



GCSC Regatta Featuring '*The Rabbit Run*' a pursuit race around the Leverets, Hare and Rabbit

NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday October 7th 2023
(Rollover Sunday October 8th)

Galway City Sailing Club

53°16'07"N 9°02'16"W

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 The main feature of the event is a single pursuit race around the Leverets Lighthouse, Hare Island and Rabbit Island. The exact course will be given at the briefing on the day of the event and will be weather dependent.
 - 1.2.1 Classes start according to start numbers allocated to each class. This changes Rule 26.
 - 1.2.2 There may be an additional handicap race this will be at the discretion of the Race Officer.
 - 1.2.3 The handicap race if run will take place after the pursuit race. If a tiebreak occurs they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the pursuit race. This changes RRS A8.2

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The event is open to all sailors.
- 2.2 The race is open to all dinghies having a PY handicap less than or equal to 1400
- 2.3 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fee.

3. Fees

- 3.1 The entry fees for the event are €15 for a single hander and €20 for a double hander if you own your own boat, otherwise it is €20 euros for a single hander and €30 euros for a double hander if you are using one of the club boats.

4 Schedule

Day/Date	Time	
Saturday 7th/10/2023	8:30 – 9.30	Registration
	9.30	Briefing
	10.55	First Gun
	17.00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After Last race	Prize Giving & BBQ

- 4.1 Races are scheduled with succeeding races being started as soon as practical after the finish of the previous race if there is to be a succeeding race.

5. Competitors – Event Registration and Entry Management

- 5.1 All competitors must register on [Galway City Sailing Club Website](#) before midnight on the Thursday 5th of October. Late entries are at the discretion of the Host Club.
- 5.2 There are only 12 club picos and 4 club Argos available for rent so if you need to use a club boat please book early.

6. Sailing Instructions.

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the club website.

7. The Venue.

- 7.1 The racing area will be described in the sailing instructions to follow

8. The Courses.

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as described in the Sailing Instructions but will be finalized at the briefing.

10. Scoring

- One race must be completed to create a valid series.

11. Prizes

11.1 There will be an overall prize for the regatta plus 2nd and 3rd. There will be additional prizes for different categories, such as class, age group etc... These will be dependent on the number and type of entries we receive. In addition there will be novelty prizes and spot prizes. The emphasis for this event is on fun and the prizes will reflect this.

12. Risk Statement

12.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue 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) They will familiarize themselves with any venue/event specific risks, adhere to rules and information produced for the venue/event and attend any venue/event safety briefings.

13. Insurance

13.1 It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

14. Photography Consent

14.1 By entering the Regatta, competitors and, where relevant, their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Regatta facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

15. Boat Parking & Launching / Recovery

- 15.1 Boat parking and launching/recovery plans may be posted on the Official Notice Board or website and parking spaces for dinghies may be allocated at Registration. Boats shall only be parked in their allocated space.
- 15.2 All competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their boat that is fully serviceable and clearly marked.