



RS 400, RS 200 & RS Aero Western Championship 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

April 1st to April 2nd 2023

Galway City Sailing Club

53°16'07"N 9°02'16"W

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Galway City Sailing Club in conjunction with the Irish RS Class Association and the RS Aero Ireland Class 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 series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 to 2024.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 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, either in this Notice of Race or in the Sailing Instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions will be downloadable from www.galwaycitysailingclub.com and www.rsaeroireland.ie
- 2.1.1 There will be limited if any hardcopies available on the day.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The event is open to boats of the RS 400, RS 200 and RS Aero Classes.
- 3.2 For the RS 400s and RS 200s At least one of helm or crew shall be a member of the RS Ireland or other National RS Class Association. For the RS Aeros all competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Ireland Class Association or another RS Aero Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.galwaycitysailingclub.com
- 3.4 All RS Aero rigs shall race as one fleet and finishing positions will be calculated using the current Portsmouth Handicap **OR** the handicap as specified in the class rules.
- 3.5 In the RS Aero class, a change of rig during the event will be considered a new entry.

- 3.6 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 3.7 [NP] [DP] The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 3.8 NP] [DP] Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

4 Fees

- 4.1 Entry fees are as follows:

RS 400 Seniors € 60.00

RS 400 Juniors/Students € 40.00

RS 200 Seniors € 60.00

RS 200 Juniors/Students € 40.00

RS Aero € 45.00

Juniors; both helm and crew must be under 19 on 31st December 2023 &/or Student; will have a valid undergraduate student ID

Entries Close 23:59 Thursday before the event. No entries will be taken on the day of the event. All entries must be made online.

5 Communication

- 5.1 Communication for the event will be primarily via the following email address rswesternchampionship@gmail.com. Please send any queries to this address. A whatsapp group may be set up closer to the event. If this is the case the link to join will be sent out by email.
- 5.2 [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.

6 Crew Limitations

- 6.1 Does not apply

7 Advertising

- 7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 Qualifying series and Final series

- 8.1 Does not apply

9 Schedule

- 9.1 Registration: All online
- 9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 1st of April.
- 9.3 Racing:

Date	Race
Saturday 1 st of April	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 2 nd of April	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 is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 1055.

9.6 At the discretion of the Race Officer a Race may be brought forward to the first day or postponed to the second day depending on weather conditions. No more than one race of the scheduled number of races may be brought forward or postponed.

9.7 No warning signal will be after 15:00 on Sunday the 2nd of April

10 **Equipment Inspection**

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 **Clothing and Equipment**

11.1.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all **times** while afloat.

12 **Venue**

12.1 The sailing area will be either just to the south of Galway Harbour or further out in the bay to the south of the Leverets Lighthouse. More detailed charts will be provided in the sailing instructions

13 **Penalty System**

13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for both the RS 400 and the RS 200 classes

13.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised for the RS 400 and RS 200 Classes. This changes RRS 31.

13.3 Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty apply to this regatta. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty as defined in RRS T1(b) at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1(a). Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

14 **Scoring**

14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

14.3 RS Aero class will be scored using the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system.

15 **[DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

15.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 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, general recall or abandonment.

15.2 All persons on support vessels, shall wear a personal flotation device at all times and when the engine of a support vessel is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

16 **CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

16.1 Does not apply

17 **BERTHING**

17.1 [DP] Boats and road trailers shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

18 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

18.1 Does not apply

19 **DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

19.1 Does not apply

20 **DATA PROTECTION**

20.1 The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

21 **RISK STATEMENT**

- 21.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”. Sailing by its nature is 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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

22 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

- 22.1 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 COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club 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 be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling/€3,000,000 Euro per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:
- First, Second and Third
 - First Junior team (both crew under 19 on December 31st 2023) (or first junior helm/crew if no junior teams)
 - In the RS Aero Class there may also be prizes for first female and first masters (over 55) depending on entries

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

