



# **19<sup>th</sup> International Mirror Dinghy World Championship 23<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

## **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Sligo Yacht Club Ltd. (SYC)

In conjunction with the;  
International Mirror Class Association (IMCA).  
International Mirror Class Association of Ireland (IMCAI).

## **VENUE**

The venue will be Sligo Yacht Club.  
Deadman's Point, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo. F91 E778.



## NOTICE OF RACE

Preamble: [DP] notation before a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification. [NP] notation before a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for a breach of this rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS") 2021-2024.
  - 1.1.1 RRS Appendix P "Special Procedures for Rule 42" will apply to the World Championships. Appendix P will be changed by deleting P2.3. P2.2 will apply for second and subsequent penalties.
  - 1.1.2 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply. The Post-Race Penalty stated in rule T1 (b) may be changed by the sailing instructions.
  - 1.1.3 RRS 63.7 is changed. If there is a conflict in the rules a rule in the sailing instructions takes precedence over a rule in the notice of race.
- 1.2 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 The Irish Sailing prescriptions that apply are stated in NoR Addendum A
- 1.4 International Mirror Class rules will apply.
- 1.5 [NP] [DP] Bow or Jib Numbers may be assigned to each boat and, if in use, will be used as identification for the boat during the event. Numbers shall be applied in accordance with the instructions supplied and remain affixed until after the last race is completed and the boat is ashore
- 1.6 Support Vessels – RRS 41 shall apply from the time a boat leaves her berth for the first race and until she returns to her berth after racing. If Race Committee (RC) displays Race Signal AP over H, RRS 41 restrictions are suspended until she leaves her berth again. This changes the preamble to Part 4 Rules
- 1.7 Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.2
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.
- 1.9 Changes to the Notice of Race may be posted on [2023worlds.mirrorsailing.org](https://2023worlds.mirrorsailing.org)



## **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available, two days after the closing date for entries.

## **3 ADVERTISING (NP) (DP)**

- 3.1 Advertising may be displayed in accordance with World Sailing regulations and Class Rules.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with World Sailing Appendix 1 and Class Rule 10.
- 3.3 The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the event if there is, in its opinion, a conflict of interest between a competitor's sponsor and the event sponsor, or when a competitor's sponsor breaches local advertising codes or laws. This changes RRS 76.2.



## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 All competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Rules (Regulation 19),
  - 4.1.1 A crew member may be substituted on a boat where the National letters of the sail number differ from the competitor's nationality with the approval of the Race committee (RC) in compliance with Regulation 19.9
  - 4.1.2 A competitor shall not be regarded as having represented a country if they are not the helm. This changes Rule 19.14
- 4.2 The Regatta is open to boats registered with the International Mirror Class, whose helm or registered owners are members of a National Mirror Class Association recognised by the International Mirror Class Association
- 4.3 The Regatta is open to boats from nations where there is no member National Association. Provided they comply in all other respects, they are eligible to compete on payment of a fee to the IMCA granting them non-voting membership of the IMCA
- 4.4 An Entry is not complete until;
  - 4.4.1 Entry Fees have been paid in full
  - 4.4.2 The crew list and declaration form, available at registration, has been *signed* by each sailor
  - 4.4.3 All sailors have provided proof of membership required by regulation 4.2 or 4.3 above
  - 4.4.4 Evidence of a valid insurance policy (covering Racing Risks and third-party insurance cover of not less than €3,000,000.00 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident) has been submitted prior to the close of registration.
  - 4.4.5 A Valid measurement certificate has been submitted prior to the close of registration
  - 4.4.6 All boats have completed inspection
  - 4.4.7 A parental (or guardian) consent form and declaration has been submitted for sailors age 18 and under. The form will be available as part of the Entry & Registration process
  - 4.4.8 Eligibility for age divisions shall be determined by the competitors age at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 4.5 Entries can be made online only, via [2023worlds.mirrorsailing.org](https://2023worlds.mirrorsailing.org)



## 5 FEES

5.1 Fees are stated in Euro and include any relevant local taxes.

Fees in Euro	Worlds Only	Worlds and Irish Nationals
Early Entry (prior to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023)	€400	€460
Entry	€460	€520

All Entrants are requested to pay a minimum deposit of €150 by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

For the “early bird” entry the balance of €250 Worlds only (€310 Worlds & Irish Nationals) is due prior to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Payment of entry fees in full will also be accepted.

5.2 The closing date for Entries is 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Entries may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the OA and will be subject to a late entry premium. No entry will be accepted after the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

5.3 Boats requiring berthing outside of the period of the Regatta dates are responsible for making private arrangements through the OA

### 5.4 Refund Policy

Cancellation Date	Entry Fee Refund
Prior to 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	100%
From 12 <sup>th</sup> May to 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	50%
From 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 onward	0%



## 6. SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Activity
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sunday	1000-1700	Registration & Inspection
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	1000-1200	Registration & Inspection
		1300 After 1300	Registration closes Practise Race
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	1000 Not Before 1130	Regatta Briefing Warning Signal for Race 1, followed by, Race 2 and 3 (See 6.2 below)
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Wednesday	Not Before 1130	Racing Continues
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	Not Before 1130	Racing Continues
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday	Not Before 1130	Racing Continues
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Saturday	Not Before 1130 1500 1800	Remaining Races to complete the series No Race start after this time Prize Giving Ceremony

6.1 Twelve Races are scheduled over five consecutive days.

6.2 Up to three races a day are scheduled. If the event is behind schedule, extra races, to a maximum of four races in a single day, may be sailed.



## **7 MEASUREMENT [NP] [DP]**

- 7.1 Scheduled equipment inspections will take place during the periods stated in **Part 6** above. In addition, random spot checks of boats and equipment may be carried out at any time during the regatta including on the water.
- 7.2 As provided in RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for the event may carry national letter or a sail number in contravention of her class rules.

## **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 8.1 A voluntary Post-Race Penalty will be available when appropriate. Full details will be given in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 An international Jury will be appointed for the World Championship in accordance with RRS 91(b).
- 8.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **9 SCORING**

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply as per RRS Appendix A.
- 9.2 Discards applied based on races sailed
  - 9.2.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, no score shall be excluded.
  - 9.2.2 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.
  - 9.2.3 When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst excludable scores.



## **10 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 10.1 All support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority
- 10.2 Support boats while afloat must display a white flag.
- 10.3 The OA recommends that all Support boats be fitted with a propeller guard
- 10.4 All support boats shall comply with any instructions issued to them by the Port of Sligo Harbour Master.

## **11 PRIZES**

- 11.1 Perpetual Prizes will be awarded in accordance with Appendix A.
- 11.2 Perpetual prizes remain the property of the International Mirror Class and must be returned before the next International Mirror Worlds.
- 11.3 Additional Prizes may be awarded by the OA.

## **12 DATA PROTECTION & MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 12.1 Information submitted on the entry forms may be shared with the IMCA, the IMCAI and/or Irish Sailing where required.
- 12.2 Sligo Yacht Club will delete/destroy any information submitted by a competitor on entry form no more than 14 days after the event finishes.
- 12.3 Sligo Yacht Club will publish the event results during and after the event. This will contain competitor's names and sail numbers, boat names and country represented.
- 12.4 Photos taken during the event may be published by Sligo Yacht Club and or the Mirror Association of Ireland for promotional purposes during or after the event. This includes but is not limited to the promotion of Sligo Yacht Club, the promotion of Mirror sailing, the promotion of sailing, the promotion of this and future events.
- 12.5 Articles may be published during or after the event where competitors may be named.





### 13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' The OA, Sligo Yacht Club and / or personnel supporting this regatta 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
- 13.2 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 13.3 All competitors will be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form as part of the Registration process.
- 13.4 COVID-19 By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID19 and for complying with the venue COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends rule 60.1(a)

### 14 INSURANCE

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

#### For further information contact:

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## APPENDIX A: PRIZES

<b>The Mirror World Champion</b>	UK Trophy
<b>Second place overall</b>	Canada Trophy
<b>Third place overall</b>	Lough Derg Trophy
<b>Highest ranked female helm</b>	Seafort Trophy
<b>Highest ranked helm and crew under 19*</b>	President's Trophy
<b>Highest ranked parent and offspring crewed boat</b>	Family Trophy
<b>Highest ranked helm and crew under 16*</b>	Junior Trophy
<b>Highest ranked helm over 40*</b>	Masters Trophy
<b>Highest ranked helm over 50*</b>	Veterans Trophy
<b>Highest ranked gaff-rigged timber boat</b>	Classic Trophy
<b>Highest ranked boat from host nation</b>	Best Home Boat Trophy
<b>Top nation (lowest aggregate score of the three highest ranked boats in each nation)</b>	Paul Bannon Trophy
<b>Winner of the Invitation Race</b>	The Ireland Trophy

\* *Age determined at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023*