



TRALEE BAY SAILING CLUB



Dublin Bay Mermaid

National Championship 2021

Wednesday Aug 18th – Saturday Aug 21st

(Optional practice race on Tuesday Aug 17th)

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Tralee Bay Sailing Club (TBSC).

1.2 The race committee shall be comprised of the President of the MSA (Roisin McCormack), The Principal Race Officer (Scorie Walls) and the Commodore of the host club (Liam Lynch).

2. RULES:

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Mermaid Sailing Association Class Rules.

2.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

3. ADVERTISING:

3.1 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

4.1 General. The event is open to boats of the Mermaid Sailing Association whose helm or registered owner is a member of the Mermaid Sailing Association.

4.2 Registration. There will be a registration desk open at the Club on Wednesday the 18th of Aug from 0900 – 1000. All boats must submit a completed entry form online prior to signing in at registration. You can enter online at: <https://traleebaysailingclub.ie/mermaid-nationals-2021/>. Cut off for online entry is 2100 on Tuesday the 17th of August. Please enter as early as possible as this greatly helps the OA. If you do not plan to arrive until Wednesday morning please let the OA know.

4.3 Entry Fee. The event entry fee is €150 per boat. Entry fees may be paid online or at registration. See section **15.2** re cancellation.

4.4 Crew Declaration & Changes. The helm and crew of each boat must be declared at registration which will be open from 0900 – 1000 on Wednesday the 18th of Aug at the clubhouse. Crew declaration forms will be provided. Different crew may be nominated to sail on each day of the event provided that this is declared at the time of registration.

Once submitted, any changes to the crew declared at time of registration must be made in the form of a written request to the race committee (**1.2**). Such a request should be made before 8pm on the day prior to which the change applies. Change requests should only be made in exceptional circumstances and the race committee's decision on whether or not to allow a change is final and is not subject to protest.

5. MEASUREMENT:

5.1 Boat Measurement. It is the intention that every boat will be measured and inspected. There will be a Boat Measurement & Inspection team in place on Tuesday the 17th from 1400 – 2100. Inspection will be on a first come first served basis. If you will not be arriving until Wednesday morning you must let the OA know in advance.

5.2 Spot Checks. The OA and the MSA may require any entered boat to be weighed and/or measured at any time before or during the event. They may also require a boat to be weighed and/or measured after the completion of the last race of the event. It is the intention that 2-3 boats from top 10 finishers each day will be selected for spot checks.

5.3 Sail Measurement. All sails used at the event must be signed off by an approved Sail Measurer. The current class sail measurer is Paul Thorne. A 'Sail Measurement' facility will be in place at the Clubhouse on Wednesday the 18th from 0830 – 0930. If you wish to have a sail measured, please let Paul know in advance (086 3603471).

5.4 Non-Compliance. Non-compliances will be given the opportunity to rectify an issue where possible in order to be able to compete, however any blatant attempts to cheat will be treated with utmost severity. All measurement reports will be made available on the Mermaid website.

6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

6.1 Liability. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk see RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. TBSC, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

7. INSURANCE:

7.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate and valid insurance against any risk, including civil responsibility to 3rd parties, for the entirety of the Regatta.

8. SCHEDULE:

8.1 It is proposed to sail ten races.

8.2 The Event Briefing will take place Wednesday 18TH at 1000.

8.3 Proposed Schedule of Races:

Tuesday 17 th	Practice race FG at 1900
Wednesday 18 th	FG 1200, Up to 4 races
Thursday 19 th	FG 1100, Up to 3 races, followed by the crew race.
Friday 20 th	FG 1100, Up to 4 races
Saturday 21 st	Remaining Races FG 1100

Note: It shall be at the discretion of the Principle Race Officer to amend the schedule if weather has an adverse impact on the racing.

No Race will start after 1500 on the Saturday except in the event of one or more general recalls.

8.4 No more than 9 races may be completed by close of racing on Friday 20th unless the OA and PRO believe that no racing will be possible on Saturday 21st.

8.5 Approximate tide times are as follows:

Wed 18th HW: 1400

Thu 19th HW: 1509

Fri 20th HW: 1610

Sat 21st HW: 1704

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Event Office at registration. Prior to this they may be available at www.traleebaysailingclub.ie or www.dublinbaymermaids.com.

10. THE COURSES:

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be as listed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. VENUE:

11.1 The venue will be Tralee Bay Sailing Club.

11.2 Facilities. Club facilities include free power & water on site, shower and changing facilities (subject to Covid 19 restrictions) and secure trailer storage during the event.

11.3 Accommodation. Free camping and caravan parking will be available on site but must be booked in advance, please inform Commodore Liam Lynch (087 9798603). Priority will be given to tents for club grounds but there is additional room for campers in the nearby public carpark and marina grounds if needed.

11.4 Conduct. Sailors and friends are reminded that TBSC is located in the middle of Fenit Village with many neighbours on its boundaries and a full campsite is expected. There will be a 'Quiet Zone' in operation after 11:30pm after which no amplifiers or speakers shall be permitted on the club grounds. Antisocial or noisy behaviour will not be tolerated, and we ask all participants to show mutual respect to their fellow competitors and local neighbours.

11.5 Waste. All rubbish/waste must be removed promptly and disposed of properly.

11.6 Marina berths or dry storage will be provided for all boats for the duration of the event. Boats may be required to raft up on the marina.

11.7 The OA will provide launch/recovery facilities on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and Saturday afternoon, Launch or recovery outside of these times shall be at competitor's own responsibility.

12. ENTERTAINMENT

12.1 In the interest of safety for all participants there shall be no entertainment or catering in the clubhouse. Only visitors in possession of a valid COVID 19 vaccine certificate and photographic identification shall be allowed into the club bar. An outside bar table service will be provided.

12.2 Due to the ongoing Covid 19 conditions, it has been decided that for the safety of all participants, the usual indoor championship dinner will not take place. It is planned to have an outdoor BBQ championship dinner with prizegiving and speeches at circa 1900 on Saturday the 21st on the grounds of the club. Pre-booking will be required, names and numbers for BBQ will be taken during the event.

13. SCORING:

13.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply except that the score for first place shall be 0.75.

13.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.4 One discard will apply after 5 races and two discards if 10 races are sailed.

14. PRIZES:

14.1 The Mermaid Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the event.

14.2 The Daphne Cup will be awarded to the winner among those boats eligible.

14.3 The Designer's Tankard will be awarded to the winner among those boats eligible. The winner of the Daphne Cup will not be eligible to win the Designer's Tankard.

14.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

15. Covid 19 RESTRICTIONS

15.1 The event will proceed under the restrictions in place at the time and subject to the advice of the ISA regarding sailing events.

15.2 No entry fees are required until the date of registration although entrants may pay online prior to this date. Such payments will be refunded if the event is cancelled.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION:

16.1 For further information please see the Tralee Bay Sailing Club website or contact Commodore Liam Lynch at 087 9798603 or drlyllynch@eircom.net.