



**IRISH SCHOOLS TEAM**  
**RACING National Championships**  
on  
**The 29th and 30th of April 2023**  
**Hosted by the Royal St. George Yacht Club**  
**in association with the**  
**Irish Schools Team Racing Association**  
**(I.S.T.R.A.)**

**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**AND**  
**ENTRY FORM**

## **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) In the event that only 80% of the Round Robin is completed the results will be calculated according to R.R.S. D.4.3
- 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 the 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.
- g) Wetsuits or dry suits must be worn afloat. Shortie wetsuits or dry suits are not acceptable. Competitors must wear appropriate footwear afloat and ashore. Bare feet or flip flops are not acceptable footwear while afloat or ashore. Failure to comply with both of these statements may result in discretionary penalties being applied by the O.A.
- h) Any school that do not accept their invitation to compete in the National Championship, then the invite will go to the 7th placed team and so on down the list.

## **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**

The Sailing Instructions will be issued to each School Representative and Team Captain on Thursday the 27th Of April 2023 via email.

### **4. Communication**

The Official Notice Board will be located on the windows of the Race Office which is on the left hand side as you enter the Atrium of the Club on the lower level. There will be a designated WhatsApp group for the Adult Representative, Team Captains and Race Officials. This Whatsapp group is only for the Official posting of information to Schools Representatives. You are not permitted to Share the Link to the group without having obtained permission from the Event Director. This application must be in writing before registration closes on Saturday the 29th of April. Inappropriate posting of material except for photographs will result in you being removed from the group and penalty points may be applied to your School Teams competing at the Discretion of the O.A.

### **5. 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 School teams from the four Provinces of Ireland. Teams must consist of 6 members from the same School or combined Schools and must be aged 19 or under on 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

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. Parental Consent Form must be submitted by Thursday the 26th of April 2023.

Entry is limited to a maximum of 24 teams. The top 6 teams from the Provincial Championships are eligible to compete. If a qualifying team declines to avail of their entry invite then the slot will go to the 7th place team in their Province after first notifying the Irish Schools Team Racing Association and so on down the line.

If a Province can not field their 6 invites then the invites will be distributed amongst the other provinces. In the event of there being an odd number of declined invites, then the names from the other competing Provinces will be placed in a hat to decide the allocation of the invite(s). This process will be completed by the Chairperson of I.S.T.R.A., the Chief Umpire, the Principal Race Officer, Results Manager and either the Sailing Manager or the Sailing Secretary of the host club or at a minimum a combination of at least 3 of the afore mentioned of those listed depending on availability.

**c) Entries Forms must be submitted via the online link along with The Entry Fee and Damage Deposit.**

**d) The closing date for entries is Friday the 21st of April by 12 noon for the Leinster and Munster Qualifying Teams and Tuesday the 25th by 12 noon for the Connacht and Ulster Teams.**

e) 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 Organising Authority may accept entries from “combined schools” teams. The following conditions will apply:

f) Combined Schools teams must represent a clearly defined geographical area, or a recognised group of educational institutions.

g) No combined school team member may be a student at a school that is entered in the event.

h) When the event is a qualifying event for further events, eligibility for that further event will be decided by the organising authority of that event. If the combined school team is declared ineligible, they will be replaced by the next team in the qualifying 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) On a combined School Entry the Principles Signature from the participating Schools are required.

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.

## **6. Entry Fees**

a) The entry fee is 550 euros per team payable at time of entry.

a) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

## **7. Advertsing**

a) Teams will comply with advertising requirements that are determined by the Organising Authority. These details will be outlined in a briefing document.

## **8. Schedule**

a) Registration will be available in the R.S.G.Y.C. on Saturday 29th April, from

**08:15a.m. to 08:50.**

- 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 29th, racing will start at 09:27.**
  - ii) Racing will finish no later than 16.30 except in a knock-out stage on Sunday the 30th of April.****
- e) Prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday the 30th of April.**

## **9. Course**

- a) The course to be sailed will be a “starboard digital N” course.**
- b) The marks used will be described in the briefing.**
- c) The change over area will be positioned 50 yards to windward of the finish line. Competitors are asked to go to this area as soon as they have finished racing. Do not delay in proceeding to this area. Care must be taken when heading to the starting line that you proceed to the starting area without sailing through the course and not interfering with other boats racing. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in your team receiving penalty points at the discretion of the O.A.**

## **10. Prizes**

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

## **11. 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.**

## **12. Data Protection**

- a) The personal information you provide to the organising 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 organising 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.

### **13. 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:
  - b) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
  - c) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore.
  - d) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
  - e) 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
  - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
  - g) 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.
- h) 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.
- i) It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board
- j) That they are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew can compete in the anticipated conditions.

### **14. Damage Deposit & Assessment Policy**

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 setoff 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.

## **18. 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 or a coach.
- c) The School Representative is required to be listed on the Entry Form.
- d) The School Representative must stay in attendance at the Royal St. George for the duration of the event.
- e) If a School has more than one team entered then there must be a representative for each team. The designated representative must be listed on the Entry Form.
- f) The School Representatives will be asked to assist with launching, retrieval, changeover boats and committee boats subject to their experience and abilities.
- g) If the School Representatives cannot be in attendance for the duration of the event, please assign a suitable replacement in their absence.
- h) 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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## **NOTICE TO TEAMS: BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT**

- 1. Please take a minute or so to read this important notice. Your team and supporters will be deemed to have read it if you turn up, so please make sure you have.**
- 2. The Organising Authority hopes you have a great time at the Event and have the best possible racing over the weekend. We have been working hard to make sure the event is as good as possible, and we are here to have as good a time as you hopefully will.**
- 3. However, there is a clear line between having a good time and misbehaviour. All competitors have already agreed to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing upon entering the event, and the organisers will not tolerate misconduct or misbehaviour by competitors. This applies from the moment you arrive at the event to the time you leave(including all social functions). We rely on the goodwill and co-operation of our hosts and the sailing clubs to host our events and simply cannot afford to damage these important relationships if we are to continue running the best possible events for you.**
- 4. It is your club, as well as you and your team captain that will be held responsible for any misconduct. We have applied this principle before and will do so again if required. Please respect the Club, handle the boats in a respectful manner as they are borrowed for the event and comply with any request from an Official either ashore or afloat.**
- 5. Finally, it is inevitable that from time to time you might disagree with an Officials decision and all our Officials are happy to explain why they have made a particular decision after a race. However, dissent (the dispute of an official's actions or decision in a manner that implies incompetence, prejudice or insult, or behaviour that is offensive to the official concerned) is unacceptable and is unsportsmanlike conduct. If you dissent with an Officials decision, you must expect to receive extra turns or have race wins, no doubt hard earned, deducted.**
- 6. Under the Racing Rules of Sailing - Part 1 Fundamental Rules - Rule 2 Fair Sailing. A boat or her owners shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A boat may be penalised under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated. the penalty shall be either disqualification or disqualification that is not excludable.**

7. I.S.T.R.A. would like you to be very mindful of the wording of Sportsmanship and Fair Play as stated in point 6. We expect all those attending from competitors, race officials, team representatives, club officials and volunteers to have an enjoyable time at the Irish Schools Teams Racing Association Events.

The Association has **Zero Tolerance** for breaches of the above Rule and may lead to serious consequences at the discretion of the O.A. for your team or teams and your school, which may lead to you being disqualified from the event or future events upon receipt of a report of inappropriate behaviour or language during racing or ashore.