



# NOTICE OF RACE

IRC EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
ROYAL IRISH YACHT CLUB  
Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland



[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the jury.  
[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

The Organising Authority is the ROYAL IRISH YACHT CLUB in conjunction with ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB.

## 1 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the National Authority (Irish Sailing) and given in full in Appendix 2
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2021-2024,
- 1.4 The Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2024-2025. All boats shall comply with OSR Category 4 and shall be equipped with a VHF radio.
- 1.5 The IRC 2024 Part A, B and C (advertising permitted) will apply. Under RRS 88.7 and IRC Rule 11.1, the following IRC rules are changed as follows:
  - Rule 21.1.5(e) A spare mainsail may be used as a racing replacement when the race committee notifies so on the official notice board.
  - Rule 21.1.5(d) It is not compulsory to carry the spare mainsail on board at other days of the regatta. All the other sails on board shall remain the same and be on board for all races.
- 1.6 The IRC European Championship 2024 is open to all boats holding a valid IRC 2024 Endorsed certificate and a TCC equal or over 0.880  
An indicator from last year's event :  
Class 0: equal or over 1.300  
Class 1: below 1.300 and equal or over 1.150  
Class 2: below 1.150 and equal or over 1.065  
Class 3: below 1.065 and equal or over 1.010  
Class 4: below 1.010 and equal or over .0.940  
Class 5: below 0.940 and equal or over 0.880

## 2 ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## 3. CREW LIMITATIONS

3.1 IRC RULE 22.4 is deleted.

3.2 The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that; when the crew consists of either - at least 2 x females, at least 2 x 25 years old or under (25 or under on 11<sup>th</sup> September) or at least 1 female and 1 x 25 years old or under (25 or under on 11<sup>th</sup> September) then the crew limit is certificate number plus 1.

3.3 CREW WEIGHT. There is no limit to the weight of the crew.

## 4 FEES

4.1

LOA	FEE	EARLY BIRD UP TO 30th June
LESS THAN 8 METRES	€375.00	€325.00
8 - 10 METRES	€400.00	€350.00
10.1 - 12 METRES	€425.00	€375.00
12.01 - 14 METRES	€450.00	€400.00
GREATER THAN 14.01 METRES	€500.00	€450.00

4.2 The closing date for Entries is 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

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## 5 SCHEDULE

5.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	0900 to 1800hrs	Registration and Equipment Inspection
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	0900 to 1800hrs	Registration and Equipment Inspection
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	0930hrs 12.00hrs	Skippers Briefing Race Day 1
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	1200hrs	Race Day 2
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	1200hrs	Race Day 3
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	1200hrs	Race Day 4

5.2 There will be a maximum of three races on any day. 9 races are scheduled.

5.3 The first warning Signal of a race will not be made after 15.30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## 6 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid endorsed IRC certificate

6.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from 0930hrs on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

6.3 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with its IRC certificate. The Technical Committee may conduct equipment inspection or event measurement of any boat on the water or ashore until the final day of racing.

## 7 RATING AND HANDICAPS

7.1 IRC certificates shall be **ENDORSED** and have a **VALIDITY DATE no later than 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**.

7.1.1 No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this validity date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Authority.

7.1.2 A boat's owner and/or person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.

7.1.3 The name/s of the equipment inspector/s and/or measurer/s shall be published on the official notice board for the duration of the event.

7.1.4 The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.

## 8 CLASSES AND FLEETS

8.1 Entrants will be divided into CLASSES which will not be finalised until after the closing date of 19th August 2024.

8.2 The composition of Classes will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

(a) the need for a reasonable number of boats in each Class;

(b) having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each Class.

8.3 The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

8.4 **CLASSES AND FLEETS (PROVISIONAL)**

Class 0 and 1	Fleet 1
Class 2, 3 and 4	Fleet 2

## 9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 09:00 on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at [www.riycevents2024.com](http://www.riycevents2024.com)

9.2 The online official notice board is located at;

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7602/event?name=rorc-irc-europeans-2024>

## 10 RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 10.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay and surrounding areas - Admiralty charts number 1415 and 1468. Starts may be up to 4 miles from Dun Laoghaire Harbour.
- 10.2 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward, Fixed Mark or Coastal Courses.
- 10.3 Each boat shall have a working VHF on board [DP] [NP].
- 10.4 Courses for fixed mark and coastal races will be signalled on the allocated VHF Channel to that course.

## 11 SCORING

- 11.1 Boats' corrected times will be calculated according to the time on time system.
- 11.2 To constitute the IRC European Championships 4 races are required.
- 11.3 Windward/Leeward, coastal courses with coefficient 1 and a long coastal race with coefficient 2.
- 11.4 4 No. races for each IRC Class as defined in paragraph 4 are required to be completed for the competition to be valid.
- 11.5 When 5 races have been completed in an IRC Class, the score of a boat in this class will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.6 When 6 races or more have been completed in an IRC Class, the score of a boat in this class will be the total of her races scores excluding the worst score. When her worst score is the score of the long coastal race (coefficient 2), only 50% of this score will be excluded.

## 12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 RRS Appendix T \_ Arbitration will apply to this regatta.
- 12.3 RRS 44.1 is changed to permit a boat to take a 30% scoring penalty as described in RRS 44.3(c) during the arbitration hearing.
- 12.4 If a protest requires the protested boat to be hauled out for re-measurement, it must be accompanied by a cash deposit covering the costs of hauling out. Organizing Committee will determine the amount of cash deposit.
- 12.5 On the last day of sailing, boats shall not request a hearing on the grounds of non-compliance with class rules or rating certificate, if the request could have been delivered earlier in the event.
- 12.6 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5

## 13 13 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.
- 13.2 Berthing is available at Dun Laoghaire Marina ([www.dlmarina.ie](http://www.dlmarina.ie)) where preferential rates have been agreed for competitors. A discount code will be sent to competitors once entered in the event. Fees are the responsibility of each boat.

## 14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]

- [DP]Boats shall not be hauled out during the race except with the prior written authorisation from the Technical Committee, and in compliance with the terms of this authorisation.

## 15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

## 16 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 17 TRACKERS [DP] [NP]

All boats may be required to carry GPS trackers supplied by the organising authority. Instructions for use of trackers will be provided at Registration.

## 18 PRIZES

17.1 There will be a European IRC Championship 2024 Trophy for each IRC Classes. The First boat Overall will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied: [yacht's series score in Class] / [number of scored races in Class - 1] / [number of entries in Class + 2]  
The First Boat Overall will be awarded the title and Trophy of 2024 IRC European Champion.

17.2 In an effort to spread the prizes throughout the classes, after the 2nd day of racing a Gold and Silver fleet will be established in each class - approximately 50/50. All boats in each class will continue to be eligible for overall class prizes and there will prizes for those selected boats in the top placings of the Silver fleet, lower 50%, in each class.

## 19 Data Protection and Image Rights

19.1. By entering the Event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) give permission to the Organising Authority to collect and use their personal data for the purpose of organising this Event. The Organising Authority has adopted a Data Protection Policy for the Event which can be found [HERE](#)

19.2 By entering the Event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) understands that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore for the purpose of promoting the event. Competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) will be required to confirm if they give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media without compensation, which may be in conjunction with the competitor's or support person's (or their parent or guardian) names or not, . The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, of the Organising Authority or by RORC.

## 20 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

20.2 No responsibility shall be accepted by the Royal Irish Yacht Club, their directors, members, servants or agents nor any of the sponsors, nor those officials or members

connected with the Event, for any loss, damage or any other claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in this event.

## **21 INSURANCE [DP] [NP]**

Each competing Owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain Third Party Insurance Cover for any one accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

## **22 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact RIYC Sailing Services Manager:

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OR VISIT THE EVENT WEBSITE @ <https://www.riycevents2024.com>

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## ATTACHMENT A - REGATTA VENUE - RIYC



## ATTACHMENT B - RACING AREAS



