@gmail.com

Accommodation within 15km of the Centre
Local : the west End B&B, walking distance
Self catering: Banna beach resort, 10km
Hotels: all in Tralee, 12km