



National Yacht Club Match Racing Spring Series 2026

Saturday 14th, 21st and 28th February

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, Dún Laoghaire.
- 1.3 For the duration of the series, all competitors and volunteers shall be granted temporary membership of the National Yacht Club during racing sessions.
- 1.4 The Series will run over the course of three weeks

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.
- 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 at all times.
- 2.7 Class rules will not apply.
- 2.8 Sailors must give way to all commercial traffic, including cruise ship tenders and naval vessels, at all times while afloat. This may include abandoning racing for a time. Failure to comply with this rule may, at the discretion of the OA, result in series points deduction or disqualification from one or more sailing sessions without refund.

3. Sailing Instructions

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





4. Entry and Eligibility

- 4.1 A maximum of six skippers per session will be invited by the OA to compete in the series.
- 4.2 Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter the series.
- 4.3 National Yacht Club members shall be given priority in accessing the series over non-members.
- 4.4 Skippers expressing their interest for the series can do so at the following link <https://forms.gle/CgqtdpArPjcdwX6A>
- 4.5 A non-refundable entry fee for the series shall be paid prior to the start of the series through a payment link circulated with the invitation.
- 4.6 Should a skipper be unable to make one or more weeks, they shall ensure a team is available to fill their space, as this impacts other teams during the session. No partial refunds will be given for missing one or more sessions.
- 4.7 The series entry fee shall be: €130 There shall be no session-by-session payments.

5. Event Format

- 5.1 The OA intends to provide four Elliott 6m type boats for racing. Each boat will have the following sails: mainsail, jib, and spinnaker.
- 5.2 The course will be a windward/leeward course with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 5.3 The races will be sailed in the waters of Dún Laoghaire Harbour.
- 5.4 The series format will consist of one or more round robins during each weekly session.
- 5.5 Should wind, weather, or other conditions result in the cancellation of a session, the OA will endeavour to add additional make-up sessions if possible.
- 5.6 Due to the availability of four boats and five to six teams per session, teams not sailing shall act as umpires or mark layers while waiting to be swapped into boats.

6. Provisional Schedule

- 6.1 The first warning or attention signal shall be at 11:00 on each day of racing.
- 6.2 Racing shall take place each Saturday morning between 10:00 and 14:00.



7. Scoring

- 7.1 The scoring system of RRS Appendix C10 will apply.
- 7.2 An accumulative score shall be recorded over the course of the series to determine the overall winner of each session and the overall series winner.

8. Disclaimer

- 8.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by its nature 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 risks involved in the sport and accept responsibility for exposure to such risks.
 - B. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore.
 - C. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - D. The provision of race management, patrol boats, officials, and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - E. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or event and to attend any safety briefings.
 - F. It is their responsibility to ensure they are familiar with the type of boat used and the supplied equipment.
 - G. It is their responsibility to ensure all supplied equipment is carried on board.
 - H. They confirm that they are fit to sail and that the boat and crew are capable of competing in the anticipated conditions.
- 8.2 By participating in this event, competitors grant the Organising Authority the right to use images and sound recordings of their participation for editorial, promotional, or advertising purposes without compensation