



**THE SHIPMAN ASSOCIATION**  
**IRISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**ROYAL ST GEORGE YACHT CLUB, DUN LAOGHAIRE**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 18th August 2018**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The Shipman Irish National Championships will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 under the burgee of the Royal St George Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Ruffian 23 National Championships**

**Registration**

Registration is online only at [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie)  
Closing date for entries is Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**1. Organising Authority**

- a) The Organising Authority is Royal St. George Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin in association with the Shipman Association.

**2. Rules & Eligibility**

- a) This event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the Class rules of the Shipman Association, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing instructions the latter shall prevail.
- b) Entry is open to all Shipman boats that are currently listed and whose owner(s) are fully paid up Members of the Shipman Association.
- c) Entry is conditional upon compliance with the Declarations and Acknowledgements contained in the Championship "Entry Form and Declaration" by all competitors.
- d) The boat must be helmed by the owner, or part owner who must be a regular helm of the boat in the current season and be a Member of the Shipman Association
- e) The crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew equivalent skill and experience.
- f) All boats must display the Shipman Burgee on the backstay while racing.

### 3. Schedule of Races and Number of Races

Date	Time of 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal	Number of Races	High Water	Low Water
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	16:00pm	2	17:06pm	10:27am
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10:55am	2	18:00pm	11:23am

- (a) The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- (b) The Race Committee may run a third race on Saturday if the Committee deems it necessary, provided that the total number of races sailed does not exceed four.
- (c) Hoisting IC Numerical 3 at the end of the second race will signal that a third race is being run.

### 4. Scoring

- a) RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point scoring system shall apply
- b) A boat that did not start, did not finish or that retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than that of the total number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 5 or more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. This changes RRS A4.2.
- c) The Championship shall comprise four races and one race shall be sufficient to provide a result. If all four races are completed, each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If only three races are completed all race scores will count unless the Race committee decides otherwise.
- d) The Irish Shipman Championship AND Shipman Handicap Race Series are run on the following basis:
  - a) The Low Point System RRS Appendix A.4.1 shall apply to the Irish Shipman Championship
  - b) The Handicap Series will run concurrently with the Championship and separate prizes will be awarded for the Handicap results. The handicapping of boats shall apply as fixed by the Race Committee and Handicapper. The Shipman Race Committee and Handicapper reserve the right to alter the appropriate handicaps before and during the Championship.
  - c) A boat may not win a Scratch and Handicap prize in the same race or series. The Scratch series shall take precedence.

### 5. Prizes

First Race	-	Scratch - Handicap	The O'Connor Cup The Viking Cup
Second Race	-	Scratch - Handicap	The Olle Enderlein Plate Dr Billy Ryan Prize
Third Race	-	Scratch - Handicap	The Commodore Trophy The Vice Commodore Trophy
Fourth Race	-	Scratch - Handicap	The Tony Geraghty Memorial Trophy (Picture) The Shipman Trophy (Wheel)

All major trophies are awarded on an annual basis and are to be held by the winners until 2019, additional prizes for placed boats in individual races or overall may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

## **6. Competitors responsibility and Safety**

No responsibility shall be accepted by Royal St. George Yacht Club, the Shipman Association, the organising authority, its members, servants, agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event, for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in this event.

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative, whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these sailing instructions nor any action of the Organising Authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative.

Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

- Boat owners and crews should ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however, occurring and shall maintain third party insurance cover of not less than two million, (€2,000,000) and produce a valid certificate of insurance on request.
- Each competitor shall wear a lifejacket while racing.
- All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving

## **7. Racing Area & Courses**

- a) Races shall be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay
- b) Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat for the purpose of safety and to receive broadcasts by the Race Committee of course location and Race Signals. Failure to transmit or receive such broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- c) The channel used will be advised in the Sailing Instructions which will be available on [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie)

## **8. Fees & Entry**

- a) Entry Fee is €80.00
- b) Entries may be made online at Royal St. George Yacht Club website [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie)

## **9. Social**

- a) A championship dinner will be held in the Royal St George Yacht Club on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 20.00hrs. Tickets are €40.00 each and can be reserved online when doing your online entry at [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie)
- b) Informal dining is available in the club on Friday – further details to follow
- c) Competitors are granted temporary membership of RSGYC for the duration of the event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please see the RSGYC website [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie) or contact Ronan Adams, Sailing Manager at [sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie](mailto:sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie); phone 01 214 7852.