



# DUBLIN BAY MERMAID NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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 will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2. 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

2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> before 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The SI will specify the location of the official notice board.

3.2. [DP] 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 all boats of the Dublin Bay Mermaid Class.

4.2. All boats shall have a valid Class Certificate of registration and measurement issued prior to the commencement of this event.

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- 4.3. Each helm must be a paid-up member of the Dublin Bay Mermaid Association.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-Events>
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

**5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee is €160.00
- 5.2. Marina berthing and crange is included in the entry fee.

**6. NOT USED**

**7. ADVERTISING**

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20.

**8. NOT USED**

**9. SCHEDULE**

9.1

Date	Event	Time
Wed. 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Equipment Inspection	12:00 – 20:00
	Launching	12:00 – 20:00
Th. 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Briefing	10:00
	Race Warning Signal	11:55
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Race Warning Signal	10:55
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Race Warning Signal	10:55
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Race Warning Signal	10:55
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races

9.2. Eight races are scheduled.

9.3. No race will be started after 15:00 on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 15:00.

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

10.1. Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

10.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during times shown in NoR 9.1

10.3. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **11. NOT USED**

## **12. VENUE**

12.1. The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

## **13. COURSES**

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SI

## **14. NOT USED**

## **15. SCORING**

15.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

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 between four and seven have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4. When more than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## **16.– 20. NOT USED**

## **21. DATA PROTECTION**

21.1. Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Event. The OA reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

## 22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. 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

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

## 24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- The Mermaid Perpetual Trophy - Winner of the championship, all boats eligible.
- Daphne - All boats outside the top 1/3 from previous years' championships
- Designer - Bottom 3<sup>rd</sup> of last year's championship and boats that did not compete in previous years' championships.

24.2. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Dublin Bay Mermaid Class.

24.3. Race prizes may be awarded.

## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. Boats may use the HYC crane facilities to launch. There is no additional cost for this.

25.2. Boats will be rafted on the Howth Yacht Club Marina at no additional cost during the event. Competitors should bring adequate warps and fenders.

25.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Howth Yacht Club on 1st – 4th August 2024, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.4. Parking regulations are enforced in Howth Harbour and competitors should be mindful of this.

25.5. The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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