



NOTICE OF RACE SLIGO YACHT CLUB

2024 CLUB RACING SEASON

1. Sligo Yacht Club will be the Organising Authority for racing on Sligo Bay during the season. A Sailing Calendar giving the details of the Club races for all fleets, will be published and made available to all club members.
2. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the; *Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024)*, *Sligo Yacht Club Policies*, this *Notice of Race* and the *Sailing Instructions*. In the case of a conflict in the Rules the *Sailing Instructions* will take precedence.
3. The Club Sailing Policy contains general requirements for organised sailing activities. These general requirements apply to all Club racing during the season.
4. Racing is open to all Club members with sailing privileges.
5. The Club Standard Sailing Instructions change the following rules of the RRS:
 - a. The preamble to Part 4 and Rule 40 such that personal flotation devices must be worn at all times.
 - b. Rule 26 to use an alternative starting.
6. Club members must complete the Club Racing Entry Form in advance of commencing Club Racing in the current season.
7. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment is in **compliance with their class rules**.
8. The Club Standard **Sailing Instructions** will be made available on the Club Notice Board and on the Club website prior to Club Racing starting for the season.
9. **Courses and Start Sequences** for racing will be as set out by the PRO on any given race. Examples of Club racing courses are included in the Club Racing Sailing Instructions.
10. **Penalties** for breaking a rule of Part 2 of RRS will apply, with the exception that boats of the ALL classes need only take a one turn penalty in place of a two turn penalty.



11. **Scoring** will generally be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, with the following amendments;
- a. for series with races run over over non-consecutive days.
 - i. Competitors that are marked OCS, BFD, UFD, DNF or Retired will be scored “Finishers +1”
 - ii. Competitors that DNS, DSQ, DNE, DGM OR DNC will be scored “In Class +1”
 - b. Applicable to all club races
 - i. Sailors allocated to Club duties during a series may claim average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in. Average points will be calculated at the end of the series on the basis of all races in the series that the sailor sailed in, irrespective of whether or not these races are subsequently discarded.

12. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.