



2016 Safetrx Mirror European Championships

Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August 2016

Organising Authority: Royal Cork Yacht Club

Crosshaven, Co. Cork

Notice of Race

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 and the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply.

1.2 ISA National prescriptions shall apply.

1.3 The following documents shall also apply:

- the Sailing Instructions
- the International Mirror Class Association Rules, except that boats which generally comply with the Mirror Class rules but do not have a valid measurement certificate may enter, but will be allocated to the Bronze fleet.

1.4 The following Racing Rules will be changed:

Rule 61.3: The time limit for protest by a boat, or by the race committee or protest committee about an incident the committee observed in the racing area shall be 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore and tallied in from racing.

Rule 28.1 and Appendix A: When the first boat finishes a race that has been shortened all remaining boats will be finished when they go through the finish line irrespective of the number of laps completed, and will be given finishing positions depending on the number of laps completed.

Rule 35 and Appendix A: At the discretion of the Race officer a back sweep of any boats not finished at the time limit or are expected to not finish before the time limit, or are likely to finish within the time limit but are simply detached from the fleet may take place.

Rule 77 and Appendix G will be changed to require Identification numbers to possibly be displayed on both sides of the Jib. These will be allocated to each boat at registration. Details of positioning of such identification numbers will be specified at registration and in the Sailing Instructions.

1.5 RRS Appendix P “Special Procedures for Rule 42” will apply with the exception of the last sentence of P2.3.

1.6 Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment by all competitors. Neither a wetsuit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation. It is recommended that the ‘Personal Flotation Device’ (PFD) is worn outside all other clothing as this can assist rescue crews in the event of a competitor requiring assistance to be retrieved from the water. This amends and adds to the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS, Rule 27.1 and Rule 40.

1.8 The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising, chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority. Such advertising will be displayed in a position specified at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 Entries will be limited to the first 70 boats entered.

3.2 The event is open to all boats of the International Mirror class which will sail in one of the following fleets. The fleets will sail concurrently.

3.2.1 Gold fleet, Silver and Bronze fleets

After entry the fleet will be allocated by the Race Committee into Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets which will be on the Official Notice Board at the Royal Cork Yacht Club before the first race.

Gold fleet – Boats which are not in either the Silver or Bronze fleet.

Silver fleet – Mirror National Youth development squad sailors.

Bronze fleet - Boats without measurement certificates

The Race Committee will consider requests from competitors to move fleets. The Race Committee will review the fleet allocation after the first day racing. Changes will be made where necessary.

The Bronze fleet is defined in 1.3 above. They may only win Bronze Fleet prizes.

3.3 The following definitions apply:

Masters: Helmsman is over 40 years of age on 9th August 2016

Youth: Helm and crew both under 19 years of age on the 9th August 2016

Junior: Helm and crew both under 15 years of age on the 9th August 2016

3.4 Eligible boats shall enter online using a link on the website www.royalcork.com, online entries will open on 15th June.

3.5 Parent/Guardian Declarations:

All helms and crews who are under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their Parent or Guardian, who shall be present for the Regatta. The declaration form can be signed during the event registration.

3.6 All sailors must be members of their National Mirror Class Association or the International Mirror Class Association.

4. ENTRY FEE

The Entry Fee is €140.00 per boat for any entries received by 3th August 2016. Entries will be accepted after the 3rd August 2016 and before 10am on the 9th August 2016 but an additional €20.00 will be charged.

5. RACING FORMAT

It is anticipated that a single Fleet with a single start format will apply. The Organising Authority (OA) however, reserves the right to split the fleet into groups / flights should the number of entries and conditions afloat and / or ashore require. The format for split fleet / flights racing will be described in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions if required.

6. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Ten races are scheduled. Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.

One additional race may be sailed on each day, except the last day, when either one or two additional races may be sailed, at the discretion of the Race Committee to achieve the schedule. No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on Friday 12th August.

REGATTA SCHEDULE

Monday 8th	Tuesday 9th	Wednesday 10th	Thursday 11th	Friday 12th
Registration & Equipment Inspection	Competitors Briefing	Race 3 F.G.10.55	Race 6 F.G. 10.55	Race 9 F.G. 10.55
	Race 1 F.G.12.30	Race 4 and 5 asap after race 3	Races 7 and 8 asap after race 3	Race 10 asap after race 9
	Race 2 F.G. Asap after race 1			Prize-giving asap after racing (circa 15.00)

6.2 Changes to the Schedule will be posted on the official notice board before 20:00hrs on the day before the affected day.

7. REGISTRATION & BRIEFING

7.1 All boats must register before participating in the event. Registration will be at the Race office at the Royal Cork Yacht Club, on Monday 8th August and from 15.00hrs – 18:00hrs.

7.2 The competitors briefing will be held in the main club house at 10.00hrs on Tuesday 9th August.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each boat in gold and silver fleets shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate. Before racing commences all sails will be inspected and their certification mark checked. Boats may be inspected at any time when not racing at the discretion of the Measurer. Following each day's racing one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules.

8.2 Information on equipment measurement & inspection will be issued via www.mirrorassociation.com and may be posted on the official notice board.

8.3 Boats shall be presented for inspection with the mast de-rigged and lying in/on the boat. All equipment that shall be used in the regatta (except sails) shall also be in the boat. Sails shall be carried and presented separately with sail number and National letters attached in accordance with RRS Appendix G as modified by the International Mirror Class rule 7.5.1.

8.4 Boats which had equipment inspected as part of the 2016 Irish National Championships do not need to have the same equipment inspected again.

8.5 Equipment inspection outside designated times will only be permitted at the discretion of the Event measurer.

8.6 Equipment spot checks may be made throughout the regatta at the discretion of the class representatives, race committee or jury.

9. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

9.1 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the Jury.

9.2 When ashore, if boats are allocated bays; boats and trollies shall be kept in their assigned places. This will be marshalled by the Beach master.

9.3 Replacement of helm or crew or equipment shall require the written approval of the Jury.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration. A draft version will be available for download

from the event website which can be accessed via www.royalcork.com. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board which will prevail and published on the event website for information only.

11. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of Cork Harbour. It is intended that racing will take place within, but not necessarily limited to, the curlane bank. Specific details will be contained in the Sailing instructions.

12. COURSES

Courses will be Triangle and course content will be detailed in the SI's

13. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury may be appointed and if so RRS Appendix N will apply.

14. JURY BOATS & ADDITIONAL WHISTLE SYSTEM

14.1 Jury Boats will be identified by a yellow flag bearing a letter J.

14.2 In addition to Appendix P (Rule 42) procedures and to encourage boats to take penalties afloat, jury members may blow a whistle and point at a boat when they see what they believe to be a breach of a rule.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

15.1 For protests where only a rule from Part 2 is alleged to have been broken, a boat may request arbitration on the protest form, or before the start of a formal protest hearing and an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to any formal protest hearing.

15.2 A boat wishing to take an Exoneration Penalty shall notify the Arbitrator or Jury Secretary before the start of the relevant hearing.

16. APPEALS

There shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Jury as provided in Rule 70.5

17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A 4.1 of the RRS will apply with the following modifications.

17.2 If 10 races or more are completed there will be 2 discards. If between 6 and 9 races are completed there will be one discard. If one to five races are completed there will be no discard.

17.3 Overall results will be published including details of fleet positions.

18. EVENT INFORMATION

18.1 The Regatta Race Office will be the 'Royal cork Dinghy Centre'.

18.2 The regatta Race Office will be open from 10:00 – 18:00 on Monday 8th August and from 09:00 until the expiry of Protest Time Limit (unless extended by the race committee) on Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th August.

18.3 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which is located in the window area of the Regatta Office.

18.4 While every effort will be made to ensure the Royal Cork and Mirror class web sites have current and accurate information this cannot be guaranteed. Official information and amendments to the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions as well as results and protest information will be posted on this Notice Board.

18.5 All event timings will be taken from the Principal Race Officer's clock and are in BST.

19. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Main club flagstaff located in front of the main Royal Cork Club House.

20. PROTESTS

20.1 Protests forms will be available at the Race Office.

20.2 Notices concerning protests under NOR 1.3 above will be posted on the official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and time of the hearings will be also posted on the Official Notice Board at the same time. Postings of such notices shall be deemed notification under rule 63.2.

21. SAFETY REGULATIONS

21.1 Tally System – A tally system will operate a tally system which will be compulsory for the Championship. A Tally number will be assigned at registration. All competitors must tally-out before going afloat and tally in as soon as they return ashore. Penalties for failure to tally-out and/or tally-in may result in disqualification. (Rule 64.1)

21.2 The Race Committee may at their sole discretion hold the Bronze and / or Silver fleets ashore depending on conditions which may result in the postponement or abandonment of a race or races for those fleets.

21.3 All competitors are advised to tie up or restrict long hair to reduce the risk of entanglement or entrapment.

21.4 Safety & Rescue boat crews priority is the safety of the competitor. In order to fulfil their duties, Safety & Rescue boat crew or the Race Committee may instruct a boat(s) to remain ashore, return ashore, be taken in tow, taken to a Mother Boat or abandoned.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1 Support and coach boats shall register at the Regatta Race Office during the registration periods to record the sail number of the boat they are supporting. The registration number provided shall be prominently displayed on support and coach boats at all times.

22.2.1 Each coach/support boat shall be represented at the safety briefings by her crew. Each coach / support boat shall clearly display an identification number supplied by the Organising Authority and this number will ONLY be issued at the end of the safety briefing on Tuesday 9th August to persons who have attended that briefing. A returnable deposit of €20 shall be paid for the identification number. No other individual support boats shall be used.

22.2.2 There will be an initial safety briefing at 09:30 on Tuesday 9th August that all safety crews and coach / support crews shall attend.

22.3 The movements of all coach/ support boats will be restricted and defined in the sailing instructions.

22.4 Each coach / support boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of operating all normal VHF working channels. Each boat shall maintain watch on the safety working channel to be agreed at the safety briefing. This channel will be separate from the race committee designated channel, which will only be used by safety and rescue crews in the event of an emergency.

23. PRIZES

Prizes for the Championship and possibly individual races will be presented at the prize giving which will take place as soon as possible after the last race at the Royal Cork Yacht Club on Friday 12th August.

24. RISK STATEMENT

24.1 Rule 4 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."

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 while 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 organiser does not relieve them of their responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as it can be practically provided in the circumstances;

(g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face the extremes of weather; that the crew is sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather.

24.2 INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

25. MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY

All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC) during the event and as such shall abide by all the Club's rules and bye-laws. Members of the Class, their guests and visitors are entirely welcome to use the club premises and any other facilities of the club but do so entirely at their own risk.

26. PARKING AND CAMPER VANS AT RCYC.

26.1 Royal Cork Yacht Club will make available an area suitable for camper vans and campers who may be competing during the event.

27. INSURANCE

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

28. TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In entering for this event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and Class

Association(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.

29. SOCIAL PROGRAM

29.1 A full social program is being arranged and details will be available on the Royal Cork Yacht Club and class championship websites.

29.2 Social events and entertainment for younger crews and family members is being arranged and details will be available on www.royalcork.com closer to the event.

29.3. Evening meals will be available in the main clubhouse.