



# Ruffian 23 Irish National Championship

## Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June

# Notice of Race

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

## 1. RULES

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

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available before Friday 26th June at [www.carrickfergussc.org](http://www.carrickfergussc.org).

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 37(M).  
3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.  
3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Ruffian 23 class that comply with the Ruffian 23 Class Rules.  
4.2. Each Entrant must be a paid up member of the Irish Ruffian Association, be that a full or temporary member. Membership can be paid online at [www.ruffians.ie](http://www.ruffians.ie).  
4.3. Boats may enter the event by registering online at [www.carrickfergussc.org](http://www.carrickfergussc.org).  
4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.  
4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees are as follows:  
Early Entry Fee until the 19th June - £80.  
Standard Entry Fee after 19th June - £120.  
5.2. Other fees:  
Marina Berthing for visiting boats - £30.  
Lift in/out Friday/Sunday for visiting boats - Free.  
2 course roast dinner on Saturday - £20/person.

## **6. SCHEDULE**

- 6.1. Briefing: Thursday 25th June at 1800
- 6.2. Dates of racing: Friday 26th - Sunday 28th June
- 6.3. Number of races: 6
- 6.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:55.
- 6.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

## **7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

## **8. VENUE**

- 8.1. The Racing Area will be close to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be as follows: Windward/Leeward or Olympic Triangle.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to [www.rya.org.uk/go/rules](http://www.rya.org.uk/go/rules)). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.  
(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 11.3. RRS A5.3 applies.

## **12. BERTHING**

- 12.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

## **13. RISK STATEMENT**

- 13.1. 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.'
- 13.2. 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 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 organizer 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3million against third party claims.

## 14. INSPECTIONS

- 14.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## 15. PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 15.1. 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 the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## 16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Overall series prizes will be awarded to:
  - (a) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Gold Fleet.
  - (b) 1st place in the Silver Fleet.
- 16.2. For the purpose of overall prizes, the final fleet will be divided into Gold and Silver fleets based on the final overall series ranking list. The top half of the ranking list will form the Gold Fleet and the remaining half will form the Silver Fleet. If there is an odd number of total entries, the middle-placed boat on the ranking list will be assigned to the Gold Fleet.
- 16.3. The Carmen Trophy will be awarded to the highest-placed visiting boat on the final overall series ranking list, excluding boats finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the Gold Fleet.
- 16.4. Prizes will be awarded to the winning boat of each individual race. A boat shall not be awarded more than one individual race win prize during the regatta. If a race-winning boat has already won a race prize earlier in the series, the prize for that race will be awarded to the next highest-placed boat in that race who has not previously won a race prize.

## 17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact [sailing@carrickfergussc.org](mailto:sailing@carrickfergussc.org).