Irish Sailing All Ireland Junior Sailing Championships 2019

Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre
Schull – Co. Cork

September 28th and 29th 2019

NOTICE of RACE

1. Rules.
1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing including Irish Sailing Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. Any change to this Notice will be published on the Irish Sailing website www.sailing.ie
1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) is Irish Sailing in association with the Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre (FMOEC).
1.3 Personal flotation devices shall be worn while afloat. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40. Competitors and support persons shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing clothing or personal equipment.
1.4 Advertising on the boats and equipment is only available to the OA.
1.5 The event will be sailed in supplied FMOEC TR3.6 class two-person dinghies. Competitors shall not alter, modify or change the equipment or boat.
1.6 The OA reserves the right to vary the format to suit the conditions. If the race committee decides that sailing is not possible the event will not be rescheduled.
1.7 RRS Addendum Q will apply
1.8 A parent's or guardian's consent will need to be signed in addition to a parent, guardian or designated adult being present at the venue

2. Nominations, Eligibility and Closing Dates.
2.1 Nominations will be accepted from Class Associations affiliated to Irish sailing with all fees paid up to date.
2.2 Nominees shall be members of the Class Association, and an affiliated club of Irish Sailing or RYA Northern Ireland.
2.3 Nominating classes shall comply with Irish Sailing’s policy of class national championships being under the management of an Irish Sailing National or International Race Officer.
2.4 Competitors [and crew] shall be under 19 years of age on December 31, 2019
2.5 Nominations are acceptable only from Classes who have 6 or more Junior boats at their qualifying event.
2.6 The closing date for nominations is 1200hrs on 4th of September.
2.7 Successful nominees will receive entry forms by 1700hrs on 5th of September
2.8 Closing date for completed entry forms is 1200hrs on 12th of September

3. Invitations
3.1 Selection will be made by a Steering Group in accordance with the criteria outlined below and no more than 16 invitations will be sent accordingly.

   a) The Steering Group will reserve the right to select up to three helmsmen to receive nominations as wild cards. These three nominations shall be for persons who have distinguished themselves in International competition in the season prior to the Event and who would not otherwise be eligible for a nomination or for people who have performed exceptionally well in what are perceived as Senior Classes.

   b) Junior Classes considered for nominations include the Optimist, RS Feva, 420, Topper, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Topaz, Wasp, 29er, and Mirror.
c) The ‘non-Junior’ Classes that may be considered are ones that either organise a specific Junior Championship event or have a Junior Category prize at their National Championships – these would include the Laser Standard, GP 14, IDRA 14, Mermaid, RS 200 etc.

d) Any Class that organises its Nationals in conjunction with an International event shall only take into account the number of boats eligible to win the title of Irish Champion in calculating the qualifying attendance.

e) Places at the Event should be allocated to Classes pro-rata the attendance of helmspersons competing at their National Championship who are eligible for an invitation but with a bias built in to ensure representation of as many of the Classes as is reasonable.

f) Classes shall be required to provide full details of their qualification event in accordance with requirements. Classes may nominate up to three nominees. On completion of the nominations meeting each Class shall be informed of how many places it has been awarded. A Class shall not nominate a sailor who has finished outside the top 15% of youths in their National Championships.

g) Where a Class allocates sailors to specific fleets at their Championship by reference to their age rather than their ability then the onus for deciding a selection mechanism for their nominees shall fall on the Class.

3.2 Irish Sailing will issue invitations to selected nominees with a deadline for acceptance.
3.3 Invitations declined or not accepted in time may be offered to other nominees.
3.4 Irish Sailing may add, suspend or withdraw any invitation at any time.

4.1 Entry to the Irish Sailing All Ireland Junior Sailing Championship is by invitation of the Board of Irish Sailing.
4.2 There is no entry fee.
4.3 A Damage Deposit of €150 will be held as detailed in 9. below.
4.4 Invited competitors and their crew shall register and be weighed. Thereafter, no change in crew shall be allowed that would result in the total weight being changed by more than 10kgs.

5. Sailing Instructions and Courses.
Sailing Instructions will be available at registration on request only and will also be available on the Irish Sailing web site and the event WhatsApp group beforehand. Courses will be windward/leeward or triangle and described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Format & Scoring
6.1 The regatta will consist of an opening series of up to 8 races and a Medal Race.
6.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta. When five or more opening series races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
6.3 The ten top placed boats in the opening series will advance to the Medal Race provided a minimum of 3 opening series races have been completed.
6.4 The Medal Race shall be scored double the number of points specified in RRS Appendix A4.1, and the score for the Medal Race shall not be excluded from a boat's series score.
6.5 Ties in the series score between boats with different Medal Race point scores shall be broken in favour of the boat with the lower score in the medal race. This changes RRS Appendix A8.

7. Schedule.
7.1 Friday September 27th - Registration 14.00 – 1800hrs
7.2 Saturday September 28th - Registration 0815 – 0900hrs
Briefing: Immediately after registration, with the Race Committee and Protest Committee, including draw for boats
The scheduled time of the warning signal for first race is 1025hrs
7.3 Sunday September 29th - The scheduled time of the warning signal for first race is 1025hrs

8. Penalty System.
Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(b). Racing will be umpired; addendum Q will be used.
A damage deposit will be held in the form of a pre-authorisation on a payment card with Irish Sailing at registration. In case of damage, deemed the responsibility of the competitor, to a boat or sails or equipment a competitor will be required to pay an additional amount in order to maintain the deposit balance. Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment and property up to a maximum of €150 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage. The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned as soon as possible after the completion of the Championship.

10. Disclaimer of Liability.
Competitors participate in the Irish Sailing All Ireland Junior Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship. The safety of the boat and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the competitor and he/she should satisfy him/herself that they and the boat are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the event.

11. Prizes
The overall winner will be designated as the Irish Sailing All Ireland Junior Sailing Champion 2019.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: First, second and third in the Championships will receive Irish Sailing Medallions of gold, silver and bronze respectively. First place helm and crew will receive an Irish Sailing Junior Championship perpetual silver salver.

12. Support, Coach and Spectator Boats
Support, Coach and Spectator boats shall register with the Race Office and shall comply with instructions of the Race Committee while in the vicinity of the racing area. The designated slipway for launching is at FMOEC.

13. Data Protection and Image Rights
13.1. By entering competitors give permission to the Organising Authority to collect and use data about the competitor for organising this Championship. The Organising Authority has adopted a Data Protection Policy for the Championship.
13.2 By entering the Championship competitors and support persons accept that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore. Competitors and support persons by entering give 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. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, its sponsors and the organising authority.

14. Sustainability
We are proud to announce that we have joined the race to restore ocean health. Protecting our local waters is very important to this event and we ask for your help in this effort. The use of single-use plastic will be discouraged throughout this event.

We ask for your help on the following items:
- Ensuring your recycling and waste are separated before disposing of waste
- Switch your team over to reusable water bottles

15. Practice Sailing
Sailing time in two FMOEC TR3.6 dinghies will be available from 1400hrs until 1800hrs on Friday September 27th subject to the Damage Deposit being lodged, weather conditions and availability of boats. Time must be pre-booked with Sarah-Louise Rossiter, email: sl.rossiter@sailing.ie

16. Social
To be confirmed.

Competitors and registered support persons will be temporary guests of the Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre for the duration of the event, subject to the rules and regulations of the Centre.