



Mayo Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Thursday Evening Racing for Cruiser and Ruffian 23 Classes 2026

First Race: 7th May, Last Race: 27th August

1. The **Organising Authority (OA)** is Mayo Yacht Club Ltd. trading as **Mayo Sailing Club (MSC)**.

2. Rules

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

2.3 Rule 40.1 is in force at all times when afloat. This relates to personal flotation devices.

2.4 All boats shall carry a VHF radio in working order and capable of receiving broadcasts on Channel 12.

2.5 Changes to the Notice of Race will be published on the club's website and repeated on the "Sailing Skippers/crew" and "MSC Ruffian 23 Fleet" WhatsApp groups.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Racing is open to all monohull keelboats not less than 21 feet LOA and Ruffian 23 Class boats, subject to the OA's right to refuse any entry it deems unsuitable.

3.2 Each boat shall pay MSC Race Fees prior to competing. Entries shall be made via MSC's CloudSmart web site <https://www.smartclubcloud.com/>

3.3 All crews shall be paid-up members of MSC prior to competing, except that visitors may participate in not more than three (3) races free of charge.

3.4 Each Cruiser is required to have a current ECHO certificate, available at <https://www.sailing.ie/Racing/Racing-Services/Handicapping>

3.5 Each Cruiser is required to have a current YTC Rating certificate, available at <https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc/ryaytcapplicationform> For more information about YTC, see <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/ytcrating/>

4. Schedule of races

4.1 The schedule of races is detailed in Addendum 1 and published on the MSC website under "Racing/Racing Info" (<https://www.mayosailingclub.com/racing/>). Changes to the schedule will be published on the "Sailing Skippers/crew" and "MSC Ruffian 23 Fleet" WhatsApp groups.

5. Sailing Instructions

5.1 Sailing Instructions and changes thereto will be posted on the MSC Website under "Racing/Racing Info" (<https://www.mayosailingclub.com/racing/>) and repeated on "Sailing Skippers/crew" and "MSC Ruffian 23 Fleet" WhatsApp groups.

6. Scoring and Prizes

6.1 Results will be provided for Cruisers under YTC & ECHO.

6.2 Results for Ruffian 23 will be provided under Scratch (no handicaps).

6.3 Scoring will be as per RRS Appendix A. One (1) race score will be excluded for every multiple of four (4) completed races.

6.4 No race will be scored unless two (2) or more boats come to the starting area. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

6.5 A boat that did not come to the starting area or a boat that came to the starting area but did not sail the course, retired or was disqualified, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes rule A5.

6.6 Prizes will be awarded for Series 1, 2 and 3 and season overall, under YTC and ECHO for Cruisers and under Scratch for Ruffians.

7. Safety

7.1 Each competitor not below deck shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS rule 40.

8. Committee Boat Duty

8.1 Each competing boat is required to provide one (1) crew member to assist with race management aboard the **Tommy G** (club's committee boat) on one (1) occasion per season, on a date detailed in the Schedule of Races (Addendum 1).

8.2 The crew member provided shall be able-bodied, including ability to set and retrieve the anchor and lay and retrieve temporary marks. The name and mobile number of the individual shall be posted on the "Sailing Skippers/crew" WhatsApp Group no later than 10:00 hours on the day before the race they are due to attend.

8.3 The crew member shall be on the pontoon at 1800 hours sharp and provide their own lifejacket or PFD.

8.4 Boats unable to supply the crew member on a particular date, are required to make arrangements with another boat to swap days etc. and shall post the details as per NoR 8.2 in good time.

9. Setting the Course

9.1 In the event that no race officer is available on the committee boat to set courses for the evening, each class will be asked to provide a competing skipper to set courses as appropriate.

10. Publicity Disclaimer

10.1 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.

11. Risk statement

11.1 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.

12. Insurance

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.



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Addendum 1 to the Notice of Race 2026 - Schedule of Races

WARNING SIGNAL – made 5 minutes before the Start, Class Flag is flown

When a second race is scheduled for a class, the Warning Signal will be made as soon as possible following the conclusion of the first race.

Class flags:

Ruffians: IC Flag Q	
Cruisers: Numeral 1	

Date	Series	Class	Time of First Warning Signal	Class	Time of Warning Signal	2 nd Race for:	Committee Boat Duty
7 th May	1	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	tba
14 th May	1	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
21 st May	1	Cruisers	19:00	Ruffians	19:05	Cruisers	
28 th May	1	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
4 th June	1	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
11 th June	2	Cruisers	19:00	Ruffians	19:05	Cruisers	
18 th June	2	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
25 th June	2	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
2 nd July	2	Cruisers	19:00	Ruffians	19:05	Cruisers	
9 th July	2	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
16 th July	2	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
23 rd July	3	Cruisers	19:00	Ruffians	19:05	Cruisers	
30 th July	3	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
6 th August	3	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
13 th August	3	Cruisers	19:00	Ruffians	19:05	Cruisers	
20 th August	3	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
27 th August	3	Ruffians	19:00	Cruisers	19:05	Ruffians	
3 rd Sept.	End of Season Pursuit Rally						

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