



WIORA 2025

West Coast Championships

Mayo Sailing Club



Wednesday 18th to Saturday 21st June, 2025

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority (OA) is Mayo Sailing Club (MSC) in conjunction with the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association (WIORA)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, IRC, the Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap System, Class Association Rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. Sports boats & One-Designs shall comply with the World Sailing Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 4.
- 1.2 ECHO handicaps will be published before the event starts. ECHO handicaps will be revised during the Championships. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for protest.
- 1.3 IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted.
- 1.4 Crew Limit is IRC plus 1. There are no crew weight limits.
- 1.5 World Sailing Category Group 3 sailors are only allowed to sail under the following conditions: An IRC boat may carry ONE Group 3 sailor on ONE day only. The Group 3 sailor is not allowed to helm.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at www.mayosailingclub.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official online notice board is located at www.mayosailingclub.com
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a radio capable of communicating on VHF Channel 12.
- 3.3 On the water the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors. The VHF channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP][While racing] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 **General.** The Championship is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports boats holding a valid IRC and/or ECHO certificate. Ruffian 23s do not require IRC Certificates.
- 4.2 **Entry.** Entry will be available at www.mayosailingclub.com.
- 4.3 Entrants shall: Comply with Irish Sailing or other national authority eligibility requirements, a copy of their current ECHO and/or IRC Certificate must be available to view throughout regatta, no alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after the 16th June, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors. The OA reserves the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations.
- 4.4 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 4.5 All participating sailors shall be members of the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association for 2025. Subscriptions shall be paid through www.wiora.ie

- 4.6 IRC certs shall be ENDORSED & have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 16th June 2025. Changes to the rating of a boat will not be accepted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct Rating Office errors.
- 4.7 A copy of the boat's current IRC Endorsed certificate shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry Fees:

	White Sails Class	IRC Class	Ruffian 23
PRIOR 19 th May, 2025	€160.00	€180.00	€160.00
AFTER 19 th May, 2025	€180.00	€200.00	€180.00
CLOSING DATE 1600 HRS ON FRIDAY 13th June 2025			

Fees for Ruffian 23 includes entry fee for Ruffian National Championships.

- 5.2 Lift in and lift out plus berthage are included in the entry fee.
- 5.3 Entry fees received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Payments should be made via Mayo Sailing Club website at www.mayosailingclub.com.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS – NOT USED

7 ADVERTISING

Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Advertising Code.

8 QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES – NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 "Lift In" Crane facilities will be available and requirements must be specified on the entry form.
- 9.2 Racing is scheduled for Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th & Saturday 21st June 2025.
- 9.3 It is proposed to hold 7 races, including one (1) coastal race.
- 9.4 Registration will take place in the club at the following times:
 Tuesday 17th June from 1600 to 2100
 Wednesday 18th June from 0800 to 1100.
- 9.5 The Event Briefing will take place Wednesday 18th June at 0900 in the club room.
- 9.6 Proposed Schedule of Races:

Wednesday	18 th June	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal 1200
Thursday	19 th June	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal 1100
Friday	20 th June	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal 1100
Saturday	21 st June	Remaining races	Warning Signal 1100

required to complete the series

Schedule of all subsequent races will be as specified in the Sailing Instructions.

Races on Friday & Saturday for Ruffian 23 class will form part of their national championship. The OA reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

- 9.7 No race will be started after 14:30 on Saturday 21st June, except for postponements, general recalls, and abandonment before the lead boat reaches Mark 1, where the first warning signal of the race was made before 14:30.
- 9.8 "Lift Out" Crane Facilities will be available as soon as practicable after racing on Saturday.

9.9	Tide times	Wednesday 18 th June	HW	1119	3.6m	LW	1738	1.4m
		Thursday 19 th June	HW	1217	3.6m	LW	1843	1.4m
		Friday 20 th June	HW	1322	3.7m	LW	1948	1.3m
		Saturday 21 st July	HW	1430	3.8m	LW	2049	1.1m

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – NOT USED

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT – NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1 Free camping and camper van parking are available on site.

13. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as listed in the Sailing Instructions.

14 NOT USED

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply.

15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than four (4) races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.5 Results will be given under ECHO and IRC systems, and Scratch and ECHO for Ruffian 23s, where appropriate.

16-20 NOT USED

21. DATA PROTECTION

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Event. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see RRS 3 – 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. Mayo Yacht Club Limited trading as Mayo Sailing Club, 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.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded under IRC and ECHO handicap systems depending on the number of entries. In the case of Ruffian 23, prizes will be awarded under Scratch and ECHO.

24.2 There will be an overall prize awarded in IRC. The overall winner will be selected from the IRC classes by using a system of weighted scoring to reflect the number of boats competing in each class.

25. ENTERTAINMENT

25.1 A championship dinner will take place at Mayo Sailing Club at 1930 hrs on the Saturday evening. Pre-booking essential through Mayo Sailing Club website at www.mayosailingclub.com.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see the Mayo Sailing Club website at www.mayosailingclub.com or contact Pat Aylward on 087-2634833.