

2024 National 18 Irish National Championships

25th-26th May 2024

Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven

Notice of Race

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority (OA) is the Royal Cork Yacht Club in conjunction with the National 18 Class Association.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*.
- 2.2 The regatta will also be governed by the National 18 Class Rules. Competitors should note rule C.2.1(a) “The crew shall consist of 3 persons”.
- 2.3 The Byelaws and Rules of the Royal Cork Yacht Club and the Sailing Instructions
- 2.4 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The Boat Owners of National 18 class dinghies shall be members of the National 18 Class Association. Association subs must be paid in advance of regatta start. Failure to pay subs means no result.
- 3.2 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate.
- 3.3 All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed parent/guardian declarations as time of entry.
- 3.4 The entry fee for this regatta is €100, payable online or to the class captain or class secretary prior to the event.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 25th May at 1100 in the RCYC
- 4.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at the RCYC Dinghy Centre and the National 18 class owners WhatsApp group.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Time of 1 st warning signal & scheduled races per day:		
	HW	Time:	# Races:
Sat 25th May	07:15	12:55	3 races
Sun 26th May	15:24	12:55	3 races

- 5.2 The race schedule may be modified by the RO in the interest of completing as many of the planned races as possible.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at time of entry and made available in class WhatsApp groups prior to the event.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Several race areas may be utilized. Outside Cork Harbour south of Roches Point and in several locations in the lower Cork Harbour. The proposed starting race area for the day will be published on the official notice board and N18 Owners WhatsApp group but may change when afloat if deemed necessary due to weather conditions.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 8.2 When five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 9.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Equipment may be inspected at any time.

10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 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."
- 10.2 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 omission.
 - (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 familiarize 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.

11 INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured, with cover of at least £ (€)3 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.