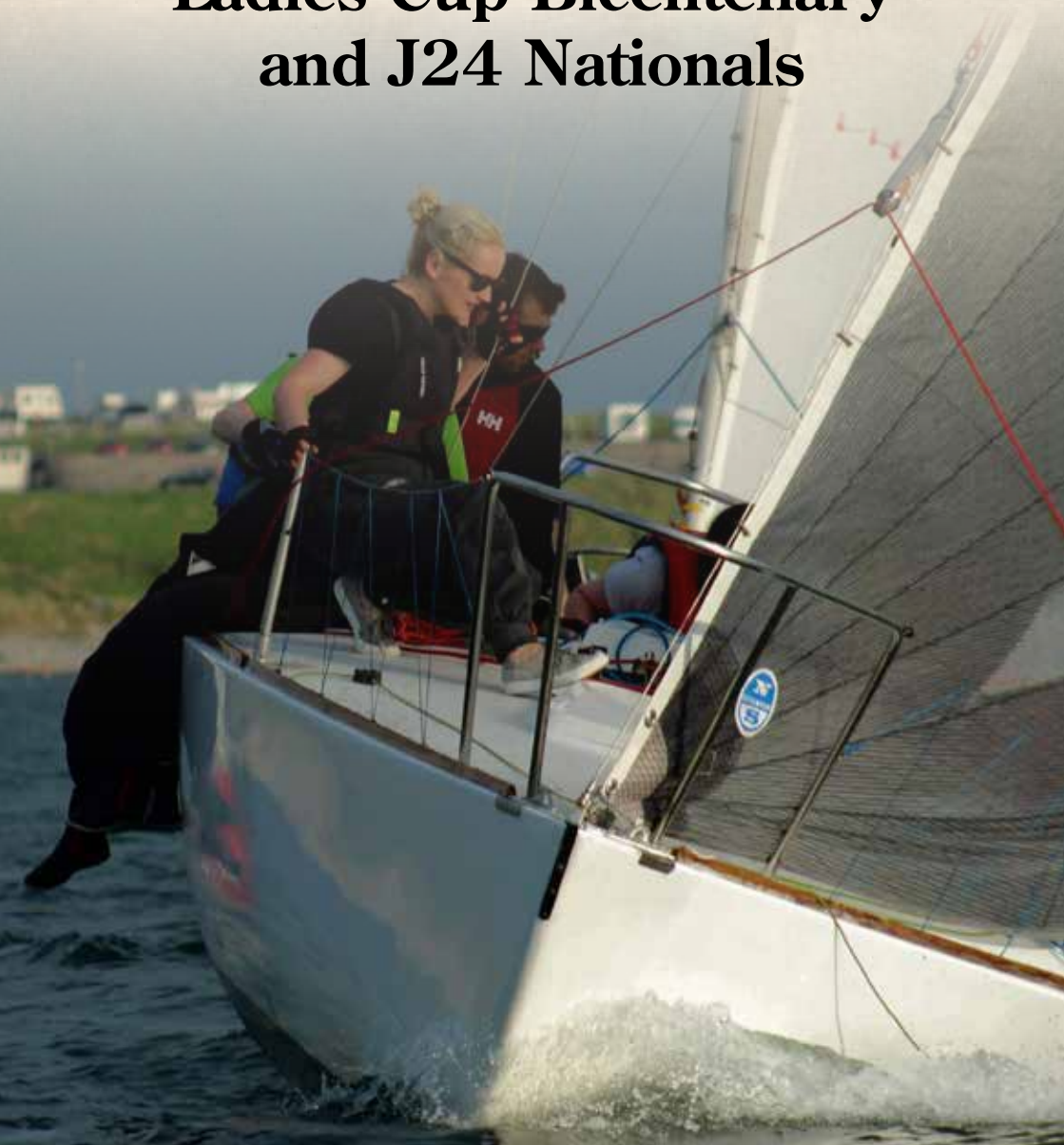




**Sligo Yacht Club**



# Ladies Cup Bicentenary and J24 Nationals





## Sligo Yacht Club



It is my great pleasure and honour welcome all visiting sailors to the J24 Nationals 2021.

On behalf of Sligo Yacht Club, can I wish you all a great weekend of keel boat racing. I hope you enjoy your time in Sligo and get to experience all the fun and fellowship for which the class is re-nowned.

We are very proud to be the host club for 2021, a special year in our club's history, as we celebrate 200 years of sailing in Sligo. We are also delighted to bring this dimension to the event by

incorporating our prized "Ladies Cup" within the race schedule for the weekend. The trophy is dated 1821 - predating The Americas Cup by some 30 years!

I want to also extend my very sincere thanks to all the organising team and club volunteers for all their work in the lead up to the event and for their time and commitment for this weekend.

Here's to a really exciting and enjoyable event on and off the water.

Yours in sailing.

Ken Draper

Commodore SYC

# The “Ladies” Cup

The following gives the original rules;

Annual Boat Race will take place on 6th August 1821.

Printed regulations will be delivered to the Candidates upon application to RB Wynne Esq., Treasurer

A subscription has been raised by the Ladies, and a handsome cup purchased, to be called the “Ladies” Cup, which is to be sailed for annually, under the following rules, viz:-

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Any boat whatever may start, provided she does not exceed in length 26.5 feet from forepart of the stem to the afterpart of the sternpost.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. Strangers will be allowed to enter their boats, as well as persons residing in the county of Sligo.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner to retain the Cup till six days before next years race, and previous to its delivery to him, to give approved security to the Treasurer, that it shall be returned to him safe and in good order, on or before that day.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Any person may start as many boats as he pleases.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. Every boat to be entered in the name of the real owner.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. Each boat to be entered on or before the 1st day of August next, and to pay 15s entrance.
- 7<sup>th</sup>. The boats to start on Tuesday 6th August next at 12 o'clock precisely.
- 8<sup>th</sup>. The Cup to remain in the possession of the winner for the time being, but in no case to become his property.



**Extract from “History of Sligo” Vol III  
by W.G. Wood-Martin, Woodvale House, Sligo  
Published 1891**

In 1821 yacht racing seems first to have been regularly established. In that year a cup was presented by the ladies of the county to the racing community of Lough Gill.

Captain William Rochfort R.N. (who was judge), stated that as the boat race was intended for amusement, as well as to try the rate of sailing under canvas, he strongly recommended plain sails, as “flying kites or fancy sails rendering it extremely dangerous on a squally lake”.



Captain Rochfort’s suggestion was adopted occasionally in the rules of racing for the Cup, but was not incorporated with the original conditions.

The race was a strict class race, the maximum length being fixed at 26 feet 6 inches from the forepart of the stem to the afterpart of the sternpost.

The “Ladies” Cup is of antique design, is hand made, and hold about nine gills.

It is a fine piece of Irish embossed work, in sterling silver, and bears the mark of the Irish Goldsmiths Hall and date letters for the year 1821.

It is 14 ½ inches high, and 13 inches across the rim. The original weight was 69.5 troy ounces. From repeated cleanings it now weights only 68 ounces, but is in excellent preservation.



On the body of the cup is the following inscription;  
“For the encouragement of fast sailing boats on Lough Gill” and its designation “The Ladies Cup” appears on the cover. It is stated that the trade value of the cup would be about £70, but owing to the scarcity of good plate of genuine Irish Manufacture it’s value – from an antiquarian stand-point would now be double the above sum.

The “Sligo Yacht Club” comprises of ten boats; it has a commodore, vice commodore and secretary; the burgee is red, with a white anchor and black letter.

Since Sligo Yacht Club was re-established in the late 1960's, the "Ladies" Cup has once again become a much-coveted trophy, raced for each year on Sligo Bay.



On the Bi-centenary Celebration of the "Ladies" Cup. It is fitting that we return to the concept of a strict class event. As per the original rules, this year's entrants must all be under 26.5 feet.

The 1821 entry fee of 15 shillings, was the equivalent of over five days wages for a skilled tradesman. Two hundred years later, it is nice to know that sailing has become a considerably less expensive sport.

The historical value of the trophy to the wider community means that the trophy is now kept on permanent public display in the County Sligo Museum, released only once a year into the care of Sligo Yacht Club so it can be presented to the winning crew.

While the winners can hold it aloft, might even fill it and taste from the Cup, regardless of what approved security they can offer the club Treasurer, they can, unfortunately no longer retain the cup in their possession.

The Committee and members of Sligo Yacht Club are looking forward to welcoming strangers and residents of Sligo for what we trust will be a bi-centenary regatta worthy of the "Ladies" of Sligo.





# SLIGO YACHT CLUB

SailSligo200 Regatta  
incorporating

International J24 Class Association of Ireland

**National Championships**

and

**The “Ladies” Cup**

Friday 6th August - Sunday 8th August 2021



## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Sligo Yacht Club Ltd., in association with the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

### **2. VENUE**

The venue will be the waters in the vicinity of Rosses Point, Co. Sligo.

### **3. RULES**

- 3.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”) 2021 - 2024. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 3.2 The Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 3.3 The rules of the International J24 Class shall apply.
- 3.4 The rules of Sligo Yacht Club shall apply.
- 3.5 Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on [www.sligyachtclub.ie](http://www.sligyachtclub.ie)

### **4. ADVERTISING**

- 4.1 Advertising for the regatta shall follow RRS 80. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA
- 4.2 The OA may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material, as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International J24 Class Rule 24.
- 4.3 The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the event if there is, in its opinion, a conflict of interest between a competitor’s sponsor and the event sponsor.
- 4.4 Any boat considering accepting or entering with sponsorship that might be affected by this rule is advised to contact the OA before entering.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

### 5.1 General

All competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Rules (Regulation 19). The Regatta is open to boats registered with the International J24 Class, whose helm or registered owners are members of a National J24 Class Association recognised by the International J24 Class Association.

### 5.2 Crew Weight

The OA may require all competitors to “weigh in” at Registration, to ensure compliance with the J24 Class Rules C 2.1 “The crew shall consist of a minimum of three people and the combined weight (in swim wear) of all crew members shall not exceed 400kg.”

### 5.3 Entry procedure

Entries can be made online, via the Sligo Yacht Club website ([www.sligoyachtclub.ie](http://www.sligoyachtclub.ie)) or by returning the entry form, with fee, which can be downloaded from the same website.

### 5.4 Craned “Lift in” at Port of Sligo, Ballast Quay, Sligo will be available on Thursday 5th August from 1600 until 1930. Craned “Lift Out” will be available after racing concludes on Sunday 8th August. There is no charge for use of the crane during these times.

Use of a crane at any other time is by arrangement only and will incur a lifting fee.

### 5.5 Entry fee

#### **J24 National Championships**

A fee of €170.00 shall be paid in advance of racing.

#### **Ladies Cup Bi-Centenary Regatta**

A fee of €30.00 shall be paid in advance of racing.

25% Discount to all Under 25 teams.

All Entries received prior to the 1st July, will be entered into a raffle, the winner of which will have their entry fee waived and money returned.

Please enter early to help us plan the event properly !

**In the event the event is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, entry fees will be returned in full to the competitors.**

### 5.6 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor’s decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect.

By way of entry to the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the International J24 Class Association, the International J24 Association of Ireland, Sligo Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta.

Competitors shall acknowledge that International J24 Class Association, the International J24 Association of Ireland, Sligo Yacht Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

#### 5.7 Insurance

All boats shall have third party insurance cover of not less than €2,000,000.00 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

### 6. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place in the Race Office in Sligo Yacht Club.

Registration times:

Thursday 5th August 2021: 1830 - 2000

Friday 6th August 2021: 0900 - 0930

### 7. RACE SCHEDULE

It is proposed to sail eight races.

*J24 National Championship*

All races sailed will count as part of this series

A minimum of three races must be sailed to constitute a series.

*Ladies Cup*

The first five races sailed (on Friday and Saturday only), will count as part of this series.

A minimum of one race must be sailed to constitute a series.

Proposed Schedule of Races:

Friday 6th August 2021: Up to four races

Saturday 7th August 2021: Up to four races.

Sunday 8th August 2021: Remaining races to complete series of eight races.

No Warning signal will be made for a race after 1500 Sunday 8th August 2021.

Regatta Briefing: 0945 Friday 6th August 2021

Warning Signal: 1125 Friday 6th August 2021

1125 Saturday 7th August 2021

1025 Sunday 8th August 2021

Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.



## 8. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score/s discarded according to the table below. Rule A4 is amended to accommodate rule A5 and will be used even when a series is a Regatta.

### *J24 National Championship*

Discards applied based on races sailed

1, 2 or 3 races sailed - no discard

4 or more races sailed - 1 discard

### *Ladies Cup Bi-Centenary*

Discards applied based on races sailed

1, 2, 3 or 4 races sailed - no discard

5 races sailed - 1 discard

## 9. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by OA.

The Ladies Cup and Elsie Trophy remain the property of Sligo Yacht Club and are permanently retained on the premises of Sligo Yacht Club or at Sligo Museum. Perpetual J24 Class prizes remain the property of the International J24 Class Association of Ireland.

**It is the intention of the OA to hold the Prize Giving for The Ladies Cup and Elsie Trophy on Saturday night.**

## 10. DINING

A championship dinner may be held on the evening of Saturday 7th August, in Sligo Yacht Club.

Tickets may be reserved at registration.

## 11. CAMPING

Free Camping will be available on the green area Adjacent to Sligo Yacht for the duration of the event.

## 12. COVID-19

12.1 Participate in this event only if you are healthy with no symptoms of COVID-19, have been healthy and symptom free for the past two weeks, and have not been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms in the past two weeks.

12.2 Social Distancing and other appropriate anti-COVID-19 measures as prescribed by the Government and Irish Sailing must be practiced.

For further details see:

[https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/covid19/public\\_health\\_measures\\_for\\_covid19.html](https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/covid19/public_health_measures_for_covid19.html)

<https://www.sailing.ie/Coronavirus>

12.3 All competitors are encouraged to download and use the COVID Tracker Ap.

#### 12.4 Disclaimer of liability – COVID-19

Neither The J24 class association of Ireland nor Sligo Yacht Club can guarantee that competitors will not be exposed to or infected by the COVID-19 virus as a result of participating in Championship Competitors are deemed to have assumed the risk if they participate. To the greatest extent permitted by law, neither The J24 Class association nor Sligo Yacht Club nor their respective representatives (including, without limitation, their respective committees, flag officers, race officers, safety officers, rescue personnel and organisers) will be liable for any ill health or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Championships.





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