



J80 National Championships Royal St George Yacht Club

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th September 2020

Notice of Race

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is The Royal St George Yacht Club in association with J80 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 J80 International 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.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The event is open to registered boats of the J80 class. One member on board must be a member of the class association. During registration, the skipper may be required to submit 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.

3.3 All boats must be insured for 3rd 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 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 VHF 77.

4.2 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.

4.3 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 and the RSGYC Covid- 19 Self Declaration form.

5 ENTRIES

5.1 Entries will be accepted until Wednesday 2nd September. The entry fee includes launching, berthing and recovering of visiting boats and is non-refundable.

Fees are as follows:	Up to Wednesday 2 nd September
Entry fee	€110

5.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

5.3 Entry may be paid on the www.rsgyc.ie website using [this link](#):

5.4 Sailing Instructions for the event will be made available from the Virtual Race Office and by email/ WhatsApp no later than 1000 hrs on Saturday 5th of September.

6 REGISTRATION

6.1 Due to Covid- 19; Registration is included as part of the online entry utilizing the [Virtual Race Office](#) online at <https://www.rsgyc.ie/home/virtualraceoffice/>

6.2 Visiting boats that require launching should advise the RSGYC Sailing Manager by email: Sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie or phone on 086 8900 576.

6.3 Launching will take place at the following times:

- 1900 to 2000 hrs on Friday 4th September and between
- 0900 and 1000 hrs on 5th September.

6.4 A Competitors' 'Virtual Briefing' may be held on Saturday 5th September at 1000 hrs utilizing Zoom. A link for this briefing may be circulated to all skippers no later than 0900 on Saturday 5th September.

6.5 The Virtual Race Office will host an online notice board where all notifications will be posted. There will be no notice board ashore at the RSGYC.

6.6 An J80 Nationals 2020 WhatsApp group will be set up for the helm/ owner of each boat to supplement the online notice board.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 It is proposed to run 7 races as scheduled below:

	Lift in/out	Briefing / Prizegiving	First warning signal	# Races
Friday	1900-2000 hrs			
Saturday	0900-1000 hrs	10:00 hrs	11:55 hrs	Up to 4
Sunday	After racing	As soon as possible after racing	11:25 hrs	Up to 3

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 online notice board at <https://www.rsgyc.ie/home/virtualraceoffice/> by 20:00 hrs the night before they take effect.

7.3 The Race Committee intend that no warning signal will be made after 15:00 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 3 (three).

8.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's worse score shall be discarded.

9 PRIZES

9.1 The presentation of prizes will take place as soon as possible following racing on Sunday 6th September 2020. Prizes will be awarded to the first 3 boats.

10 COURSES

10.1 Racing will be in the waters of Dublin Bay and may be up to 3 miles from the harbour.

10.2 The courses will be WW/LW with further details specified in the sailing instructions.

11 LAUNCHING, BERTHING AND LIFT OUT

11.1 Launching and berthing are included in the entry fee and will take place on Friday evening and Saturday morning as set out in paragraph 6.3 above.

11.2 All boats are not required to berth overnight at the host Club pontoon.

11.3 All boats 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.

11.4 Lift out for visiting boats shall be immediately after racing on Sunday 6th September.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

12.1 Lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall always be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

12.2 COVID-19 Safety Guidelines in place for the duration of the event will be published closer to the date as they may change in the interim.

12.3 All sailors will be required to complete the RSGYC online Covid- 19 Self Declaration Form prior to sailing. The link to this will be posted at the Virtual Race Office and circulated utilizing the Event WhatsApp group.

13 LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision

to Race. The Royal St George Yacht Club, J80 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 J80 National 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.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each competing Owner(s) and competing crews shall 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 Three Million Euro (€3,000,000) for any accident. All owners/competitors who submit the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 15.1 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 reserve 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 rubbish 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.

The Royal St George Yacht Club will be reducing paper printing by issuing Sailing Instructions and other notices online and virtually as pdfs where possible.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Queries to sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie or Ronan in the Sailing Office on 01 280 181