

Galway City Team Racing League

- **Dates:** Saturday 26th October, Saturday 2nd November, Saturday 16th November.
- **Fallback date:** Saturday 23rd November 2024
- **Hosted by:** Galway City Sailing Club and University of Galway Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Rules a) Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

b) All races will be umpired. The World Sailing Call Book for Team Racing will apply.

c) The right of appeal will be denied under RRS 70.5(a).

d) RRS 40.1 shall always apply when afloat or on the pontoons.

e) Competitors and their support persons will be made temporary members of Galway City Sailing Club for the duration of the event and shall adhere to all club rules and bylaws.

f) Each team and competitor agrees to abide by Addendum A to this document, Damage Assessment.

g) All competitors are expected to be fit to sail and have adequate sailing and racing experience.

Covid-19 Regulations a) It is the intention of the organising authority to run the championship as described herein, subject to compliance with the Covid-19 regulations of the government and Irish Sailing. Any non-standard rules or arrangements will be notified as early as possible. b) If the organising authority decides that the event cannot be safely sailed in compliance with the relevant Covid regulations, it will cancel the event. All entry fees that have been paid will be refunded in full less any costs incurred. c) No refunds to an individual team will be given except i) If a team is unable to participate due to local travel restrictions preventing them from getting to the event. ii) If a team is no longer able to compete as a team member has been instructed to self-isolate AND the team has not been able to find a replacement member. Evidence may be required.

Sailing Instructions

- The Sailing Instructions will be published on the Galway City Sailing Club website.

Communication

- The Official Notice Board will be located at the front of the Ocean Sports Centre in Galway. Official Notices will also be posted on the Galway City Sailing Club website <http://www.galwaycitysailingclub.com>.

Eligibility and Entry a) The event shall be raced by teams of six sailors in dinghies sailed by two people and supplied by the Organising Authority.

b) This event is open to Sailing Club, University and Schools teams from Connacht. Teams must consist of 6 members.

c) Competitors under the age of 18 must ensure the Parental Consent Form has been completed prior to racing. Failure to comply with this may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.

d) Entry is limited to a maximum of 14 teams on a first come, first served basis. Other teams will be placed on a waiting list in sequence. The maximum number of teams that a school, university or club can enter is two. Exception is made to the University of Galway for organising reasons.

e) Entries must be submitted through the online form available on <https://galwaycitysailingclub.com/> no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, 21st October.

f) To promote school team racing and to encourage participation by students from areas or groups of institutions where there are insufficient sailors in each school to establish school teams, the Organising Authority may accept entries from "combined schools" teams. The following conditions will apply:

i) Combined Schools teams must represent a clearly defined geographical area, or a recognised group of educational institutions.

ii) No combined school team member may be a student at a school that is entered in the event.

g) If not part of a "Combined Schools" team, all members of a team must represent a single club or school. Clubs may not form combined teams from different sailing clubs.

h) No competitor may sail for more than one team. After an entry has been accepted, the nominated helms or crews shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the race committee.

Due to the multi weekend structure team changes will readily be accepted, but notice is necessary by 5:00 pm the Friday before a racing Saturday.

i) The event is not a qualifier for any other event.

j) Decisions of the race committee about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends RRS 62.1.

k) To be considered an entry in the event, a team shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

l) Each team must have a nominated team captain who is responsible for ensuring their team is aware of changeovers and is in position for the start of each race.

m) Refunds: If racing must be cancelled in advance of a Saturday, due to weather conditions, refunds will be reimbursed after the conclusion of the league, unless they can be completed on the fallback Saturday. Refunds will be granted at the rate as follows:

- If there is racing on 0 days: 100% refund will be granted to each team.
- If there is racing on 1 day: 66% refund will be granted to each team.
- If there is racing on 2 days: 33% refund will be granted to each team.

Entry Fees a) The entry fee is as follows:

- €240 per team payable until 5:00 pm on Monday, 21st October
- €120 for host teams to cover the cost of providing boats.
- b) Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organising authority.

Advertising a) The organising authority may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

Schedule a) The League is forecast to be held across 3 Saturdays in October and November; the dates are as follows:

- Saturday, 26th October, Saturday 2nd November, Saturday 16th November.
- There is a fallback date of Saturday 23rd November in the case of the cancellation of a racing day due to bad weather conditions.
- Cancellation of a day's racing will take place before 5:00 pm the Friday prior.
- Racing may also be cancelled at any stage due to safety concerns by the Organising Committee or Safety Officer unilaterally.

b) Registration will be available at the Ocean Sports Centre on Saturday, 26th October, from 10:30 am to 11:00 am. Host teams may be pre registered at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

c) Details of the briefing will be published in the Sailing Instructions, and it may not be in person.

d) Racing will be a series of round robin races and followed, if possible, by a knockout stage on the final date of racing.

e) Racing will be scheduled to start and finish as follows:

i) On Saturday, 26th October and all following Saturdays (2nd November, 16th November), racing will start at 12:00 pm.

ii) No warning signal will be made after 5:00 pm on each Saturday.

Course a) The course to be sailed will be a "starboard digital N" course.

b) The marks used will be described in the briefing.

Prizes a) Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

Media and images a) Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

Data Protection a) The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event.

b) If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract.

c) If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.

d) Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy.

e) When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority, and/or World Sailing.

f) The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

Risk Statement a) 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- i. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore.
- iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their actions or omissions.
- iv. 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.
- v. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- vi. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event and any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.
- vii. It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation.
- viii. It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board.
- ix. That they are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew can compete in the anticipated conditions.

Addendum A: Damage Deposit & Assessment Policy Competitors should show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay, and impacts everyone involved. This intends to help minimise damage while ensuring that penalties are consistent, providing more racing at less cost for everyone. RRS D2.3 and D3.1 permit the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

Damage Deposit a) Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of 500 euros per incident. Each club, College or School only has to provide a maximum of 1 damage deposit.

b) A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail.

c) When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing.

d) Damage attributed to competitors generally or to an unidentified team will be attributed equally between all teams.

e) A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

f) The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the Championship.

Damage Assessment a) An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident.

b) The initial assessment is for the purpose of Penalties only and is not linked to any damage-associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether it turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the penalty given by the protest committee but may affect any damage associated costs.

Penalties a) The protest committee may impose a Penalty to the team of boats that break rule 14.

b) Penalties of half a race win or more may be applied to a team's race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

Damage Costs a) The Race Committee may require a team to make an intermediate payment, to the amount defined in this addendum, against allocated damage costs before the team may sail another event boat.

b) If a team is required to pay damage costs, and these are not paid at the event, the Organising Authorities will issue an invoice to the skipper. Invoices must be paid (without setoff or deduction) within 14 days unless an extension is agreed with the Organising Authorities.

c) Failure to pay a damage invoice within 14 days (or any extension period) is a breach of this addendum, and the Organising Authorities may:

- i) add an administrative fee of €50 per invoice to cover the costs of chasing payment.
- ii) disqualify the team in question without a hearing; this changes RRS 63.1.
- iii) report the team members to the Protest Committee for investigation under RRS 69.
- iv) reject any future entries from the Team or Team's School.

d) The Organising Authority may amend or cancel a damage notice at any time and may reinstate a team disqualified.

School Team Representative a) All School teams must be accompanied by a Teacher/Parent or Guardian (over the age of 18) referred to as the 'School Representative.'

b) This person may not be a competitor.

c) The School Representative is required to be listed on the Entry Form.

d) The School Representative must stay in attendance at the venue for the duration of the event.

e) The School Representatives will be asked to assist with launching, retrieval, changeover boats, and committee boats subject to their experience and abilities. f) Failure to comply with this section may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.

Queries to:

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 - Commodore
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NOTICE TO TEAMS: BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

1. Your team and supporters will be deemed to have read it if you turn up, so please make sure you have.
2. The Organising Authority hopes you have a great time at the Event and have the best possible racing over the weekend. We have been working hard to make sure the event is as good as possible, and we are here to have as good a time as you hopefully will.

3. However, there is a clear line between having a good time and misbehaviour. All competitors have already agreed to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing upon entering the event, and the organisers will not tolerate misconduct or misbehaviour by competitors. This applies from the moment you arrive at the event to the time you leave (including all social functions). We rely on the goodwill and co-operation of our hosts and the sailing clubs to host our events and simply cannot afford to damage these important relationships if we are to continue running the best possible events for you.
4. It is your club, school as well as you and your team captain that will be held responsible for any misconduct. We have applied this principle before and will do so again if required. Please respect the Club, handle the boats in a respectful manner as they are borrowed for the event and comply with any request from an Official either ashore or afloat.
5. Finally, it is inevitable that from time to time you might disagree with an official's decision and all our Officials are happy to explain why they have made a particular decision after a race. However, dissent (the dispute of an official's actions or decision in a manner that implies incompetence, prejudice, or insult, or behaviour that is offensive to the official concerned) is unacceptable and is unsportsmanlike conduct. If you dissent from an Official's decision, you must expect to receive extra turns or have race wins, no doubt hard earned, deducted.

Parental/Guardian Consent Form It is the responsibility for the School Representative to ensure that this form is completed by the Parent/Guardian of any competing team which contains members under 18 and lodged with the Race Office at Registration, prior to the start of racing. No team may commence racing until this form is submitted.

I hereby give consent for: [Child's Name] to compete for [Club or School's Name] in the Galway City Team Racing League to be held in Galway on Saturdays in October and November

- Parent/Guardian Name: [Parent/Guardian's Name]
- Relationship to Competitor: [Relationship]
- Phone Number: [Phone Number]
- Signature: [Signature]
- Date: [Date]