



Irish Ruffian 23 National Championships 2023

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

28th to 30th July 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the National Yacht Club (NYC), East Pier, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.

2. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024; the prescriptions of Irish Sailing (IS); Part 1 of the Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024; the Ruffian 23 Class Rules; this Notice of Race; the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. In the event of a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race or any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

The event is open to all Ruffian 23 Class boats in compliance with the Ruffian 23 Class Rules. Eligible boats may enter by online entry at www.nyc.ie. The entry fee is €150. There is an early bird entry fee of €120 for boats entering before 21st July 2023. The owner or owner's representative of each boat must be a paid-up member of the Irish Ruffian Association, be that a full or temporary member.

4. SCHEDULE

There will be no race briefing. Seven races are scheduled to be sailed over the three days. The first warning signal on Friday 28th July will be made at 15:55 hours. The first Warning Signal on Saturday 29th July and Sunday 30th July will be made at 10:55 hours. No Warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours on Sunday 30th July except after a General Recall. To achieve a minimum of 4 races, it may be necessary to hold an extra race on Saturday or Sunday.

5. COURSES

Racing will take place on Dublin Bay. Courses will be of the Windward-Leeward and Triangular types.

6. CERTIFICATION & EQUIPMENT CHECK

The organising authority reserves the right to inspect equipment and/or measure boats, sails, or equipment before or during an event. Unmeasured sails will not be accepted.

7. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the prior written permission of the race committee. Any boat permitted by the race committee to be removed from the water to inspect damage and/or effect repairs shall not be scrubbed or cleaned below the waterline other than is necessary to effect repairs and must be re-launched as soon as possible.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available in advance on the Ruffian 23 Class website www.ruffians.ie and www.nyc.ie

9. EQUIPMENT, SAFETY AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Ruffian 23 Class Rules.

9.2 (a) Boats are required to carry a working marine VHF, for the purposes of safety and to receive broadcasts by the Race Committee of course location and Race Signals. This changes Class Rule 15.

9.2(b) Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). The channel used will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

10. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Electronic equipment shall not be carried except as allowed by class rules and SI 9. Note: Class rules prohibit the use of GPS whilst racing.

11. SCORING

The Low Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boats championship score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Gold Fleet and 1st & 2nd in the Silver Fleet.

The Gold & Silver fleets will be determined by dividing the fleet in half using the final results; should there be an uneven number of entries the middle-placed boat will be assigned to the Gold Fleet. The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveller outside the first 3 boats in the Gold Fleet.

13. BERTHING AND CRANING

Visiting boats may be craned in and out (a flat fee of €100 will apply) and moored at the NYC dock. Boat owners are advised to bring sufficient dock lines, springs and adequate fenders. Craning and mooring is entirely at boat owner's risk. Please contact the Club on 01-2805725 and ask for the boathouse office.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3 – Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. National Yacht Club, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats, and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

15. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All competitors are granted temporary membership of the National Yacht Club for the duration of the event & invited to avail of all the Club facilities, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. A Championship dinner will be held on the evening of Saturday 29th July. Food will be available in NYC after racing on Saturday and Sunday.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 or equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please see the NYC website www.nyc.ie or contact the Sailing Manager (01 -280 5725), the Irish Ruffian Association at irish.ruffian.association@gmail.com or Feena Lynch on 087 2251791.