



KODC Advisory RS Aero Eastern Championships 28th & 29th October 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Howth Yacht Club CLG, in conjunction with The RS Aero Ireland Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 The Prescriptions of Irish Sailing shall apply. See link below.
<https://www.sailing.ie/Portals/0/documents/2020/racing/IS-Prescriptions-to-Racing-Rules-2021-24-Board%20Approved.pdf>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.hyc.ie by Thursday 26th October 2023.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is on the wall outside the Marina Office. The event WhatsApp Group is an aide to competitors but does not replace the official noticeboard.
- 3.2 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS Aero class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the Irish or other RS Aero Class Association.

- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.hyc.ie.
- 4.4 If racing is to be held as a single fleet, finishing positions will be calculated using Portsmouth Handicap/Handicap specified in the class rules.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 4.7 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website and should be completed and handed in at registration.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Up to 1800 Friday before event

RS Aero €65

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration Sat 28th October 9.00 – 10.30

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Sat 28th October.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 28 th October	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 29 th October	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 28th October is 11.55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 29th October is 1055.

9.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500, except for postponements, general recalls, and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 1500.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be to the west and north of the entrance to Howth Harbour

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward, Olympic or Trapezoid.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS Appendix P will not apply.

14.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3 When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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 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 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 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 familiarise 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.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Organising Authority, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third

First Youth (under 22 on December 31st, 2023)

First Female Helm

First Masters (over 55)

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

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