



RUFFIAN 23 ALL-IRELAND TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Date 14/08/2026

Tides Dun Laoghaire

Sunday 23 rd August	HW 09.10 3.33m	LW 15.20 1.75m
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1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC) in conjunction with the Irish Ruffian Association.

2.0 PARTICIPANTS

Excepting owner's representatives, all competing skippers and crews shall be bona fide Ruffian 23 sailors and members of the Irish Ruffian Association, contact: (irish.ruffian.association@gmail.com) if insufficient such sailors are available, other club members may compete, subject to the approval of the organizing committee. No professional or World Sailing Group 3 crews will be allowed to compete. The above accepted participants shall form teams and be named as follows;

North - Carrickfergus Sailing Club (CSC) Lough Swilly Yacht Club (LSYC) or other Yacht Club in the Province of Ulster
South - Wicklow Sailing Club (WSC)
West - Mayo Sailing Club (MSC)
East - Combined Dun Laoghaire/Dublin Yacht Clubs
Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC)
Sailing In Dublin (SID)
National Yacht Club (NYC)
Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club (PYBC)

3.0 EVENT SCHEDULE

The event will take place on Sunday 23rd August, it will be endeavored to run 3 Round Robbins consisting of 3 flights (6 races) per Round Robbin, each team competing in 3 races per Round Robbin, however a minimum of 1 Round Robbin will constitute an event.

4.0 RACE DAY SCHEDULE

Racing will be held in the waters of Dublin Bay as designated by the host yacht club and advised at the race briefing.

Registration and Race Briefing will take place at 9.00am sharp on Sunday morning in the DMYC

10.30am: Warning Signal – 6 races are scheduled per Round Robbin, all races will be run to complete a Round Robbin, when conditions allow all 3 Round Robbins will be run, however a minimum of 1 Round Robbin will constitute an event. Each race is expected to be approx. 20mins in duration, plus a 3-minute starting sequence. After Round Robbin 1 & 2 there will be a change over of boats (expected max. 15 mins)

Lunch may be taken at the participants' discretion during the changeover of boats but should not delay same.

No race will be started after 16.30pm: this includes re-starts following any postponement or general recall.

5.1 SUPPLY OF BOATS

The Irish Ruffian Association will make 12 Ruffians available for the event. The boats will be allocated by the DMYC based on their respective fleet racing results to provide an equitable allocation of 3 boats per Team. After Round Robbin 1 & 2 the boats may be swapped over on the water. In the event that a boat cannot start a race due to gear failure, not caused by the crews actions, and where there is no substitute boat, the race committee may stipulate that the teams will consist of 2 boats per team. 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. Each boat representative shall endeavour to have a fully charged working VHF on board, each boat helm should also carry a fully charged working VHF.

5.2 BREAKDOWNS

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

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

5.2.3 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.

5.2.4 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').

5.2.5 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 RO on VHF or 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.

5.2.6 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

6.0 CREW

Each team will ideally consist of 4 crew per boat plus an owner's representative who may also be an active crew, at their discretion, in the event that either team can't provide 4 crew per boat the number may be reduced to 3 or 2 crew per boat plus the owner's representative and in this case the opposing team will match the number of crew per boat. Or with the agreement of the parties to the event, the host club may offer crew to make up the numbers where the shortfall is limited. Eligible crews may be swapped between Round Robbins. Should there not be 12 boats supplied to race, the event may consist of 8 boats, racing 2 on 2 and in this case 5 crew members will make up a team per boat plus a boat rep.

7.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The entry fee shall be €80 per boat for each boat partaking in the event, this shall be collected by the Skipper (Helm) of each boat and paid to the Irish Ruffian Association, which shall disperse the monies against costs incurred by the host club in running the event, including lunches to be provided by the DMYC and event prize provided by the Irish Ruffian Association. The Team Captain is responsible for ensuring all boats in their respective team are fully paid up by the designated date

There will be a deposit amount of €100 per boat to cover accidental damage to a boat or its sails or gear, this will be returned in full if no such damage is incurred. This shall be collected by the Team Captain and paid in cash or Revolut to the Irish Ruffian Association, to facilitate the return of the deposit, if no damage incurred.

Please ensure that enough cash is carried by participants to cover above costs, if paying by cash.

Each Team shall:

(a) Nominate a Team Captain and provide the name, email address and mobile number to DMYC prior to 18:00 hours on Wednesday 19th August 2026. 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 19th August 2026.

(c) The Team Captain will be responsible for ensuring that all entry fees and deposit amounts are paid by each boat in their Team.

8.0 PRIZES

Prize giving will take place after racing at a time designated by the DMYC, it will be endeavored to be no later than 6.30pm that evening. An engraved glassware prize will be presented to the All-Ireland Team Racing Championship 2026 winning team.

9.1 RULES

The races will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D Team Racing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the Class Rules of the Irish Ruffian Association and by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI) which will be issued prior to the event taking place. The Team Racing event may be Umpired where possible and The World Sailing Call Book for Team Racing will apply. When umpired the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.3. In case of conflict between this NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail, this changes RRS 63.7

Definition of Zone

Rule D1.1(a) Definition of Zone is deleted. The Zone is (3) hull lengths.

9.2 RULE CHANGES

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 1.25 metres (this is a half Ruffian beam width, sighting from mast to outer beam width of boat will give a good judgement of this distance) 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 68 (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. 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.

9.3 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 stages and provide an overall winning team result.

9.4 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.

10.0 CLASS FLAG & TEAM IDENTITY FLAGS

The Class Flag will be International Code Flag "R"

Boats allocated to a Team will fly identity flags or ribbons and shall be of four distinct colours, to identify a different colour for each Team and shall be flown from the boat's backstay. When boats are swapped over the coloured flags will remain on each boat, a schedule of allocated boat-coloured flags will be issued to each Team.

11.0 COURSES

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

12.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Each boat shall carry a working VHF radio. Competitors are strongly advised to monitor the Irish Ruffian Association WhatsApp group which may be used as a means of communicating documentation/information for the event in addition to the Irish Ruffian Website. The Sailing Instructions will be issued in due course on the Ruffian website. Printed copies of this NOR and SI's will not be available to competitors at registration.

13.0 ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS WHILE RACING

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

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.

11.0 SOCIAL

Competitors and their support persons are granted temporary membership of the DMYC for the duration of the event they are hosting, subject only to the provisions of the DMYC Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

A light lunch will be provided by the DMYC to each team and race support officials on the day of racing. Nibbles (chicken goujons, sausages and chips) will be available to purchase after racing.

12.0 INSURANCE

Each boat owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain adequate 3rd party insurance for racing to the value of €3,000,000.

13.0 LIABILITY

No responsibility shall be accepted by the Irish Ruffian Association or Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club, 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.

14.0 RESPONSIBILITY

The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the boat Owner(s) or the boat owner's representative in charge whose obligation 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 Owner(s) or the boat Owners representative in charge.

15.0 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.

16.0 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.

17.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Brendan Duffy on 087 2245745 or duffy.brendan09@gmail.com