



Irish Match Racing National Championships

11th - 12th May 2024

Notice of Race

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race

PC: Protest Committee

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

NYC: National Yacht Club

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

IUSA: Irish University Sailing Association

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 2.9

1. Organising Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the National Yacht Club (NYC).
- 1.2 The venue will be the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire.
- 1.3 For the duration of the event, including any practice sailing, all competitors and volunteers shall be granted temporary membership of the National Yacht Club.

2. Rules

- 2.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C.
- 2.2 The bye-laws of the National Yacht Club shall apply.
- 2.3 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence unless specifically stated otherwise. This alters RRS 63.7
- 2.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

- 2.6 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions will apply, and will apply to any practice sailing.
- 2.7 Class rules will not apply.
- 2.8 The event is a World Sailing Grade 3. This grade is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.
- 2.9 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on 8th May 2024 on the National Yacht Club website, the Irish Match Racing Association Website and circulated to competitors prior to the event.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 A maximum of 8 skippers will be invited by the OA to compete in the event based on the event selection criteria.
- 4.2 Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter the event
- 4.3 Only skippers holding an Irish Passport or who's primary residence is in Ireland will be eligible to compete in the Irish Match Match Racing National Championships.
- 4.4 Skippers wishing to receive an invite may register their request with the OA at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/233045938253357> no later than 23:59 on 1st April 2024.
- 4.5 Invitations will be issued no later than 12th April 2024.
- 4.6 [NP] Decisions of the OA about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress this amends rules 62.1 and 63.1.
- 4.7 All competitors shall hold a World Sailor ID. (WS Sailing ID can be obtained by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/>). Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.
- 4.8 All competitors shall be members of the Irish Match Racing Association at the time of competition

5. Entry

- 5.1 The skipper shall be entered on the completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and damage deposits. All payments shall be made as specified in the letter of invitation

5.2 A non refundable entry fee of €280 shall be paid as specified in the Letter of Invitation

6. Damage/ Damage Deposit

6.1 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of the liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to its original value to continue the event.

6.2 An initial damage deposit of €400 shall be paid as specified in the letter of invitation

6.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event.

7. Crew (Including Skipper)

6.1 Each team shall be limited to 4 persons and, have combined weight that does not exceed 270 kg dressed in at least shorts and shirt determined at the time of registration.

6.2 Following the declaration of crew prior to the event, a crew member may not be added, removed or substituted without prior written approval from the RC.

6.3 After the warning signal for each match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

6.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue the event the OA or RC may authorise an original member to substitute

6.5 Crew weights may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing, the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit will not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing Again.

8. Event Format

8.1 The OA intends on providing four Elliott 6m type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

8.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate the boats by draw, either daily or for each round.

8.3 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

8.4 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practical after the previous

flight.

- 8.5 The course will be a windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 8.6 The races will be sailed in the waters of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.
- 8.7 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The exact format will be specified in the sailing instructions.
- 8.8 Should wind, weather or other conditions make it unlikely to complete the scheduled number of races within the time schedule, the event format may be terminated, shortened or altered in order to declare a champion.
- 8.9 The sails to be used will be determined by the RC.

9. Provisional Schedule

- 9.1 Practice sessions should be agreed in advance with the OA
- 9.2 Practice Days are scheduled on May 4th and May 5th
- 9.3 Practice sessions on each day will be 0900-1200 and 1200-1500.
- 9.4 The race office will be open from 0830 on Saturday 11th May to facilitate weigh in and registration.
- 9.5 A briefing to all competitors will take place at 0900 in the National Yacht Club.
- 9.6 The latest time for a warning signal to sound shall be 1600 Sunday 12th May
- 9.7 Races shall be as per the schedule in the Sailing Instructions.

Date	Intended First Attention Signal
11th May 2024	0945
12th May 2024	0945

10. Scoring

- 10.1 The scoring system of RRS Appendix C - 10 will apply

11. Code of Conduct

- 11.1. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.
- 11.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, and in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

12. Media, Images and Sound

- 12.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish for any purpose and in any media, the names, photographs, and video footage taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race without compensation.

13. Disclaimer

- 13.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not be held responsible for the damage of any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organisers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. Further Information

- 14.1 For further information please contact hello@irishmatchracingassociation.com