



# **Schools Sailing of Ireland Association (SSIA) Team Racing National Championships**

**Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**Proudly hosted by the**

**Royal St George Yacht Club**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. Rules**

- a) Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- b) All races will be umpired. The World Sailing Call Book for Team Racing will apply.
- c) The right of appeal will be denied under RRS 70.5(a)
- d) RRS 40.1 shall always apply when afloat or on the pontoons.
- e) Competitors and their support persons will be made temporary members of Royal St. George Yacht Club for the duration of the event and shall adhere to all club rules and bylaws.
- f) Each team and competitor agree to abide by Addendum A to this document, Damage Assessment.

### **2. Covid-19 Regulations**

- a) It is the intention of the organising authority to run the championship as described herein, subject to compliance with the Covid-19 regulations of the government and Irish Sailing. Any non-standard rules or arrangements will be notified as early as possible.
- b) If the organising authority decides that the event cannot be safely sailed in compliance with the relevant Covid regulations, it will cancel the event. All entry fees that have been paid will be refunded in full less any costs incurred.
- c) No refunds to an individual team will be given except
  - i) If a team is unable to participate due to local travel restrictions preventing them from getting to the event.
  - ii) If a team is no longer able to compete as a team member has been instructed to self-isolate AND the team has not been able to find a replacement member. Evidence may be required.

### 3. Sailing Instructions

- a) The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Official Noticeboard by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

### 4. Communication

- a) The Official Noticeboard will be at a dedicated event page [available here](#); and WhatsApp group one way communication that the School Representatives will be invited to.

#### b) Eligibility and Entry

- a) The event shall be raced by teams of six sailors in Firefly type dinghies sailed by two people and supplied by the Organising Authority
- b) This event is open to invited school teams from Ireland. Teams must consist of 6 members from the same School and must be aged 19 or under on 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.
- c) Competitors must ensure the Parental Consent Form has been completed prior to racing. Failure to comply with this may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.
- d) Entry is limited to a maximum of 14 teams. On a first come first served basis, for the first 14 teams that have entered. Other teams will be placed on a waiting list in sequence.
- e) Entries must be submitted through the online form [available here](#); OR by the submission of a Completed entry form along with the entry fee and damage deposit which is available on the RSGYC website no later than 23.59 UTC on **Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.
- f) To promote school team racing and to encourage participation by students from areas or groups of institutions where there are insufficient sailors in each school to establish school teams the Schools Sailing of Ireland Association may accept entries from “combined schools” teams. The following conditions will apply:
  - g) Combined Schools teams must represent a clearly defined geographical area, or a recognised group of educational institutions.
  - h) No combined school team member may be a student at a school that is entered in the event.
  - i) No competitor may sail for more than one team. After an entry has been accepted, the nominated helms or crews shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the race committee
  - j) Decisions of the race committee about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.
- k) To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

#### c) Entry Fees

- a) The entry fee is €350 per team payable at time of entry. This fee is inclusive of 2 days sailing plus 7 dinner tickets for 6 competitors and 1 school representative on Saturday immediately after racing.
- b) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

**d) Advertising**

- a) The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

**e) Schedule**

- a) Registration will be available in the clubhouse on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 08.15 to 08.45.
- b) Details of the briefing will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and it may not be in person
- c) Racing will be a series of round robin races and followed, if possible, by a knockout stage.
- d) Racing will be scheduled to start, and finish as follows:
  - i) On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April racing will start at 0930
  - ii) Racing will finish no later than 1630 on 1<sup>st</sup> May
- e) Prize giving will be as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

**f) Course**

- a) The course to be sailed will be a “starboard digital N” course or another course that may be stated in the sailing instructions.
- b) The marks used will be described in the briefing.

**g) Prizes**

- a) The winning team will receive All Ireland Schools Team Racing Trophy which it will hold for one year.
- b) Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

**h) Media and images**

- a) Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

**i) Data Protection**

- a) The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event.
- b) If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract.
- c) If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.
- d) Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy.
- e) When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority and/or World Sailing.

- f) The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**j) Risk Statement**

- a) Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- I. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
  - II. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore
  - III. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
  - IV. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
  - V. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
  - VI. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event
  - VII. It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation
  - VIII. It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board
  - IX. That they are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew can compete in the anticipated conditions

**14. Damage Deposit & Assessment**

Competitors should show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay, and impacts everyone involved. This intends to help minimise damage while ensuring that penalties are consistent, providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

RRS D2.3 and D3.1 permit the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

**14.1 Damage Deposit**

- a) Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of 500 euros per incident.
- b) A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail.
- c) When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing.

- d) Damage attributed to competitors generally, or to an unidentified team, will be attributed equally between all teams.
- e) A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.
- f) The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the Championship.

#### **14.2 Damage Assessment**

- a) An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident.
- b) The initial assessment is for the purpose of Penalties only and is not linked to any damage associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether it turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the penalty given by the protest committee but may affect any damage associated costs.

#### **15. Penalties**

- a) The protest committee may impose a Penalty to the team of boats that break rule 14.
- b) Penalties of half a race win or more may be applied to a team's race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

#### **16. Damage Costs**

- a) The Race Committee may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this addendum; against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat
- b) If a team is required to pay damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authorities will issue an invoice to the skipper. Invoices must be paid (without set off or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authorities.
- c) Failure to pay a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this addendum and the Organising Authorities may:
  - i) add an administrative fee of €50 per invoice to cover the costs of chasing payment.
  - ii) disqualify the team in question without a hearing, this changes RRS 63.1.
  - iii) report the team members to the Protest Committee for investigation under RRS 69
  - iv) reject any future entries from the; Team; or Team's School
- d) The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

#### **17. SCHOOL TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**

- a) All teams must be accompanied by a Teacher/Parent or Guardian (over the age of 18)- referred to as the 'School Representative'.**
- b) This person may not be a competitor.**
- c) The School Representative is required to be listed on the Entry Form.**

- d) **The School Representative is required to attend an event briefing by Zoom on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April in 1900. A link to this briefing will be circulated to each representative after the team entry has been received.**
- e) **The School Representative must stay in attendance in the Royal St. George Yacht Club for the duration of the event. If the School Representatives cannot be in attendance for the duration of the event, please assign a suitable replacement in their absence and provide their information at registration.**
- f) **The School Representatives will be asked to assist with launching, retrieval, or changeover boats subject to their experience and abilities. Please advise on the entry form of your preference.**
- g) **Failure to comply with 17. may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.**

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