

## ALL IRELAND RUFFIAN 23 TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

### NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

## Mayo Sailing Club

Rosmoney, Westport

Co. Mayo F28 CF95

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

#### Tides Westport

Saturday 13th	HW 11:25 2.38m.	LW 16:52 0.96m.
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	HW 12:00 2.42m.	LW 17:29 0.88m.

#### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Mayo Sailing Club (MSC) in conjunction with the Irish Ruffian Association.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY

##### 2.1 Eligible Teams

Eligible teams are South, East, West and North, represented by Wicklow Sailing Club (WSC), Dun Laoghaire Combined Clubs (DLCC), Mayo Sailing Club (MSC) and a team of Ruffian sailors drawn from the northern counties of Ireland, respectively. To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

##### 2.2 Eligible crews

Excepting owner's representatives, all competing crews shall be bona fide Ruffian 23 sailors of their respective clubs. If insufficient such sailors are available, other club members may compete subject to the approval of the organising committee. No helm or tactician shall compete for more than one team. No professional or World Sailing Group 3 crews will be allowed to compete.

##### 2.3 Crew numbers

Excluding owners' representatives, teams shall consist of 4 (four) crew per boat. Eligible crews may be swapped between races.

#### 3. RULES

##### 3.1 Governing rules

3.1.1 The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix D Team Racing Rules, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of the Irish Ruffian 23 Class, all as modified in NoR, and the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

3.1.2 Rule D2 shall apply (i.e. all races will be umpired). The World Sailing Call Book for Team Racing will apply.

3.1.3 The right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.3..

3.1.4 The Sailing Instructions will be available at [www.mayosailingclub.com](http://www.mayosailingclub.com) no later than Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

### **3.2 Rule Changes**

#### **3.2.1 RRS:**

- (a) Rule 40.1 will be in force at all times; flag Y will not be flown.
- (b) In addition to the provisions of RRS Part 2, all boats shall maintain a distance of at least 1 (one) metre or such distance as may be designated by the Race Committee, between all competing boats and committee vessels at all times while racing.
- (c) The race committee may make broadcasts, including but not limited to boat assignments, course location, Race Signals, OCS and changes to rules, NoR and Sailing Instructions via VHF Channel 12 (or such channel as displayed on the race committee vessel) and the event WhatsApp group. Failure to transmit or receive such broadcasts, or errors in the broadcast, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes rule 61.1 (a).
- (d) Rule 44.2 is deleted and replaced with:

44.2 Half Turn, One Turn and Two Turns penalties.

- (a) After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a Half-Turn, One-Turn or Two-Turns penalty in accordance with 44.2(b), (c) and (d). When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she *finishes*.
- (b) One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalties are made by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe.
- (c) On a beat to windward or an incident at the start line, or at Marks 1 & 4 or finish line, a Half-Turn penalty is made by a boat sailing onto a dead run before continuing to race.
- (d) On a reaching or running leg, or at Marks 2 & 3, a Half-Turn penalty is made by a boat sailing head to wind before continuing to race.

#### **3.2.2 Appendix D Team Racing Rules:**

- (a) D1.1(a) is amended so that the Zone shall be 3 (three) boat lengths.
- (b) D1.3(a) is amended so that a boat may take a “Half-Turn” penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 or 42.
- (c) D2.5, first sentence, is deleted and replaced by “A boat penalised by an umpire shall take a One-Turn Penalty”.
- (d) D3.1(b) is changed by adding the following sentence: “When a boat is scored NSC, 10 points shall be added to her score.
- (e) D4.3 is changed so that incomplete Round Robins will not be scored. D4.3(c) is changed so that all completed Round Robins will be accumulated to obtain the rankings of the Round Robin stage.

#### **3.2.3 Rules of the Irish Ruffian 23 Class:**

- (a) The use of spinnakers and spinnaker poles is prohibited. Boathooks may be used to pole out foresails.
- (b) The Race Committee will stipulate when boats are required to reef mainsails and fly specific headsails. This will be communicated at briefings and on the water by VHF transmissions and may be repeated on the WhatsApp group for the event.

### **4. EVENT FORMAT**

4.1 The event will consist of a Round Robin stage of up to 3 (three) Round Robins to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September and a Knockout stage to be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September. The two highest-ranked teams following the Round Robin stage will compete in the Knockout stage for the All-Ireland title (the “Final”) and the two remaining teams will compete for 3<sup>rd</sup> place (the “Petit-Final”). The Knockout stage shall be won by the first team to win 3 (three) races.

4.2 If racing is curtailed due to inclement weather or any other reason, the following will apply:

- (a) A minimum of 1 (one) Round Robin shall be completed in order to constitute an event.
- (b) If no racing is possible on Saturday, the competition shall be decided by a single Round Robin and a Knockout stage, in which the first team to win 2 (two) races shall be the winner, to be held on Sunday.
- (c) If no racing is possible on Sunday, the competition shall be decided by all Round Robins completed on Saturday; see NoR 10.2.
- (d) If the first Round Robin has started but has not been completed on Saturday, it shall be completed on Sunday, followed by the Knockout stage as per NoR 4.1. This changes D4.3(a).
- (e) If the second or any subsequent Round Robin has started but has not been completed on Saturday, it will be abandoned unless at least 4 races have been completed, in which case it shall be completed, this changes D4.3(a). The Knockout stage will take place as per NoR 4.1.
- (f) The Race Committee may bring forward the time of the first Warning Signal on Sunday in order to complete the schedule.
- (g) The Race Committee may hold additional races on Saturday, including the Knockout stage, if the forecast for Sunday indicates that no sailing may be possible.
- (h) The race committee may make any changes to the format and schedule, including on the water, in order to complete the event in an equitable manner. Such changes shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 61.1 (a).

## **5. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

5.1 Each competitor, excluding owner's representatives, shall pay an entry fee of €100.00 at registration. Entry fee includes a packed lunch afloat and meal after racing on Saturday and a BBQ ashore after racing, on Sunday.

5.2 Each team shall:

- (a) Nominate a Team Captain and provide the name, email address and mobile number to MSC prior to 18:00 hours on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Non-competing captains will not be accepted. Team captains shall be responsible for ensuring that their team is ready to race as directed by the Race Committee and shall comply with the reasonable requests of the Race Committee.
- (b) Provide a list of all competing crews complete with mobile phone numbers prior to 18:00 hours on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

## **6. SUPPLIED BOATS**

6.1 MSC will supply all boats and sails, supplemented as required, by other teams.

6.2 Owner's Representatives

Each boat shall have on board at all times when racing, an owner's representative, who shall act in a constructive manner as a member of the competing team, but not as helm or tactician. All boats shall comply with safety and pilotage instructions of the owner's representative.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

### **7.1 Draw**

The draw for boats and order of starting for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> will be made by the Race Committee at 1900 hours on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September (and broadcast by video link if possible) and for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> on Saturday evening at the club.

### **7.2 Registration**

All competing crews and owner's representatives shall register with the Race Office prior to going afloat. Registration for visiting teams will take place in the club room between 09:00 and 09:30 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration for MSC members may take place earlier by arrangement.

### **7.3 Competitors' briefing**

Competitors' briefing will be held at 09:30 hours sharp at MSC on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### **7.4 Racing**

7.4.1 On Saturday, the first Warning Signal of the competition will be made at 11:00 hours.

7.4.2 On Sunday, the first Warning Signal will be made at 11:00 hours. The Race Committee will endeavour to complete the event by 14:00 hours on Sunday, but may complete an unfinished Round Robin or knockout stage in order to achieve a result.

## **8. LOCATION**

Racing will be held in Inishlyre Harbour.

## **9. COURSES**

Courses will be of the Starboard Box type or any other course which the Race Committee may specify.

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

Each boat shall carry a working VHF radio. Competitors are strongly advised to sign on to the WhatsApp group for the event which will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11. ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING**

11.1 The use of electronic instruments is prohibited other than compass, watches, and small video devices such as Go-Pros.

11.2 Boats shall not transmit on any electronic communication device (including mobile phones) except in an emergency, or in response to a request from the race committee.

## **12. SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

A comprehensive social and catering programme will be provided, including packed lunch afloat and dinner after racing on Saturday and lunch ashore after racing on Sunday.

## **13. LIABILITY**

No responsibility shall be accepted by the Mayo Yacht Club Ltd. trading as Mayo Sailing Club, the Irish Ruffian Association, their directors, officers, members, volunteers, servants or agents nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage or any other claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in the competition.

## **14. RESPONSIBILITY**

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." The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the boat's crew including the boat owner's representative in charge whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy and is manned by a competent experienced crew with all the required safety gear. Neither the Notice of Race nor the Sailing Instructions nor any action by the Organising Authority or Race Committee in any way limits the responsibility of the boat's crew or the boat owner's representative. 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 the risk involved.

## **15. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Visiting competitors will be made temporary members of Mayo Sailing Club for the duration of the event and shall adhere to all club rules and bylaws.

## **16. DATA PROTECTION**

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules,

personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

**17. PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded by the Irish Ruffian Association.

## **18. BREAKDOWNS**

18.1 Competitors shall inspect a boat before taking charge of the boat.

18.2 Competitors shall report any defects, damage, or breakdown to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 When to continue racing after damage reasonably risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately. The Race Committee will decide redress in accordance with rule D5.

18.4 The Race Committee may postpone a re-sail indefinitely and shall score each team half a race win unless the result is relevant to progress to, but not seeding in, the next round. Sailing with four boats due to breakdown ('Two on two & last boat loses').

18.5 In the case of breakdown that is through no fault of either the teams about to race, and signalled before the preparatory signal of the race, the race committee may decide to sail a race with only 2 boats per team. The race committee's decision will be communicated to teams either verbally ashore or by the race umpires. Each team captain shall decide which two boats will sail. The crew of the broken-down boat may switch to another team boat and race.

18.6 When the race committee decides to run a 2-boat per team race and when D4.4 (b) or (c) apply, the boats that did not race will be considered to have scored points equal to 5th place.

## **19. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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