



JUNIOR OPEN EVENT
and
International Mirror Class Association
Northern Championships
27th/28th June 2015
Sligo Yacht Club
Rosses Point, Sligo, Ireland.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Junior Open regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the rules of Sligo Yacht Club, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 The Mirror Northern Championship will also be governed by the rules of the Irish Mirror Class Association.
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.
- 1.4 Each boat shall carry a paddle, a bailer and a towrope of at least 5m length connected to the boat but not connected to any other line.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Junior Open Regatta is open to all classes sailed by Junior Sailors and the Mirror Northerns is open to boats of the Mirror International Class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and sending it, together with the required fee to Sligo Yacht Club by 27th June 2015.
- 3.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: 50 Racing Boats.

- 3.4 All sailors must be current members of the ISA and those sailing in the Mirror Northern Championships must be current members of an affiliated branch of the International Mirror Class Association.
- 3.5 Competitors who are under 18 years of age shall have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. This applies to helms and crews. The parental declaration form is part of the entry form.

4. **ENTRY FEE**

Required fees are as follows:

€50 entry fee for entries received by 1130am on the 27th June 2015. Subject to the restriction on numbers late entries may be accepted at an additional premium of €10

5. **FLEETS**

All boats will sail together.

For the purposes of scoring for the award of subsidiary prizes they may be divided into separate fleets. The designation of fleets shall be at the discretion of the organising authority having regard to the previous performance of the helm and crew in previous events, the age and experience of the helm and crew and any other matters the Authority may consider relevant. The Authority may redesignate any boat at its discretion not later than the commencement of the second days sailing. The decisions of the Authority shall be final.

The Mirror fleet will be scored separately to determine the result of the Mirror Northern Championship

6. **REGISTRATION.**

Day and date: Saturday 27th June 2015 from 10.00 hrs to 12.00 hrs.

7. **SCHEDULE**

7.1 The Event shall consist of Four races. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

7.2 Dates and times of racing:-

Day 1:- Races 1 & 2.

Day 2:- Races 3 & 4

- 7.3 The warning signal for the first race on Day 1 shall be at **13.30** hrs. The warning signal for first race on each day thereafter shall be at **11.00** hrs. The warning signal for a subsequent race or races on each day will be as soon as practical after the completion of the previous race.
- 7.4 The schedule and times of races may be changed at the discretion of the organising authority at its discretion.

8. **MEASUREMENTS**

Boats entering the Mirror Northern Championships may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate. Only sails signed by a class association measurer may be used. All boats may be scrutineered on arrival and may be measured at any time during the Championship.

9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available at Registration. They may also be made available on www.sligoyachtclub.ie prior to registration.

10. **VENUE**

The venue is **Sligo Yacht Club, Rosses Point, County Sligo, Ireland**
Approaching Sligo from the South and East, drive through Sligo Town and turn off the Donegal to Bundoran road after crossing the Garavogue River along the R291. Rosses Point Village lies at the mouth of the river about 7Km from Sligo. Follow the road to Deadman's Point and Sligo Yacht Club is on the left facing Knocknarea.

11. **THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

12. **SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

For the Junior Open Event all boats will be scored using the PY handicapping system.

When more than two races have been completed a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. **PRIZES**

Junior Open Event:

Prizes will be awarded to the boats placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Mirror Northern Championship

The Irish Mirror Class Association "Northerns" perpetual trophy will be awarded.

Prizes will also be awarded for the winning helm and crew in each of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

14. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

15. **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3 million or the equivalent.

16. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Information about accommodation, the locality, Sligo Yacht club, social & catering details can be sourced from the Sligo Yacht Club website.