



# J80 National Championships 2020

September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Proudly Hosted by the Royal St. George Yacht Club

## **COVID-19 Special Protocols**

For the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in the event the following special protocols are being adopted. Competitors, guests and event officials must fully comply with these Special Protocols. These protocols are in addition to any and all government and public health requirements including, but not limited to, maintaining 2m social distancing, regular handwashing, coughing and sneezing etiquette, use of hand gels, use of face coverings, national and international travel advice including arrival from Kildare, as well as non-Green list countries and counties.

These protocols are subject to change prior to, and during, the event.

### **Special Protocols in respect of the event Registration and declarations.**

#### **Covid- 19 Self- Declaration**

The Self- declaration [here](#) needs to be submitted by both helm and each crew in advance of arrival at the RSGYC or day 1 racing whichever is first.

It is recommended that everyone attending the event, for any reason, completes Sport Ireland's COVID-19 course <https://www.sportireland.ie/covid19/course>. It is also highly recommended that you download the official government COVID Tracker app.

The **Official Notice Board** be online at <https://www.rsgyc.ie/home/virtualraceoffice/> . There will be a WhatsApp group for competitors and crews where any official announcements or notices will be repeated.

**Registration** All registration and declarations will take place online, including with these Special Protocols, and contact tracing information. Utilizing the [Virtual Race Office](#) . No paper forms will be accepted.

**Race office** in order to minimise contact, the Race Office will be virtual. Contact the Race Office by email at [sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie](mailto:sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie) or by phone at 086 8900 576.

**Results** will be published online at the [Virtual Race Office](#).

**Protests** In the event of a protest, the hearing will be facilitated virtually utilizing Zoom.  
**Protest forms** will be available online and, paper versions will not be accepted. Completed protest forms are to be submitted to the Virtual Race Office by email or WhatsApp.

**Hand Sanitisation-** as is second nature to us all now, hand sanitisation is essential everywhere. For that reason, there are hand sensitization stations on the entrance gate to the Club, and inside the gate and at the entrance and exit to all changing rooms. There will also be stations at each crane and onto the ramp down to the pontoon.

### **Arrival details**

The RSGYC look forward to welcoming our visitors and will do all that we can to ensure a successful event afloat and ashore.

### **Visiting Boats:**

We ask that any visiting boats (boats not currently on our deck) contact our Sailing Office in advance to advise of their planned arrival date and estimated time of arrival so that we can ensure access to the Club and crane facilities. The Sailing Office can be contacted by email at [sailing@rsgyc.ie](mailto:sailing@rsgyc.ie) or by phone on 01 280 1811 ex 3.

Access to the Forecourt is through the side gate of our yard, the second exit off the roundabout when coming from Dun Laoghaire town side. Please note that there is a new one-way traffic system when coming out to Dun Laoghaire which may add extra time to travel journeys so take a moment to review your trip if unfamiliar and allow additional time if possible.

Access gate location: (opposite the Dun Laoghaire Dart Station/ Old ferry Terminal Building).

53°17'41.27"N 6° 7'57.60"W

Upon arrival at the RSGYC Gates please drive up to the gate and request access from a boatman. When the gate is opened please drive down the ramp (slowly and watching the flicker doesn't catch on the steep ramp- might need a crew to hold it up while coming down the ramp) and pull into the right where the trailer can be unhitched and the car removed from the Forecourt to adjacent public parking opposite and adjacent the RSGYC (€5 p/ day).

### **Club Access**

Club access is by the side gate onto the deck where you can then access the changing rooms as required and boats.

The front door is only open on dining days/times which are Tues- Sunday lunch 12:00 – 15:00 and Thursday – Saturday evenings 17:00 - close. This is to comply with contact tracing requirements and food/ beverage guidelines in the current situation where all dining should be pre- booked (booking in advance strongly recommended by emailing [reception@rsgyc.ie](mailto:reception@rsgyc.ie) ). None the less, we are Yacht Clubs and endeavour to provide for hungry and thirsty sailors and will work to ensure that we can do so in a safe and enjoyable manner while complying with the various requirements and guidelines.

**Rigging/ launching** The RSGYC Boathouses are open until 2030 on Friday evening and will launch your boats up to 2000 and from 0900 on Saturday morning. Each boat must provide their own suitable lifting strop. As Saturday is a busy race day, we suggest allowing plenty of time to launch and rig to avoid congestion on the crane. Please advise us in advance of your planned arrival time and date.

**Berthing** Plenty of berthing is available at the pontoons with all boats be kept afloat for the duration of the event. Please ensure that adequate fenders and lines are aboard to moor alongside one another and/ pontoons. Note that boats cannot berth under the cranes on Friday evening and must move to the opposite berthing pontoons upon launch. Boats sailing from other Dun Laoghaire Clubs are not required to return to the RSGYC on Saturday after sailing.

**Changing Rooms** Clubs changing rooms are available as required. We ask all members and guests to try to arrive ready to sail as much as is reasonably possible and to limit time in the changing rooms as capacity is limited due to social distancing requirements. Note that there are no showering facilities available and valuables etc. should not be left unattended. There are small lockers outside the exit of the changing rooms where wallets/ phones etc. can be secured for €1. Proper hand sanitisation should be adhered to on entrance and exit. Toilet facilities are available adjacent to the Changing Rooms.

**Food/ Social** As a result of the current Covid guidelines, there will be no formal event dinner.

**Prizegiving** – Prizegivings will be modified to reflect COVID-19 guidance. As per the SI's as soon as possible after racing on Sunday. From the deck at the Club. Overall prize-winners will be published and only those competitors are requested to attend the final prizegiving. Prizes will be picked up from the table by prize-winners and not presented.

**Crane Launching/ recovery** will be available as follows:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 0930 – 2000
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 0900 – 1800
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> immediately after conclusion of racing with priority given to travelling boats

**If you feel or become unwell** If you feel unwell prior to arrival on site, please do not attend the venue. If you become unwell with COVID-like symptoms while ashore at the venue, self-isolate in the Covid- 19 Isolation Room off the Atrium at the RSGYC and notify any event official. If you become unwell afloat, notify any official boat and inform them you have COVID-like symptoms. You will be asked to remain in your boat, subject to usual safety considerations, until brought ashore.