



Royal St. George Yacht Club

Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club

Royal Thames Yacht Club

*Dun Laoghaire,
Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October 2025*

MILLENNIUM BOWL

Notice of Race

1 The Event and the Organising Authority

- 1.1 The Millennium Bowl is a biennial team racing competition between the Royal Thames Yacht Club, the Royal St. George Yacht Club and the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The organising authority is the Royal St. George Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The event will be held at Dun Laoghaire and will be sailed in J80 keelboats provided by the Organising Authority.

2 The Rules

- 2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix D.
- 2.2 Races will be umpired.
- 2.3 Rules for the handling of boats will apply and will be set out in the sailing instructions. They will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.

3 Competition Format and Teams

- 3.1 The competition will be in the form of three boat-team racing in J80 keelboats supplied by the organising authority.
- 3.2 An equal number of races will be sailed between each of the three competing clubs. As many races as possible will be sailed over the weekend and the winner shall be the Club with the

most points at such time as the race officer shall decide that racing shall stop. In the event of a tie at that stage, the clubs tying shall have a sail off.

3.3 In the event of weather conditions being unsuitable for Team Racing competition, a fleet race may be run subject to agreement of the Team Captains and availability of boats.

3.4 Each team shall consist of twelve members and shall comply with the following conditions:

- 3.4.1 At the time of the event the member shall have been a paid-up member of the club he or she represents for at least six months in a subscription category recognised by the rules of that club.
- 3.4.2 At least one member of each crew shall be of the opposite gender to the rest of the team.
- 3.4.3 At least one member of each crew shall have reached the age of 55 years.
- 3.4.4 The combined ages of each crew shall be not less than 160 years.
- 3.4.5 A list of competitors will be required prior to the event.
- 3.4.6 Teams may introduce substitute team members during the regatta provided the conditions contained in Paragraph 3.4 shall always apply to the members of the team sailing at the time.

4 Entry

4.1 There will be an entry fee of €576 per team (12 sailors) and Damage Deposit as per 5. below Damage Deposit.

5 Damage Deposit

5.1 A damage deposit of €1000 is required for each team entry. Each team shall be liable for non-insured damage to boats or property up to a maximum of €1000.

5.2 A credit card pre- authorisation for the deposit shall be required at registration. This will be used to pay for damage to boats or to any property of the organisers that is not covered by the organising authority's insurance.

5.3 All collisions resulting in damage to a boat shall be brought to the attention of an umpire immediately by the person causing the damage and by the person sailing the damaged boat so that damage costs can be assessed and attributed.

5.4 If total damage attributed to a team is costed at more than the value of damage deposit held from that team, that team shall provide an additional credit card payment for €500 before being allowed to continue sailing.

5.5 Attributed damage costed at a total of more than €1500 may result in a team being excluded from further sailing in the event.

5.6 Non-attributed damage costs will be divided equally between teams to the limit of the damage deposit.

6 Practice

6.1 A short period will be allocated to each team prior to their first race to allow teams to familiarise themselves with the boats and the water.

6.2. If teams wish, the boats may be made available for part or the whole of the previous day as part of the entry fee. Teams wishing to make use of this facility should apply to RSGYC Sailing office (sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie) which will make the necessary arrangements.

7 Safety

- 7.1 An adequate Personal Flotation Device (PFD) of at least 50N buoyancy shall be always worn by all competitors when afloat (e.g., a buoyancy aid). A wet suit or dry suit is not a PFD. This alters the preamble to RRS Part 4.
- 7.2 Crews are required to provide their own PFDs. Club PFDs are also available – please contact the RSGYC Sailing office in advance of the event.
- 7.3 Any participant suffering an injury that draws blood shall report the matter to the race committee immediately. That person may be required by the race committee to proceed ashore straight away to receive first aid.
- 7.4 Any participant not wearing a dry suit or wet suit and falling in the water so that the torso becomes immersed shall immediately return to the shore or a support boat and shall not race again until wearing dry clothes next to the skin. Participants are strongly advised to bring a complete change of clothing.

8 Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions follow this Notice of Race.

9 Registration and Briefing

- 9.1 Registration will take place at the Royal St. George Yacht Club, from 1900 on the 24th of October, a competitors briefing will take place at 0930 on both the 25th and the 26th of October.
- 9.2 The first warning signal will be as soon as possible after the briefing on each day.
- 9.3 The last warning signal will be no later than approximately 1530 on Sunday 26th of October.

10 Prizes

- 10.1. The Millennium Bowl and the Millennium Ladle shall be awarded to the team scoring the greatest number of wins against the other two teams.
- 10.2 The Dublin Decanter shall be awarded to the team scoring the greatest number of wins between the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Royal St George Yacht Club.
- 10.3 A further prize shall be awarded to the team scoring the greatest number of wins between the Royal Thames Yacht Club and the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club.
- 10.4 The Leather Goblet shall be awarded to the team scoring the greatest number of wins between the Royal St George Yacht Club and the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club.

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