RS Aero Irish National Championship 2023

Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th June 2023
National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

Kindly sponsored by Bretzel Bakery and supported by RS Sailing Ireland

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by National Yacht Club in conjunction with the RS Aero Ireland Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 ("RRS")*

1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.

1.3 RRS Appendix P, Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty apply to this regatta. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

1.4 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.nyc.ie

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at www.nyc.ie

3.2 A WhatsApp group may be used as means of one-way communication, to include RO, PC, Event chair, Race Office & Results personnel and all competitors

3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS Aero class.

4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Ireland class association or another RS Aero Class Association.

4.3 Only members of the RS Aero Ireland class association normally resident on the island of Ireland ("Irish Boats") are eligible to be awarded the title "National Champion" and the Irish National Championship trophy. For the purposes of the Irish Aero Travellers Ranking series ("Ranking Series"), points in this event will be awarded only to Irish Boats, e.g. 1 for 1st Irish Boat, 2 for 2nd Irish Boat and so on, e.g. if the top two Irish Boats finish 3rd and 5th, they will be awarded 1 and 2 points respectively for the purposes of the Ranking Series.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.nyc.ie.

4.4 Online Entries are open until 23:59 on Monday June 12th 2023. Entries after this date will only be accepted at discretion of the Organising Authority and will be subject to a €20 late entry fee.

4.5 All rigs shall race as one fleet and finishing positions will be calculated using the current RYA Portsmouth Yardstick System.

4.6 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.7 Any rig change during the series shall constitute a new entry.

4.8 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form.

5 FEES

5.1 RS Aero €70
5.2 RS Aero Under 19 yrs €50

6 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 17th June.

7.2 Racing:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 17th June	Races 1 to 3	1155
Sunday 18th June	Races 4 to 6	1055

7.3 Six Races are scheduled.

7.4 It may be decided to run an additional race on either day of the event.

7.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

10 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be on the waters of Dublin Bay.

11 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward, Olympic or Trapezoid.

12 SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be her total score excluding her worst score.

13 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

13.1 [DP] Support Person Vessels shall register with the race office and shall be identified with a numbered flag.

13.2 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

13.3 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

14 [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL
The Basic Principle says: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing". Therefore all sailors are asked to follow RRS 47 -Trash disposal- before, during and after the event : "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification"

15 DATA PROTECTION
The Data Processing Policy is available on the National Yacht Club website.

16 RISK STATEMENT

16.1 RRS3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element

of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

17   INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EUR 3,000,000 per incident.

18   PRIZES

18.1   Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee as follows:

First, Second and Third overall
First in each fleet where not included above.
First Junior (under 19 on December 31st, 2023)
First Female
First Masters (over 55)
First Novice

18.2   The first Irish Boat overall will be awarded the Irish National Championship Trophy
First, Second and Third Irish Boats overall will be awarded Irish Sailing medals.

19   COACHING

19.1   A joint Irish Sailing & RS Aero Ireland coaching day will take place on Friday June 16th starting at @ 10:00 Note: Coaching may be cancelled based on an insufficient number of responses in the online booking form or if weather conditions are unsuitable. Coaching is open to all members of the RS Aero Ireland Class whether or not they have entered the event. A nominal fee may apply to boats participating in coaching only.

19.2   [NP] On-the-water fleet coaching will be provided on June 17&18 with the aim of helping and encouraging beginners and improvers.

20   FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Noel Butler, Event Chair on 086 8222523, noel.butler@gmail.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE