



Irish 2.4mR National Championships 2025

20th, 21st and 22nd June 2025

Sailing Instructions

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

Organising authority

The organising authority is the National Yacht Club and the and the Irish 2.4 Metre Association

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of Irish Sailing, and the Irish 2.4 Metre Association class rules, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

2. Notice to Competitors and Briefing

2.1 A Briefing will be held on the platform of the NYC at 13.30 on Friday 20th

2.2 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board at www.nyc.ie

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 09.00 hours on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted before 20.00 hours on the day before it shall take effect.

4. Communication with Competitors

4.1 Notices to the competitors will be posted on the official notice board at www.nyc.ie

4.2 The race office is located at the club just off the deck area

4.3 [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.

5. Signals Made Ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the National Yacht Club

5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP

6. Code of Conduct

6.1 [NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

7. Schedule of Races

7.1 As per SI 2.1 there will be a briefing on Friday 20th June

7.2 Eight (8) Races are scheduled for the event

Day	No of Races Scheduled	First Warning Signal	High Water	Height
Friday 20 th June	2	14.35	7.56pm	3.11
Saturday 21 st June	3	11.35	8.04pm	3.31
Sunday 22 nd June	3	10.55	9.12am	3.36

7.3 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule. This will be signalled by the committee vessel displaying Flag R at the end of the previous race

7.4 No warning signal shall be made after 1500 on Sunday 22nd June.

7.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7.6 For the second and subsequent Races the warning signal will be 'back-to-back' of the preceding races except on Saturday when there will be a break for lunch. Details of the timing will be provided at the briefing.

8. Class Flag

8.1 The Class Flag will be International Code Flag Q (yellow)

9. Racing Area

9.1 The race area will be the waters of Dun Laoghaire Harbour or, if conditions are suitable the surrounding bay

10. The Course

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward / Leeward

10.2 The diagram below, marked course, shows the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. No later than the warning signal of each race the course number to be used will be displayed on the committee boat.

11. The Marks

11.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be orange inflatable buoys.

11.2 The starting and finishing marks will be a Dan buoy with Flag at the port end of the line

12. The Start

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26

12.2 The Starting line will be between a red / white pole displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and a starting mark at the port end.

12.3 Inner distance marks may be laid adjacent to the race committee boat, not necessarily on the starting line, and, if laid, are starting marks according to RRS 18.1(a) and RRS 31. No boat shall pass between the inner distance mark(s) and the race committee boat. A boat passing between this mark(s) and the race committee boat may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 61.1 (a).

12.4 A boat starting 10 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

13. Change of Position of the Next Mark of the Course

13.1 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS33

14. Shortening Course

14.1 If a committee vessel is positioned at a mark and displaying ICF 'F' with intermittent sound signals all boats after rounding that mark, will then sail directly to the finish and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark. This is in addition to RRS 32.2.

15. The Finish

15.1 The finish will be signalled by the display of a blue flag on the race committee boat. The finishing line will be between the red/white pole on the race committee boat and the finish mark.

15.2 A boat not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

16. Penalty System

16.1 The scoring penalty rule 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply.

17. Protests

17.1 Protests shall conform to the requirements of RRS Part 5, Section A, and shall be written on ISA protest forms, available at <http://www.nyc.ie> This amends RRS 61.2.

17.2 Protests shall be lodged each day within one hour of the last boat to finish in the last race of each day.

17.3 Protest hearings schedule shall be posted on event notice board, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to make themselves available at the time and place indicated.

18. Scoring

18.1 2 (Two) races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

18.2 The low point scoring system shall be used in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

18.3 Once 4 (Four) or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

19. Safety Regulations

19.1 Rule 40.1 applied (personal floating device)

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

20.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Organising Authority.

20.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21. Measurement

21.1 Boats and Crew may be inspected to ensure compliance at any time during the event.

22. Prizes

See NOR 12

23. Disclaimer of Liability

23.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** The National Yacht Club and the Irish 2.4MT Class Association their officers, servants and agents 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.

23.2 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner’s representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race.

24. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than €1.5 million

The course

A number will be displayed on the committee boat denoting the course below to be sailed

- 1. W – L – Finish**
- 2. W – L – W – L - Finish**
- 3. W – L – W – L – W – L – Finish**

