



## SB20 Western Championships Royal St George Yacht Club

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Notice of Race

#### 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is The Royal St George Yacht Club in association with SB20 Ireland Class Association.

#### 2 RULES

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the SB20 Class Rules, including amendments to this Notice of Race (NOR), the sailing instructions and any other amendments thereto. In the event of a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions (SI) shall prevail.
- 2.2 Class Rule C.3.1 will not apply i.e. crews will not have to comply with the maximum Crew Weight Limit.
- 2.3 Class Rule C.5.1(1) is deleted. There is no requirement to carry a bucket and lanyard.
- 2.4 There is a requirement to carry a non-floating line, minimum of 30m long of not less than 8mm in diameter.
- 2.5 Class rule C.5.1(7) is deleted and replaced with "Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1kg." This weight requirement will be strictly policed. Added weight will not be treated as part of the paddle.
- 2.6 Class Rule C.5.2 (17) is deleted (horseshoe lifebuoy).
- 2.7 **Class Rule C.5.2 (18) remains in place.** Please ensure the anchor is of adequate weight, type and the line is of sufficient length, to secure your boat in Dublin Bay.
- 2.8 An additional purchase may be added to each jib sheet, terminating the sheet at the sail end, or jib car end in light airs, no restriction on type or size of additional/replacement block used shall apply, however it must be attached to the LM supplied jib car. This changes Class Rule C.9.5 (1).
- 2.9 All competitors must carry an operational handheld marine VHF radio.

#### 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The event is open to registered boats of the SB20 class. One member on board must be a member of the class association. During registration the skipper shall be required to show evidence that the boat complies with Class membership requirements.

- 3.2 Any changes of helm or crew after registration for the event must be applied for and agreed by the Race Committee in advance of the change being made (also see 13.2 below).
- 3.3 All boats must be insured for 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability with a minimum cover of €3m.
- 3.4 Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age shall submit declarations signed by their parent or guardian as per their entry form or at event registration.

#### **4 CONDITION OF ENTRY**

- 4.1 Measurement/Inspection: Boats may be subject to scrutiny before or after any race at the discretion of the Class Measurer or his deputy. The Class Measurer may inspect any boat at any time, and competitors are requested to comply, as far as is reasonable and practical, with the Class Measurer's requests, which may include the weighing of boats. Failure to do so may result in the protest of that boat by the Class Measurer and/or the Race Committee. Boats evidenced at the time of inspection not to comply with Class Rules will be liable to protest by the Class Measurer and/or the Race Committee.
- 4.2 Boats shall be equipped with a marine VHF radio in working order, the primary purpose of which is to monitor the Race Committee unless otherwise dictated by Class Rules. The channel used will be noted in the sailing instructions.
- 4.3 All boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the current Class Rules, amendments thereto as set out in the NOR and/or SIs, from the time of the first warning signal of the first race until returning alongside the pier following the final race of the series.
- 4.4 The Organising Authority may require competitors to apply sponsor stickers to their boom for the duration of the event.
- 4.5 Entrants may be required to sign a declaration of compliance with all Class Rules, amendments herein and eligibility criteria at registration in addition to Covid-19 mitigation measures.

#### **5 ENTRIES**

- 5.1 Entries will be accepted until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. The entry fee includes launching, berthing and recovering of visiting boats and is non-refundable.

Fees are as follows:	Before July 28th	Up to Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August
Entry fee	€90	€110
Entirely crewed by under 30 years	€45	€55

- 5.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 5.3 Entry may be paid on the [www.rsgyc.ie](http://www.rsgyc.ie) website.
- 5.4 Sailing Instructions for the event will be made available on the club website, SB20 Ireland website and SB20 Ireland Facebook page for competitors to print if required, in advance of the event.

#### **6 REGISTRATION**

- 6.1 Registration will take place at the Race Office in RSGYC at the following times:  
1900 to 2000 hrs on Friday 8th August  
0900 and 1000 hrs on Saturday 9th August



- 6.2 Launching will also take place at the times in 6.1 above.
- 6.3 Competitors' Briefing will be held at 1000 hrs at the RSGYC.

## 7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 It is proposed to run 6 races as scheduled below:

	<b>Registration &amp; Lift in/out</b>	<b>Briefing / Prize giving</b>	<b>First warning signal</b>	<b># Races</b>
Friday	1900-2000 hrs			
Saturday	0900-1000 hrs	1000 hrs	1155 hrs	Up to 4
Sunday	After racing	As soon as possible after racing	1055 hrs	Up to 4

- 7.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of races to provide optimal racing for competitors. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and Race Schedule will be posted on the SB20 Class Facebook page and outside the race office before 2000 the night before they take effect.
- 7.3 The Race Committee intend that no warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on the last day, but reserves the right to start after that time in order to complete a series. Such delay will not be grounds for redress.

## 8 SCORING

- 8.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 8.2 The minimum number of races to constitute an event shall be 1 (one).
- 8.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's worse score shall be discarded.

## 9 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- 9.1 It is anticipated there will be an event dinner after sailing on the Saturday. Catering and event information will be made available when there is greater certainty with respect to the re-opening of the Clubhouse facilities.

## 10 PRIZES

- 10.1 The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 9th August 2020. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats and the winner of the silver fleet.

## 11 COURSES

- 11.1 Racing will be in the waters of Dublin Bay and may be up to 3 miles from the harbour.
- 11.2 The courses will be WW/LW with further details specified in the sailing instructions.

## 12 LAUNCHING, BERTHING AND LIFT OUT

- 12.1 Launching and berthing are included in the entry fee and will take place on Friday evening and Saturday morning as set out in paragraph 5 above.
- 12.2 All boats, are required to be berthed overnight at the RSGYC pontoon and shall remain in the water from the start of the warning signal of the first race until the end of the final race of the event.
- 12.3 Lift out for visiting boats shall be immediately after racing on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **13 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 13.1 Lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 13.2 **COVID-19** Safety Guidelines in place for the duration of the event will be published closer to the date as they are likely to change in the interim.

### **14 LIABILITY**

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Royal St George Yacht Club, SB20 Ireland and their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for the loss of life or property, or personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the SB20 Western Championship 2020, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk. The establishment of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. It is the responsibility of each competitor to participate in a race or to continue racing. A competitor is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her personal accident and health insurance. A skipper is wholly and exclusively responsible for his or her third party liability insurance on the boat that he or she is sailing.

### **15 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

All helms and crews competing in the event shall be granted temporary membership of the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.

### **16 SUSTAINABILITY**

As part of our commitment to reduce the environmental impact of our Club, competitors, volunteers, race officers and all stakeholders will be asked to follow guidelines that include, but are not limited to:

- a. Boats washed down prior to travel to the venue and before leaving to avoid transfer of invasive species;
- b. No trash left in the boat park which could blow into the water;
- c. Personal provision of reusable water bottles, bags, and food containers as no single-use plastic bottles will be available at the venue; (refill points will be available);
- d. Disposal of proper waste receptacles for recycling, composting and landfill;
- e. Cleaning boats with water only as deck soaps contain phosphates and nitrates that can dramatically affect water quality and can harm sea life.

Royal St George Yacht Club will be reducing paper printing by issuing Sailing Instructions and other notices as pdfs and notice board posters where possible.

This event is registered with Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas.

- 17 Event Queries to [sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie](mailto:sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie) or Ronan in the Sailing Office on 01 280 1811