



National Yacht Club Match Racing Winter Series

26th October - 30th November 2024

1. Organising Authority and Venue

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the National Yacht Club (NYC).
- 1.2 The venue will be the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire.
- 1.3 For the duration of the series, 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, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 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 apply to any practice sailing.
- 2.7 Class rules will not apply.

3. Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available before the first weekend of sailing.

4. Entry and Eligibility

- 4.1 A maximum of 6 skippers per session will be invited by the OA to compete in the series each week, there will be a maximum of four sessions each weekend based on demand.
- 4.2 Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter the series
- 4.3 Skippers shall express their
- 4.4 National Yacht Club Members shall be given priority in accessing the series over non-members.
- 4.5 Should there not be enough interest for your first preference session, the OA will endeavour to facilitate you during another session.
- 4.6 Skippers expressing their interest for the series can do so at this link:
<https://forms.gle/fWH1WQK7coUbkBFi9> no later than 23:59 on 17th October 2024.
- 4.7 A non refundable entry fee the series shall be paid prior to the start of the of the series through a payment link circulated with the invitation.
- 4.8 Should a skipper be unable to make one or more weeks they must ensure a team is made to fill their space as it impacts on other teams during the session. No partial refunds will be given for missing one or more sessions.
- 4.9 The series entry fee for shall be €230 for members of the National Yacht Club and €270 for non-members of the National Yacht Club

5. Event Format

- 5.1 The OA intends on providing four Elliott 6m type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 5.2 The course will be a windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 5.3 The races will be sailed in the waters of Dun Laoghaire Harbour.
- 5.4 The series format will consist of one or more Round Robins during each session, each week of the series.
- 5.5 Should wind, weather or other conditions result in the cancelation of a session, the OA will endeavour to add addition make up sessions
- 5.6 Due to the availability of four boats and five to six teams per session, the teams who are not sailing shall act as umpires or mark layers while they wait to be swapped into boats.

6. Provisional Schedule

There will be a maximum of four sessions across the weekend based on interest.

Session	Time
Saturday AM	0900- 1200
Saturday PM	1200- 1600
Sunday AM	0900- 1200
Sunday PM	1200- 1600

7. Scoring

- 7.1 The scoring system of RRS Appendix C - 10 will apply
- 7.2 An accumulative score may be accumulated over the course of the series in order to determine the overall winner of each session

8. Disclaimer

- 8.1 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 series, 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.