



Beneteau 31.7
Irish National
Championships 2023



Saturday, 2nd, Sunday, 3rd September 2023

ROYAL St. GEORGE YACHT CLUB

Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal St. George Yacht Club in association with the Beneteau 31.7 Ireland Class Association.

The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. The Beneteau First 31.7 Ireland One Design Class Association rules shall apply, available at www.317.ie

1.3. No Cat. 3 Sailors are permitted. This is promoted as a Corinthian event for boat owners and regular crews.

1.4. The Organising authority is the Royal St. George Y.C. and the Beneteau First 31.7 Ireland One Design Class Association (the Association).

1.5. Any change to this notice of race may be posted on : <https://www.rsgyc.ie/31-7-nationals/>

1.6. PFD must always be worn while racing.

2. Advertising

2.1 Advertising shall be restricted to Category A.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. The regatta is open to Beneteau First 31.7 boats owned by members of the Association. Boats normally kept outside of the island of Ireland are deemed to be temporary members for this event.

3.2. Eligible boats may enter via the Virtual Race Office: <https://www.rsgyc.ie/31-7-nationals/> to be received not later than by 9 am on Monday, 28th August 2023. Entry Fee €150. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee . In order to help plan the event it would be helpful if competitors enter right away .

3.3 Any changes of helm or crew after registration for the event must be applied for and agreed by the Class Association in advance of the change being made.



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4. Registration

4.1 Registration will take place online via the Virtual Race Office. Eligible boats may enter and register via the Virtual Race Office: <https://www.rsgyc.ie/31-7-nationals/>

5 Schedule

	First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Saturday, Sept 2 nd	1055 hrs.	3
Sunday, Sept. 3 rd	1055 hrs.	2 No warning signal after 1545 hrs.

5.1 The plan is to run 5 races over two days -- but, in the event of unfavourable conditions forecast, the Race Committee reserves the right to run up to 4 races on any one day to complete the Championship.

5.2 Three Races constitute a Series.

5.3 There will be one discard after 4 races have been completed .

5.4 The Race Officer will post a Competitor Briefing on the Event Site by 1900 hrs. on Friday, Sept.1st

5.5 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1545 hrs.

6. Measurements

6.1 A boat may be checked for compliance with class rules at any time by the 31.7 Class Measurer. Boats coming from outside the region must contact the class measurer in advance if they wish to race in scratch.

6.2 All such participants wishing to race scratch shall sign a declaration of compliance with class rules prior to competing.

7. Substitution of Sails

7.1 Boats shall show a distinguishing number on each side of the mainsail, which shall be the same as declared on her entry.

7.2 A boat intending to change a sail number shall give written notice to the race committee before the warning signal of the race concerned. No boat may use the same sail number as another boat in the regatta.

8. Handicaps

8.1 Boats shall be rated by the Committee of the Association based on the DBSC ECHO Handicap system.



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8.2 ECHO Handicaps may be posted on the Event Web Site Page.

9. Haul-out Restrictions

9.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee

10. Courses

10.1 Racing will be on the waters of Dublin Bay. Racing may be some way from the Harbour on the Saturday in order to avoid DBSC Club racing, so allow adequate time to get to the race area.

10.2 The courses will be of the Windward / Leeward type with further exact details specified in the SIs. Note that there will be no leeward Gate, but all competitors MUST sail through the finish line on completion of each lap. Full details will be highlighted in the Sailing Instructions.

11. Sailing Instructions

11.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event page website no later than noon on Friday, September 1st, 2023. <https://www.rsgyc.ie/31-7-nationals/>

12. Communications

12.1 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF marine channels.

12.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be confirmed in the SIs.

12.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

13. Penalty System

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 does not apply (This changes RRS 44).

13.2 The two - turn penalty is changed to a one turn penalty (This changes Rule 44.1).

14. Scoring

14.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

14.2 There will be one discard after the completion of the 4th Race.

15. Prizes

15.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the first three boats in Scratch and Handicap divisions.

15.2 Perpetual Trophies shall be presented to the winners in Scratch and Handicap divisions.

15.3 A boat shall not receive a Scratch and a Handicap prize.

15.4 The Scratch prize shall take precedence.



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15.5 The presentation of prizes will take place in the Club as soon as possible following racing on Sunday, 3rd September .

16. Liabilities and Risk Statements

16.1 Competitors participate in the Championship entirely at their own risk. (See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race).

16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 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 specific risks to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

16.3 The Royal St. George Y.C, and the Beneteau 31.7 Ireland Class Association together with 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 Beneteau 31.7 National Championship event, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk.

17. Insurance

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3 million per event or the equivalent.

18. Temporary Membership

18.1 Competitors and race committee are granted temporary membership of the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding of such membership.

18.2 All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club.



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18.3 Berthing will be available to competitors for the event. Contact RSGYC Sailing Manager, details below.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Website: [Beneteau First 31.7 Ireland One Design Class Association](https://www.beneteau317.ie/) Email: captain@317.ie

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Event web Site :

<https://www.rsgyc.ie/31-7-nationals/>

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Social Programme

Après Sail on Saturday

Early “Hot Plate” -- Saturday evening @ 18-00 hrs.

An early “Hot Plate” will be available in the R. St. George Y. C. Club Room on Saturday evening at 18- 00 hrs . Competitors + crew + partners + entourage are encouraged to participate and support the 31.7 Class .