



Notice of Race

**The Irish Ruffian Association's Leinster Provincial Championship
Hosted by Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club in conjunction with the
Irish Shipman Nationals.**

**To be held on
Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August 2026.**

1. Organising Authority (OA)

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

1.2 All entries and enquiries should be made through the Irish Ruffian Association's website www.ruffians.ie

2. Rules, Eligibility & Sailing Instructions

2.1 The event is governed by the World Sailing' Racing Rules 2025 – 2028, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Class rules of the Irish Ruffian Association, this Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto. In the event of any conflict between the NoR and the SI, the latter shall prevail.

2.2 The SI will be posted on the Irish Ruffian Association website no later than Wednesday 19th August 2026 – www.ruffians.ie

2.3 The Championship is open to all Ruffian 23 boats whose owners/skippers are fully paid-up members of the Ruffian 23 Association and whose boats are registered to participate in Ruffian 23 activities [see website above].

2.4 The boat must be helmed by the owner, or part owner who must be a regular helm of the boat in the current season and be a Member of the Irish Ruffian Association.

2.5 The crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew of equivalent skill and experience.

3.0 Entry

3.1 Entries can be made online at www.ruffians.ie The entry fee is €80. The deadline for entries shall be 21:00 on Thursday 20th August.

3.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Irish Ruffian Association.

3.3 Entry is conditional upon compliance with the Declaration and Acknowledgements contained in the Championship Entry Form and Declaration by all competitors.

4. Schedule of Races, Registration and Briefing

Friday 21st August 2026

Registration from 14.00 hours. Briefing 14.30 hrs in DMYC Clubhouse.

Date	Time of 1st Warning Signal	Number of Races
Friday 21st August	15:30 (LW Dublin 12.26 hrs)	2
Saturday 22nd August	11:00 (LW Dublin 13:38 hrs)	2

4.1 The warning signal for the second race on Friday will be made as soon as practicable after completion of the first race.

4.2 The second race on Saturday will be the DBSC Saturday afternoon race for Ruffians, with a warning signal at 14:15.

4.3 Should the event attract any entrants that are not registered to race under the DBSC burgee, these entries shall be advised to the Organising Authority in advance of the regatta so that the details of such entries can be communicated to DBSC for the Saturday afternoon race.

5. Racing Area and Courses

5.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay, south of the shipping channel. The course, to be decided, will be around DBSC fixed marks. The choice of race area shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

5.2 Your attention is drawn to 8.7 regarding having a working VHF radio on board.

6. Scoring

6.1 RRS A5.3 will be used, so a boat that did not sail the course, or that 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.

6.2 The Championship shall comprise four races. One race shall constitute a series. Where all four races are sailed, a single discard shall apply. Where less than four races are sailed, all races shall count towards the overall result.

7. Prizes

7.1 There will be a perpetual trophy for the winner of the Leinster Provincial Championships. Any further prizes will be awarded at the sole discretion of the Irish Ruffian Association.

8. Competitor's responsibility and Safety.

8.1 No responsibility shall be accepted by DMYC, the Irish Ruffian Association, Dublin Port Company, the Organising Authority, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event, for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in or intended participation in this event.

8.2 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative, whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear.

8.3 Neither this NoR, SI nor any action of the OA in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative.

8.4 Attention is drawn to RRS- Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

8.5 Boat owners 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 third party insurance cover of not less than three million Euro, (€3,000,000.00) and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance on request.

8.6 International Code flag Y may be flown at any start in accordance with RRS 40 and if flown then it is mandatory that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy. However, it is strongly recommended by the Race Committee that all competitors wear personal buoyancy and a safety harness as appropriate.

8.7 It is recommended that each boat shall have a working VHF radio on board in order to receive communications from the Race Committee and for any emergency situation.

9. Social

9.1 Bar food and refreshments will be available on the Friday night.

9.2 It is intended to have food available in the DMYC Clubhouse on the Saturday night of the regatta when the regatta prize-giving will be held.

9.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of DMYC for the duration of the Event subject to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

10. Facilities for visiting boats.

10.1 DMYC will endeavour to provide moorings for visiting Ruffians from Thursday evening through to Sunday evening.