



## **Irish University Match Racing Invitational**

**23rd- 24th March 2024**

**National Yacht Club**

### **Notice of Race**

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race

PC: Protest Committee

NoR: Notice of Race

OA: Organising Authority

NYC: National Yacht Club

RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing

SI: Sailing Instruction

RC: Race Committee

IUSA: Irish University Sailing Association

[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR

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### **1. Organising Authority and Venue**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the National Yacht Club
- 1.2 The venue will be the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire
- 1.3 For the duration of the event all competitors and volunteers shall be granted temporary membership of the National Yacht Club.

### **2. Rules**

- 2.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including RRS Appendix C.
- 2.2 The bye-laws of the National Yacht Club shall apply.
- 2.3 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies at all times whilst afloat.
- 2.4 If there is a conflict between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence unless specifically stated otherwise. This alters RRS 63.7.
- 2.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 2.6 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing

Instructions will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.

- 2.7 Class rules will not apply.
- 2.9 This event is a World Sailing Grade 4. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is a clear reason to do so.
- 2.10 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1 Initially expressions of interest shall be made directly to the OA via this [Link](https://form.jotform.com/233176652560053) (<https://form.jotform.com/233176652560053>) no later than 23:59 1st March 2024.
- 3.2 Invitations will be issued no later than 15th March 2024.
- 3.3 A maximum of 10 teams will be invited by the OA to compete in the event
- 3.4 The OA intends to choose entries in the following order:
  - a) In the first instance, one team per university.
  - b) If less than 10 teams, from 10 universities enter, then at the discretion of the OA universities may be awarded a second team should the team fit within the parameters of this event. The institution(s) chosen may be based on IUSA rankings.
- 3.5 Each team member shall be from the institution they are representing.
- 3.6 Each team shall be limited to 4 persons of mixed gender who's combined weight does not exceed 270 kg dressed in at least shorts and shirts.
- 3.7 Following the declaration of crew prior to the event, a crew member may not be added, removed or substituted without prior written approval from the RC.
- 3.8 [NP] Decisions of the OA about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress this amends rules 62.1 and 63.1.
- 3.9 All competitors shall hold a World Sailor ID. (WS Sailing ID can be obtained by registering online at <https://www.sailing.org/sailors/world-sailing-profile/> ). Skippers shall inform the OA of their WS Sailor ID at registration.

### **4. Entry**

- 4.1. Only teams invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, will be eligible to enter this event
- 4.2 Teams shall pre-authorise a damage deposit of €300, by means of a credit card, to the National Yacht Club.

- 4.3 Should any damage occur, any apportioned damages shall be deducted from the damage deposit prior to its return.
- 4.4 An entry fee of €200 shall be paid directly to The National Yacht Club by means of credit card prior to the event.
- 4.5 A payment link will accompany the invitation to the event to pay the damage deposit and entry fee.
- 4.6 For the invitation to be accepted, and the entry deemed valid, the entry fee and damage deposit must be paid by the deadline outlined in the invitation
- 4.7 If the invitation is not accepted by the deadline, the OA may withdraw the invitation.
- 4.8 All competitors shall be members of the Irish Match Racing Association at the time of competition

## 5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the National Yacht Club website, the Irish Match Racing Association website and circulated to competitors via an event whatsapp group at least one week before the event.

## 6. Provisional Schedule

- 6.1 The race office will be open from 0830-0900 on Saturday 23rd March to facilitate weigh in and registration.
- 6.2 A briefing to all competitors will take place at 0900 on Saturday 23rd March 2024, in the National Yacht Club.
- 6.3 The latest time for a warning signal to sound shall be 1600 on Sunday 24th April.
- 6.4 Prizegiving will follow as soon as is reasonably possible after racing on Sunday.

## 7. Schedule of Races

- 7.1. Races shall be as per the schedule in the Sailing Instructions.

Date	Intended First Attention Signal
23/3/24	0945
24/2/24	0945

## **8. Racing area**

8.1 The Races will be sailed in the waters of Dun Laoghaire Harbour

## **9. Event Format**

9.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

9.2 The event format will consist of Round Robin(s), Knock-out Series and Finals racing. The exact format will be specified in the sailing instructions

9.3 Should wind, weather or other conditions make it unlikely to complete the scheduled number of races within the time schedule, the event format may be terminated, shortened or altered in order to declare a champion.

## **10. Scoring**

10.1 The scoring system of RRS Appendix C - 10 will apply

## **11. Equipment**

11.1 The event will be sailed in NYCs Elliott 6m, provided by the NYC

11.2. Spinnaker use is at the discretion of the race committee. This will be fully outlined in the Sailing Instructions.

11.3 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee. The intention of the RC will be to allocate boats by draw, either daily or for each round. The RC may also require boats to be exchanged in a knock-out stage.

11.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## **12. Code of Conduct**

12.1. Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, and shall behave so as to not bring the event into disrepute.

12.2. Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, and in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## **13. Media, Images and Sound**

13.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority

the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish for any purpose and in any media, the names, photographs, and video footage taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during, and after the race without compensation.

#### **14. Disclaimer**

- 14.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not be held responsible for the damage of any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor. By participating in this regatta, each competitor agrees to release the race organisers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **15. Further Information**

- 15.1 For further information please contact [hello@irishmatchracingassociation.com](mailto:hello@irishmatchracingassociation.com)