

 Grant Thornton
8-Race Championship



Dublin Bay

Oct 07, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE



**Proudly Hosted by the
Royal St. George Yacht Club**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Grant Thornton Melges 15 & ILCA '8-Race Championship' will be organised by the Host Club.

The notation [NP] in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the Irish Laser Association will apply.
- 1.4 Rules of the Melges 15 Class Association will apply.
- 1.5 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.6 Boats shall use their correct sail numbers in accordance with ILCA rules and RRS Appendix G.
- 1.7 Melges 15s are required to sail with class bow numbers.
- 1.8 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY AND FEES

- 2.1 Entry is open to boats of the Laser Standard (ILCA 7), Laser Radial (ILCA 6) and Laser 4.7 (ILCA 4) and the Melges 15.
- 2.2 Boats based in Dun Laoghaire shall launch from their own club, upon receiving notice in the official Event WhatsApp group that it is safe to launch.
- 2.3 Boats visiting Dun Laoghaire can launch from the slipway in the Royal Saint George Yacht Club. Visiting boats must be cleared off the forecourt by the morning of Sunday October 8th.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter online. Melges 15 fee is €75 (€50 for Under 23s) , ILCA fee is €50 (30€ for Under 23s).
- 2.5 Entries will close on October 6th and may not be accepted after this date.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Briefing – a briefing will be held at RSGYC at 09:30 Saturday October 7th. A live recording may be arranged, details will follow in the event whatsapp group.
- 3.2 Racing:

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| <i>Date</i> | <i>Race</i> |
| Saturday October 7th 2023 | Up to 8 races per class |
- 3.3 Eight Races are scheduled.
- 3.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 11:00, no races will be started after 16:30.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions for will be available on the Host Club's website and shared on the event whatsapp group. Any changes to them or Supplementary Sailing Instructions will be announced on the event WhatsApp group and published on the Host Club's website.

5 SAILING AREA

- 5.1 The Sailing Area will be Dublin Bay, South of the Shipping Channel.
- 5.2 Any change in Sailing Area will be notified in the official event WhatsApp group prior to launch.

6 THE COURSES

- 6.1 The course to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

- 7.1** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

8 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 8.1** Competitors, rescue craft and support boat crews shall always wear a personal flotation device when afloat. Wetsuits and dry suits are not considered to be adequate
- 8.2** All boats must have a painter at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

9 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 9.1** Melges 15 Class, 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall
- 9.2** ILCA Class, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall all fleets. 1st Master & 1st Youth (U19 1/1/23) for all fleets.
- 9.3** Other prizes may be awarded at discretion of Organising Authority.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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.

11 INSURANCE

- 11.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 12.1** By entering the Regatta competitors and, where relevant, their parents/ guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

13 COVID-19

13.1 [NP] [DP] The OA will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the Regatta, may at its sole discretion:

- a) Cancel the Regatta and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion.
- b) Limit the number of entries.
- c) Restrict the entries from a region.
- d) Use the date order of receipt of entry to determine the cancelled entries if limiting class entries.
- e) Postpone the event.
- f) Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.
- g) Refund the entry fee in full should the OA cancel or reject an entry.

13.2 In the event of cancellation of the event, the OA shall endeavour to refund the competitors as much of the entry fee as is reasonable, taking into account the costs incurred to date in organising the event.

14 COMMUNICATIONS

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

15 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

16.1 Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

16.1 RRS Appendix P applies.

16.2 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

17 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

17.1 [DP] Shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.

17.2 [DP] Support boats shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency. [DP]

17.3 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 100m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

17.4 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

18 DATA PROTECTION

The data processing policy is available on the class website.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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