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Irish Ruffian 23 National Championships  
National Yacht Club  
18th to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is The National Yacht Club (NYC), Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.

### 2. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020; the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA); Part 1 of the Equipment Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020; The Ruffian 23 Class Rules; this Notice of Race; the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

### 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](http://www.nyc.ie). The entry fee is €115. There is an early bird entry fee of €95 for boats entering before 8<sup>th</sup> of August

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 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	18.30	2
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10.55	3
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	10.55	2

To achieve a minimum of 4 races, it may be necessary to hold an extra race on Saturday or Sunday. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, no Warning Signal will be made after 15.00

## COURSES

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

### 5. 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.

## **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.

## **6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available in advance on the Ruffian 23 Class website [ruffians.ie](http://ruffians.ie) and on the NYC website [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie)

## **7. EQUIPMENT, SAFETY AND RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

Boats shall comply with the prescriptions set out in the Ruffian 23 Class Rules. Boats are strongly advised to carry marine VHF, for the purposes of safety and to receive broadcasts by the Race Committee of course location and Race Signals. 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.

## **8. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Electronic equipment shall not be carried except as allowed by class rules. Note class rules prohibit GPS for racing.

## **9. SCORING**

The Low Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

## **10. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Gold Fleet and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Silver Fleet. The Gold Fleet will be determined by dividing the fleet in half using the final results. In the event of an uneven number of boats competing in the event, the middle-placed boat will be assigned to the Gold Fleet. The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveller outside of the first 3 boats in the Gold fleet. Special prizes may also be awarded.

## **11. LAUNCHING, RECOVERY & BERTHING**

Launching is available for visiting boats that present themselves to the NYC boathouse. Visiting boats may launch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00 to 19.00 or on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00 to 16.00. All boats should call the NYC Boathouse on 01 2841483 to schedule their launch time. Visiting boats will be moored at the NYC Pontoon. Boat owners are advised to bring sufficient dock lines, springs and adequate fenders. Mooring is entirely at boat owner's risk. Recovery of visiting boats will take place immediately after the last race.

## **12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4 – 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. NYC, 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.

### **13. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. A BBQ will be available after racing on Friday and Sunday.

### **14. REGISTRATION**

Registration will be by way of online entry on the NYC website [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie) where the sailing instructions will be available for download. Copies of the Sailing Instructions will also be available in the Race Office on the Friday before racing.

### **15. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per event or equivalent.

### **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

*For further information, please see the NYC website [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie) or contact the NYC Sailing Manager, Olivier Prouveur at [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie) or mobile 0877936212*