Irish Sailing All Ireland Sailing Championship 2019

National Yacht Club
Dun Laoghaire
Co Dublin

October 5th & 6th 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 National Yacht Club (NYC).
1.3 Competitors and support persons shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40.
1.4 Advertising on the boats and equipment is only available to the OA.
1.5 The event will be sailed in Flying Fifteen Class two person keelboats as kindly provided by private boat owners. Competitors shall not alter, add, modify or change the equipment on any boat. Spinnakers will not be used at this event, mainsail and jib only.
1.6 The OA reserves the right to vary the format to suit the conditions. This may include the curtailment of the qualifying flights or the repêchage and the use of a lottery to select competitors to advance to the Irish Sailing All Ireland Sailing Championship Final on Sunday. If the race committee decides that sailing is not possible the event will not be rescheduled.
1.7 RRS Addendum Q will apply

2. Nominations & Eligibility.
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 the Irish Sailing policy of class national championships being held under the management of an Irish Sailing National Race Officer or International Race Officer.
2.4 The World Sailing Sailor Classification system will apply; competitors shall be Group 1 except that a Group 3 sailor may participate in the competition only as an invited helm.
2.5 Selection will be made by a Steering Group and a total of not more than 16 invitations sent in accordance with the criteria outlined below:

   (a) The Champion from the preceding year shall be invited. (1 place).

   (b) Class nominees shall be divided into two pots - one for dinghies and one for keelboats, which shall include both dayboats such as Dragons and ‘cruiser racers’ such as IRC Classes. The top 3 Classes in each pot, in terms of boats at their National Championship, shall automatically be entitled to have their champion invited to the event. All entries eligible to win the title of Irish National Champion shall be considered in calculating the number of entries - i.e. if the Class excludes overseas entries from
eligibility for the Irish title then such entries shall not be considered as part of the reckonable list of entries for the purposes of determining the top 3 Classes. Should the Champion be unavailable for the event, the Class may nominate the runner-up or 3rd placed helm at the National Championship, or to the top ranked helm at the end of August on the Class ranking list. When submitting their nominations, the Class shall submit the names and credentials of their nominee along with a substitute. Where a Class nominee either declines an invitation without good reason or has accepted an invitation but does not attend the Event, the right of the Class to nominate its representative may be withdrawn for the following year at the discretion of the Steering Group. (6 places)

(c) The Steering Group (SG) may select up to 3 Wild Cards that are deemed worthy of an invitation to the event. The Wild Cards shall be chosen from the ranks of sailors who have excelled in International competition, either at home or abroad, in the year of the Event. The Olympic and Irish Sailing Racing Departments shall jointly compile a short list of those considered meritorious, shall prioritise them and shall submit the names to the SG for consideration. (3 places)

(d) After the nominees from the Dinghy and Keelboat pots have been determined, the remaining Classes (i.e. those not in the top three of each pot) shall be consolidated onto a single list. The top 6 Classes in terms of boats at their National Championship, shall then be automatically entitled to have their respective nominee invited to the event. (6 places)

2.6 Irish Sailing will issue invitations to selected nominees with a deadline for acceptance.
2.7 Invitations not accepted in time may be offered to other nominees.
2.8 Irish sailing may add, suspend or withdraw an invitation at any time.

3. Nomination and Entry Closing Dates
3.1 The closing date for nominations is 1200hrs on 4th of September.
3.2 Successful nominees will receive entry forms by 1700hrs on 5th of September
3.3 Closing date for completed entry forms is 1200hrs on 12th of September.

4.1 Entry to the 2019 Irish Sailing All Ireland Sailing Championship is by invitation of the Board of Irish Sailing.
4.2 There is no entry fee.
4.3 A Damage Deposit of € 500 shall be lodged, see 9 below.
4.4 The invited nominees shall select their own crew.

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 and described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Format & Scoring
6.1 The regatta will consist of two qualifying flights, a repêchage and Final flight.
6.2 The top 3 from each flight will qualify for the Final. Those placed from 4 to 7 in a flight will be invited to compete in a 2 race repêchage series to determine who fills the last two places in the Final.
6.3 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(b). Racing will be umpired.

7. Schedule.
7.1 Friday October 4th.
Registration: 1500hrs – 1800hrs
7.2 Saturday October 5th.
Registration: 0815hrs – 0900hrs.
Briefing: 0900hrs with the Race Committee and Protest Committee, including draw for flights and boats.
The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 in Flight 1 is 1025hrs, Flight 2 racing will commence after Flight 1 racing has concluded. Each flight will sail up to three races.
7.3 Sunday October 6th.
The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 of 2 races in the repêchage is 1025hrs.
The Final will commence after the repêchage has concluded. The Final will be one flight of up to four races.
8. Protests
Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(b).

A damage deposit will be held in the form of a pre-authorization on a credit/debit card lodged with Irish Sailing at registration. In case of damage to a boat or sails or equipment being deemed the responsibility of a competitor, the competitor will be required to pay up to the value of the damage, or, the €500 deposit whichever is the lesser amount. Any remaining deposit will be released as soon as possible after the completion of the event. The schedule of charges for damage / loss will be available at registration.

10. Disclaimer of Liability.
Competitors participate in the All Ireland Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA and host club NYC 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, crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the invited competitor and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the boat and crew 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 Sailing Champion 2019 and will receive the Irish Sailing Helmsman’s Trophy, winning crew will receive the Irish Sailing All Ireland Salver. The winner, second and third in the Championships will also receive Irish Sailing Medallions of gold, silver and bronze respectively.

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. Launching and berthing for such boats may be arranged with NYC.

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 the Flying Fifteen boats may be available from 1500hrs until 1800hrs on Friday October 4th; subject to the Damage Deposit being lodged, weather conditions, two boats may be available. Time slots must be pre-booked with Sarah-Louise Rossiter email sl.rossiter@sailing.ie

A championship dinner will be held, details to be confirmed on Saturday 5th October. Tickets will be available at registration.
Competitors and registered support persons will be granted temporary membership of the National Yacht Club for the duration of the event, subject to the rules and regulations of the club.