

# 31.7 National Championships 2026

## National Yacht Club

Saturday 19th – Sunday 20th September 2026

### NOTICE OF RACE

The event will be organised by the National Yacht Club in association with the Beneteau 31.7 Ireland Class Association.

*The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

### RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions shall be available online from the NYC website ([NYC.ie](http://NYC.ie)) from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### COMMUNICATION

The race office is located in the National Yacht Club sailing office.

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 73

On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sis.

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

### ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Event is open to Beneteau First 31.7 boats owned by members of the Association. Boats normally kept outside of the island of Ireland are deemed to be temporary members for this event.

All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of the Beneteau 31.7 Ireland Class Association and their National Sailing Authority

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online via NYC.ie.

In addition to racing under scratch, boats shall be rated by the Committee of the 31.7 association based on the DBSC ECHO as at 27 August 2026 if applicable and if not by reference to recent results .

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

Boats should enter before 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026 but early entry would be much appreciated Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority .

### FEES

The entry fee is €100.

### CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

### ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

## QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

## SCHEDULE

Registration:

| Date           | From | To    |
|----------------|------|-------|
| 18th September | 1800 | 2000  |
| 19th September | 9.00 | 10.00 |

Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10.00 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Racing:

| Date                       | Number of races |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> September | 3               |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> September | 2               |

5 races are scheduled.

The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September is 1130. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September is 11.00

No Warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day of racing.

## EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

A boat may be checked for compliance with class rules at any time by the 31.7 Class Captain. Boats coming from outside the region must contact the class captain in advance if they wish to race in scratch.

All such participants wishing to race scratch shall sign a declaration of compliance with class rules prior to competing..

## CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

A Personal Flotation Device (PFD) with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newtons shall be carried for each person on board. Each PFD shall be either of the compressed gas automatically inflatable type, or of the permanently buoyant type or a combination of both. RRS 40.1 applies.

Boats shall show a distinguishing number on each side of the mainsail, which shall be the same as declared on her entry.

A boat intending to change a sail number shall give written notice to the race committee before the warning signal of the race concerned. No boat may use the same sail number as another boat in the regatta.

## VENUE

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

## COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward.

## PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event.

## SCORING

Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

When four or more races are sailed, a boat shall discard her worst result.

## SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Does not apply.

## CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

## BERTHING AND TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

Berthing will be available for visiting boats.

Competitors and race committee are granted temporary membership of the National Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding of such membership.

## HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the race committee

## DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event

Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

## DATA PROTECTION

The data processing policy is available on the club website [nyc.ie](http://nyc.ie).

## RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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.

The National Yacht Club and the Beneteau 31.7 Ireland Class Association together with their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for the loss of life or property, or personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the Beneteau 31.7 National Championship event, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk.

### INSURANCE

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

### PRIZES

Prizes shall be awarded to the first three boats in Scratch and Handicap divisions.

Perpetual Trophies shall be presented to the winners in Scratch and Handicap divisions.

A boat shall not receive a Scratch and a Handicap prize.

The Scratch prize shall take precedence.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: Roger Conan 087-8108565 and email [rogerfrankconan@gmail.com](mailto:rogerfrankconan@gmail.com)

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

