



Irish Ruffian 23 National Championships
Royal St. George Yacht Club
17th – 19th August 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Ruffian 23 Irish National Championships will take place on the 17th to the 19th of August 2018 under the burgee of the Royal St George Yacht Club in conjunction with the Shipman Irish National Championships

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Royal St George Yacht Club (RSGYC), Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.

2. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020; the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA); Part 1 of the Equipment Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020; the Ruffian 23 Class Rules; this Notice of Race; the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

3. ADVERTISING

In compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 advertising on the boat chosen by the owner or person in charge is prohibited.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The event is open to all Ruffian 23 Class boats in compliance with the Ruffian 23 Class Rules. Eligible boats may enter by online entry at www.rsgyc.ie. The Early Entry is €95 up to and including August 13th, after which the Entry Fee will be €115.

The owner or owner's representative/and crew of each boat must be a paid up member of the Irish Ruffian Association, be that a full or temporary member.

5. SCHEDULE

Registration is on line only. Seven races are scheduled to be sailed over the three days 17th to 19th August.

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled
Friday 17 th August	15.55	2
Saturday 18 th August	10.55	3
Sunday 19 th August	10.55	2

To achieve a minimum of 4 races, it may be necessary to hold an extra race on Saturday or Sunday. On Sunday 20th August no Warning Signal will be made after 15.00 except in the event of a General Recall.

6. COURSES

Racing will take place on Dublin Bay. Courses will be of the Windward-Leeward and Triangular types.

7. CERTIFICATION & EQUIPMENT CHECK

Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate which should be presented for inspection by the organising authority. The organising authority reserves the right to inspect equipment and/or measure boats, sails or equipment before or during an event. Unmeasured sails will not be accepted.

8. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission of the race committee. Any boat permitted by the race committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the waterline other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the RSGYC website www.rsgyc.ie

10. EQUIPMENT, SAFETY AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Ruffian 23 Class Rules. Boats are strongly advised to carry marine VHF, for the purposes of safety and to receive broadcasts by the Race Committee of course location and Race Signals. Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). The channel used will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

11. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Electronic equipment shall not be carried except as allowed by class rules. Note class rules prohibit GPS for racing.

12. SCORING

The Low Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Gold Fleet and 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Silver Fleet. The Gold Fleet will be determined by the results of the first two races. The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveller. Special prizes may also be awarded.

14. LAUNCHING, RECOVERY & BERTHING

Launching is available for visiting boats by prior arrangement with the RSGYC Boathouse (086 734 5413). Visiting boats may launch on Thursday 16th August from 10.00 to 19.00 or on

Friday 17th August from 10.00 to 14.00. All boats should call the RSGYC Boathouse on 086 734 5413 to schedule their launch time. Visiting boats will be moored in the RSGYC Breakwater Pontoon. Boat owners are advised to bring sufficient dock lines, springs and adequate fenders. Mooring is entirely as boat owner's risk. Recovery of visiting boats will take place as soon as is reasonably possible after the last race.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4 – Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. RSGYC, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

16. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All competitors are granted temporary membership of the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the event & invited to avail of all the Club facilities, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. A Championship dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday 17th. Informal dining is available in the club on Friday and Sunday.

17. INSURANCE

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please see the RSGYC website www.rsgyc.ie or contact Ronan Adams, Sailing Manager at sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie; phone 01 214 7852.