



Galway City Sailing Club's Annual Regatta and Picnic, 2025

Galway City Sailing Club
New Docks, Galway City, Ireland

Saturday, 20 September, 2025
(weather backup date: 21 September)

Notice of Race

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1. The event is open to all our members plus families who had participants in our 2025 junior camps.
- 1.2. Register online at <https://galwaycitysailingclub.com> by 16 September 2025.
- 1.3. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2.5 million per incident (as the club-owned boats are).

2. FEES

- 2.1. The entry fee will be €20 per sailor-owned boat €25 for a club-owned boat and is non-refundable to cover safety-boat fuel and veggie or beef burgers for participants and family.
- 2.2. Bring your own table settings and cups and picnic food and drink to go with the basic burgers.

3. VENUE

There will be two activities, each boat picks one, going on simultaneously in two sailing areas.

- 3.1. Juniors and adults will race together in a series of round-the-buoys races.
- 3.2. Adults and juniors who are capable and interested in a longer journey may join our *pursuit race* around the two local islands, taking care around rocks, probably two laps, taking about 90 minutes.



4. RULES

- 4.1. The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) <https://www.sailing.org/racingrules/>
- 4.2. RRS 40.1 applies, requiring the wearing of personal flotation.
- 4.3. Each boat must have a tow line.
- 4.4. Competitors under 18 must carry one numbered wristband per boat, provided at check-in. These competitors must return their wristband when they finish sailing each day to the beachmaster standing near the concrete ramp leading from the beach.

5. SCHEDULE

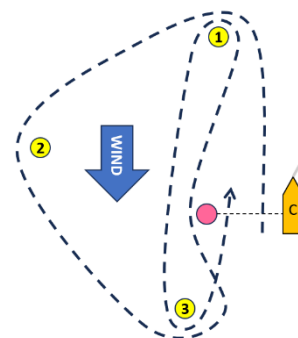
12:00–13:00	Check-in, pick up wristbands
13:00	Competitors Briefing at the clubhouse in the dinghy yard
13:30 or later	Warning Flag for the first Round-the Buoys race
14:00 or later	Warning Flag for the first boats in the Pursuit Race
16:00 approximately	Picnic at the Clubhouse

6. PRELIMINARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

These Sailing Instructions may be amended at the Competitors Briefing.

6.1. Round the Buoys Racing

- 6.1.1. The Warning Signal is a County Galway flag, and will be displayed **three (3)** minutes before each start. This changes RRS 26.
- 6.1.2. Rounding marks are round yellow buoys
- 6.1.3. The start-finish line is between the Course Race Officer standing in the committee boat (a power boat) and a flag or pink buoy.
- 6.1.4. The course is Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish, leaving marks to port.
Note: On legs between the starting and finishing legs, boats may sail around either side, or through, the start-finish line.

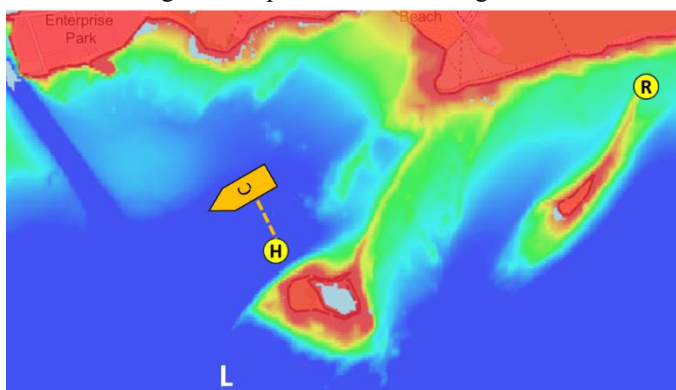


6.2. Pursuit Race

- 6.2.1. Each boat will be assigned a starting delay in minutes and one of these pennants:



- 6.2.2. Warning Pennant-1 will be displayed **one (1)** minute before the start for boats assigned 0-minute delay. Pennant-1 will be removed at the start for boats assigned 0-minute delay. This changes RRS 26.
- 6.2.3. The Course Race Officer will display a pennant **one (1)** minute before the start for boats assigned that pennant, and remove it at the starting time for boats assigned that pennant. This changes RRS 26.
- 6.2.4. Rounding marks are round yellow buoys, and Leverets Lighthouse.
- 6.2.5. The start-finish line is between the committee boat and buoy H.
- 6.2.6. The course, leaving marks to port, is Start – L – R – H – L – R – Finish.
- 6.2.7. The Race Committee intends to set R where Rabbit Island Spit is at least 1 metre under water during the race.



- 6.3. Trash on the water may be transferred to the committee boat or other support boats.

7. RISK STATEMENT

- 7.1. RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.” It is the Competitor’s decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race.
- 7.2. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify the Galway City Sailing Club (GCSC) its officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the events. Competitors shall acknowledge that GCSC, its officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the events or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

8. PHOTOGRAPHY

- 8.1. We generally take photos at our annual regatta, and use some of them in our website.
- 8.2. 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 picnic 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.

9. SCORING

- 9.1. Round-the-buoys racing will be scored using Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 9.2. The Pursuit Race score is simply the order of finish.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Pursuit Race: The first club member to finish will hold the GCSC perpetual trophy this year.
- 10.2. Buoys Racing: First and Second overall in the series of races

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