



NOTICE OF RACE

UNIO ICRA National Championships
Friday 30th August – Sunday 1st 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 ICRA.

1 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). IRC Rating Rule parts A-C and the ISA Progressive ECHO Performance Handicap System will apply.
- 1.2 To be eligible to compete in the Event boats shall
 - 1.2.1

~~Be mono-hull and comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA General Rules. <https://cruiserracing.ie/downloads/icra-general-rules-2023-31st-august-v10.pdf>~~

No.1 Amendment to NOR 18th March 2024. NOR 1.2.1 delete and insert

“a) A cruiser shall be a mono-hull yacht, capable of being fitted with lying down bunks for two people and capable of having adequate internal sitting-down accommodation for four people, without the necessity for modifications.



b) She shall further be capable of satisfying, without the necessity for modifications, ISAF Category 4 safety regulations. This provision does not preclude more stringent safety measures being required for particular races or events by race committees”

1.2.2 have an IRC rating or ECHO standard within the range 0.800 to 1.250.

1.2.3 comply with the relevant IRC rating and ECHO handicapping rules.

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 on-board when racing shall be as per the boats IRC Cert + 1. When there is a female or under 18 crew on board when racing, this shall be increased to IRC Cert + 2.

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

4 FEES

4.1

CLASS	RATING BAND (IRC or Standard Echo)	FEE	EARLY BIRD UP TO 30th June
ZERO	1.035 and above	€360.00	€300.00
ONE	0.980 to 1.034	€360.00	€300.00
TWO	0.920 to 0.979	€320.00	€260.00
THREE	0.800 to 0.919	€280.00	€220.00
NON SPINNAKER	ALL	€335.00	€275.00

4.2 The closing date for Entries is 19th August 2024.



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5 SCHEDULE

5.1

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 30 th August	1055 hrs.	Championship Races
Saturday 31 st August	1055 hrs.	Championship Races
Sunday 1 st September	1055 hrs.	Championship Races

5.2 There will be a maximum of four races on any day. 7 races are scheduled.

5.3 The first warning Signal of a race will not be made after 1530 on the 1st September.

6 RATING AND HANDICAPS

6.1 IRC certificates shall be **ENDORSED** and have a **VALIDITY DATE** no later than **19th August 2024**.

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

6.1.2. 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.

6.1.3. 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.

6.1.4. 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.

6.2. Competitors shall ensure that the rating recorded in their Certificate Authority's database is correct at the Rating Deadline

6.3. The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates. The Technical Committee may conduct equipment inspection or event measurement of any boat on the water or ashore at any time from 2 days before the event until the end of the final day of racing.

6.4. A system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62). Initial handicaps for Race 1 will be allocated by ICRA.

7. CLASSES AND FLEETS

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

7.2 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.

7.3 Additional Classes from those used in previous years, with different break-points, may be created.

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

7.5 CLASSES AND FLEETS

Class 0	Fleet 0
Class 1 and 2	Fleet 1
Class 3 and Non-Spinnaker	Fleet 2

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COMMUNICATONS

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 09:00 on 28th August 2024 at www.riycevents2024.com

8.2 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7601/event?name=icra-nationals-2024>



9 RACING AREA AND COURSES

9.1 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.

9.2 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward, Fixed Mark or Coastal Courses.

9.3 Each boat shall have a working VHF on board [DP] [NP].

9.4 Courses for fixed mark and coastal races will be signaled on the allocated VHF Channel to that course.

10 SCORING

10.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Scoring Penalties will apply (RRS 44.3).

11.2 The Scoring penalty shall be 3 points.

11.3 RRS Appendix T - Arbitration will apply to this regatta. A post Race penalty of 4 points applies.

12 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]

All boats participating in the Event shall be launched by 10:00 on Friday 30th August 2024.

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14 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.



15 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.

16 PRIZES

Overall Prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.

17 Data Protection and Image Rights

18.1. 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](#)

18.2 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 ICRA.

18 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 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.

18.2 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.



19 INSURANCE [DP] [NP]

19.1 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.

20 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



