

Irish Ruffian 23 National Championships
Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club
30th, 31st August and 1st September 2019

NOTICE OF RACE
Issued 10th August 2019

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC), West Pier, 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 Irish Sailing (IS); 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.dmyc.ie. The entry fee is €115. There is an early bird entry fee of €90 for boats entering before 20th 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. The first warning signal on Friday 30th August will be made at 1525 hours. No Warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Sunday 1st September. To achieve a minimum of 4 races, it may be necessary to hold an extra race on Saturday or Sunday.

5. COURSES

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available in advance on the Ruffian 23 Class website www.ruffians.ie and dmyc.ie

9. 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. This changes RRS 62.1 (a). The channel used will be advised in the Sailing Instructions.

10. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

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

11. SCORING

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

12. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Gold Fleet and 1st & 2nd in the Silver Fleet. The Gold & Silver fleets will be determined by dividing the fleet in half using the final results. The Carmen trophy will be awarded to the best traveller outside the first 3 boats in the Gold Fleet.

13. BERTHING

Visiting boats may be moored on the DMYC moorings in the Coal Harbour. Boat owners are advised to bring sufficient dock lines, springs and adequate fenders. Mooring is entirely at boat owner's risk.

14. 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. DMYC, 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.

15. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

All competitors are granted temporary membership of the Dun Laoghaire Motor 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 31st. Food will be available in DMYC after racing.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please see the DMYC website www.dmyc.ie or contact William Finnie on 087-2075292.