

ISA All Ireland Sailing Championship 2015

**National Yacht Club
Dun Laoghaire - Co. Dublin**

October 3rd – 4th 2015

NOTICE of RACE

1. Rules.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing including ISA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and the ISA SailFleet rules for boat handling. Any change to this Notice will be published on the ISA website www.sailing.ie
- 1.2 The Organising Authority (OA) is the ISA in association with National Yacht Club (NYC) and SailFleet Ltd.
- 1.3 Personal floatation devices shall be worn while afloat. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and rule 40.
- 1.4 Advertising on the boats and equipment is only available to the OA.
- 1.5 The event will be sailed in J80 boats provided by SailFleet Ltd. Competitors shall not alter, add, modify or change the equipment or boat.
- 1.6 The OA reserves the right to vary the format to suit the conditions. This may include the curtailment of the qualifying flights or the repêchage and the use of a lottery to select competitors to advance to ISA All Ireland Sailing Championship Final on Sunday. If the race committee decides that sailing is not possible the event will not be rescheduled.

2. Nominations & Eligibility.

- 2.1 Nominations will be accepted from a Class Association affiliated to the ISA with all fees paid up to date.
- 2.2 Nominees shall be members of the class association, and an affiliated club of the ISA.
- 2.3 Nominating classes shall comply with the ISA policy of class national championships being under the management of an ISA National Race Officer.
- 2.4 The ISAF Sailor Classification system will apply; competitors shall be Group 1 except that a Group 3 sailor may participate in the competition only as an invited helm.

3. Invitations

3.1 Selection will be made by a Steering Group and a total of not more than 16 invitations sent in accordance with the criteria outlined below:

- a) . The Champion from the preceding year shall be invited. (1 place)
- b) Class nominees shall be divided into two pots - one for dinghies and one for keelboats, which shall include both dayboats such as Dragons and 'cruiser racers' such as IRC Classes. The top 3 Classes in each pot, in terms of boats at their National Championship, shall automatically be entitled to have their champion invited to the event. All entries eligible to win the title of Irish National Champion shall be considered in calculating the number of entries - i.e. if the Class excludes overseas entries from eligibility for the Irish title then such entries shall not be considered as part of the reckonable list of entries for the purposes of determining the top 3 Classes. Should the Champion be unavailable for the event, the invitation may be issued to either the runner-up or 3rd placed helm at the National Championship, or to the top ranked helm at the end of August on the Class ranking list. When submitting their nominations, the Class shall submit the names and credentials of their primary nominee and eligible substitutes, in order of their priority. Where a Class nominee who has accepted a

nomination does not attend the Event, the right of the Class to nominate its representative shall be withdrawn for the following year. (6 places)

- c) The Steering Group may select up to 3 Wild Cards that are deemed worthy of an invitation to the event. The Wild Cards shall be chosen from the ranks of sailors who have excelled in International competition, either at home or abroad, in the year of the Event. The Olympic and Racing Managers shall jointly compile a short list of those considered meritorious, shall prioritise them and shall submit the names to the SG for consideration. (3 places)
- d) After the nominees from the Dinghy and Keelboat pots have been determined, the remaining Classes (i.e. those not in the top three of each pot) shall be consolidated onto a single list. The top 6 Classes in terms of boats at their National Championship, with overseas entries either included or not as per 2 above, shall then be automatically entitled to have their respective Champions invited to the event. If the invited person declines their invitation the Class's other nominees shall NOT be automatically entitled to take up the place. Instead, the next Class on the list of Championship attendees shall be invited to take up the declined place. (6 places)

3.2 The ISA will issue invitations to selected nominees with a deadline for acceptance.

3.3 Invitations declined or not accepted in time may be offered to other nominees.

3.4 The ISA may add, suspend or withdraw an invitation at any time.

4. Conditions of Entry.

4.1 Entry to the 2015 ISA All Ireland Sailing Championship is by invitation of the Board of the ISA.

4.2 The entry fee of €130 is paid to NYC on acceptance of an invitation by the date stated.

4.3 A Damage Deposit of €1000 shall be lodged, see 9 below.

4.4 A minimum of three people shall be aboard each boat with a maximum crew weight determined prior to the briefing of 290kg for all on board, when wearing at least shorts and shirt. Thereafter, no change in crew shall be allowed that would increase or reduce the total crew weight by more than 10kg, or result in the maximum weight being exceeded or change the number of crew aboard the boat from that registered.

5. Sailing Instructions and Courses.

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. Courses will be windward/leeward or triangle and described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Format.

6.1 The regatta will consist of two qualifying flights, a repêchage and Final flight.

6.2 The top 3 from each flight will qualify for the Final. Those placed from 4 to 7 in a flight will be invited to compete in a 2 race repêchage series to determine who fills the last two places in the Final.

7. Schedule.

7.1 Friday October 2nd.

Registration and weighing: 18.00-19.30.

7.2 Saturday October 3rd.

Registration and weighing: 08.15 - 09.00.

Briefing: 09.00 with the Race Committee and Protest Committee, including draw for flights and boats.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 in Flight 1 is 10.25hrs, Flight 2 racing will commence after Flight 1 racing has concluded. Each flight will sail up to three races.

7.3 Sunday October 4th.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for race 1 of 2 races in the repêchage is 10.15hrs.

The Final will commence after the repêchage has concluded. The Final will be one flight of up to four races.

8. Protests

Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5(b).

9. Damage Deposits.

A damage deposit will be held in the form of a pre-authorisation on a credit/debit card lodged with NYC before 13.00hrs on Thursday October 1st or cash only at registration. In case of damage to a boat or sails or equipment being deemed the responsibility of a competitor, the competitor will be required to pay up to the

value of the damage, or, the €1000 deposit. Any remaining deposit will be released within 3 days of the completion of the event. The SailFleet schedule of charges for damage / loss will be available at NYC.

10. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the All Ireland Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA and host club NYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the championship. The safety of the boat, crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the invited competitor and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the event.

11. Prizes

The overall winner will be designated as the ISA All Ireland Sailing Champion 2015 and will receive the ISA Helmsman's Trophy and a crew will receive the ISA Crew's Trophy. The winner, second and third in the Championships will also receive ISA Medallions of gold, silver and bronze respectively.

12. Support, Coach and Spectator Boats

Support, Coach and Spectator boats shall register with the Race Office and shall comply with instructions of the Race Committee while in the vicinity of the racing area. Launching and berthing for such boats may be arranged with NYC Sailing Manager - Olivier Prouveur, email: sailing@nyc.ie.

13. Rights to use Name and Likeness

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival, until their final departure, without compensation.

14. Practice Sailing

Sailing time in SailFleet boats is available from 13.00 until 18.00 on Friday October 2nd; subject to the Damage Deposit being lodged, weather conditions and availability of boats. Time slots must be pre-booked with the NYC Sailing Manager - Olivier Prouveur, email: sailing@nyc.ie.

15. Social.

A championship dinner will be held in NYC on Saturday from 19.30, tickets are €35 and places may be booked with the NYC office, email: admin@NYC.ie or booked on the entry form.

Competitors will be granted temporary membership of National Yacht Club for the duration of the event, subject to the rules and regulations of the club.