



## ICRA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

Dear Sailors,

We would like to thank you for entering the Irish Cruiser Racing National Championships 2021, hosted by the National Yacht Club and look forward to welcoming you on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. It has been a long wait since the summer of 2019.

With 79 boats entered, the competition looks like it will be as hot as ever, with many former national champions participating across all classes. Two inshore fleets, with Class 1 in White Fleet and Class 2, 3 and non-spinnaker in Orange fleet, will race windward/leeward and round the cans. Class 0 will race a mixture of coastal and windward/leeward courses, starting from the same line as Class 1. Provisional division splits can be found overleaf.

Once again, we will be in the hands of Ireland's premier race management team. This year, International Race Officers Jack Roy and Con Murphy will preside whilst Ailbe Millerick and Bill O'Hara will lead our Protest Committee who will as in 2019, be on the water to witness racing.

The Covid restrictions in place mean that the social element of the event will be more muted this year. With a maximum of 200 to be accommodated in one location, we will have to spread out a little. After consultation with the other waterfront clubs, Royal St George and Royal Irish members will be hosted by their respective clubs, where we have no doubt their needs will be comfortably and safely accommodated. Visiting boats and their crews will be hosted at the National Yacht Club. For those visiting the National during the event, your attention is drawn to the attached Covid Safety Plan, which will be strictly adhered too and we remind all participants of the current Covid 19 restrictions in place.

Due to the number of boats requesting berthing, the pontoon at the National Yacht Club will be congested. Boat owners are reminded that this pontoon can be exposed, particularly in strong North Easterlies. Co-operation with the boathouse staff is requested and please double spring your boat.

Should you prefer to go to the marina, or should weather conditions deteriorate, the National Yacht Club has made the following arrangement:

- Main marina (with land access) at €3.80/m/night
- West bight extension (no land access, no electricity or water, no staying on board allowed) at €2.85/m/night
- Please contact the Dun Laoghaire Marina - tel: (01) 202 0040 – for bookings
- A water taxi will run to the west bight. A berthing plan follows.

Prizes will be provided by our sponsors:

North Sails Ireland and UK Sails Ireland will provide bags  
Rope Dock, vouchers for their exceptional rigging services

A North Sails document wallet is available to all competitors and can be collected from the National Yacht Club.

The Sailing Instructions will be distributed by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>.

For those looking to socialise at the National Yacht Club, tables will need to be booked in advance and booking details and form will follow on Wednesday.

If you have any further questions please feel free to email Ric Morris on [pod909@gmail.com](mailto:pod909@gmail.com) or raise a question at the briefing on Thursday evening at 21:00.

Fair winds and good racing,

Richard Colwell

Ric Morris.

Commodore  
Irish Cruiser Racing Association

Technical Delegate  
Irish Cruiser Racing Association

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

2100hrs Skippers Briefing on Zoom (invitation will be emailed in advance)

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

0830hrs Breakfast on the forecourt, Coffee & pastries in Club Room bar

1125hrs Racing

1600hrs BBQ on forecourt

1800hrs Sailing Buffet in Dining Room

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

0830hrs Breakfast on the forecourt, Coffee & pastries in Club Room bar

1125hrs Racing

1600hrs BBQ on forecourt

1930hrs Regatta Dinner

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

0830hrs Breakfast on the forecourt, Coffee & pastries in Club Room bar

1025hrs Racing

1500hrs BBQ on forecourt

Approx. 1630hrs ICRA National Championships Prize Giving

# **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL YACHT CLUB**

As we are still operating under HSE and Government restrictions, it is vital that we communicate a few important points in relation to the social activities onshore.

It would be greatly appreciated if Skippers from each boat could impress upon their Crews the importance of compliance with Covid-19 guidelines while onshore.

In line with Government regulations and guidelines, capacity at the National Yacht Club has been reduced for onshore activities and safety measures put in place to ensure competitor safety.

Please note the following.:

1. Due to capacity limitations, competitors from other Dun Laoghaire Clubs are requested to return to their own Club after racing.
2. Reservations for bar and catering services in the NYC will open on 31<sup>st</sup> August for both indoor and outdoor dining. Please contact the Club on 01 280 5725 or email [catering@nyc.ie](mailto:catering@nyc.ie)
3. All food and beverage service will be confined to table bookings, meaning all food and beverage must be consumed while seated at your assigned table.
4. The NYC will be open for Brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 10am.
5. Take away lunch packs can be pre-booked by completing the attached form and emailing [catering@nyc.ie](mailto:catering@nyc.ie) by 4pm the previous evening.

# NYC TAKE-AWAY LUNCH ORDER FORM

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Collection from the NYC Dining Room before 11am each morning

Lunch packs €7.00

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Contact #</b>	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number of bags required</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.</b>	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	

<b>Special dietary requirements</b>
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Please email your order to [catering@nyc.ie](mailto:catering@nyc.ie) before 4pm the previous evening.

## PROVISIONAL CLASSES

The Classes are defined in ICRA General Rules: Rule 8.

The classes in each fleet will be on the same race area.

Each class will get its own start.

Results will be provided for each class and grouping.

Prizes will be awarded for each class.

For none spinnaker prizes will be awarded for boats with furling and none furling headsails

<b>Green Fleet</b>	<b>ICRA Groupings</b>
Class 0	A (1.035 Sun Fast 3600 and above)

<b>White Fleet</b>	<b>ICRA Groupings</b>
Class 1	B + C (1.034 to 0.981 Kerr 32 to B34.7)

<b>Orange Fleet</b>	<b>ICRA Groupings</b>
Division 2	D, E + F (0.980 to 0.916 J97 to X302)
Division 3	G, H, I and below (0.915 Sigma 33 and below)
Non-spinnaker	

## **INFORMATION FROM THE PROTEST COMMITTEE FOR COMPETITORS**

This notice does not modify or replace the rules of the competition

### **1. On the Water:**

Sailing is essentially a self-policing sport. The Protest Committee expects that boats will take a penalty promptly when appropriate. For this year this will be a 2-point scoring penalty acknowledge by flying a yellow flag. The primary responsibility for protesting breaches of the rules is with the competitors, not the Protest Committee.

Competitors are advised that there will be some Protest Committee presence afloat at this event, but will not be acting on the water except to collect information that may assist the conduct of protest hearings by giving evidence when available.

The Protest Committee will protest breaches of a rule of Part 2 where the breach is difficult for other competitors to protest or they observe an apparent breach of good sportsmanship (RRS 2). Examples of such breaches are:

- Apparent deliberate breaches of rules;
- Knowingly breaking a rule and not taking the appropriate penalty;
- Intimidating other boats, often evidenced by unnecessary shouting or foul language;
- Reckless sailing that results in, or is likely to result in, damage or injury.

### **2. Observers at hearings**

Each party may bring one person to observe at a hearing, unless the protest committee panel decides in a particular case that it is inappropriate. Observers must sign and comply with the requirements in the document titled Information for Observers.

### **3. Requirements to Protest**

Competitors are reminded of the requirements for protest validity in rule 61.

In order to comply with rule:

61.1(a) it is essential that the protestee be informed of the intention to protest. If it is not possible to inform the protested boat by hailing on the water, this must be done as soon as reasonably possible, which may be upon arriving ashore. Where multiple boats are to be protested for the same incident, it is required that each is informed of the intention to protest. In exceptional circumstances, where there is no practical alternative, competitors may place a notice on the official notice board to comply with this requirement.

Protests must be lodged as soon as possible after the incident on the [racingrulesofsailing.org](http://racingrulesofsailing.org) website. This also applies to protests regarding breaches of sailing instructions, class rules, etc. If it is discovered that a boat has broken a class rule on the first day of the regatta, a protest lodged on the last day will likely be invalid.

#### **4. Requests for Redress, Claiming RC Error in Scoring a Boat OCS, UFD or BFD**

Boats sometimes want to challenge the race committee's decision to score them OCS, UFD or BFD by requesting redress under rule 62.1(a).

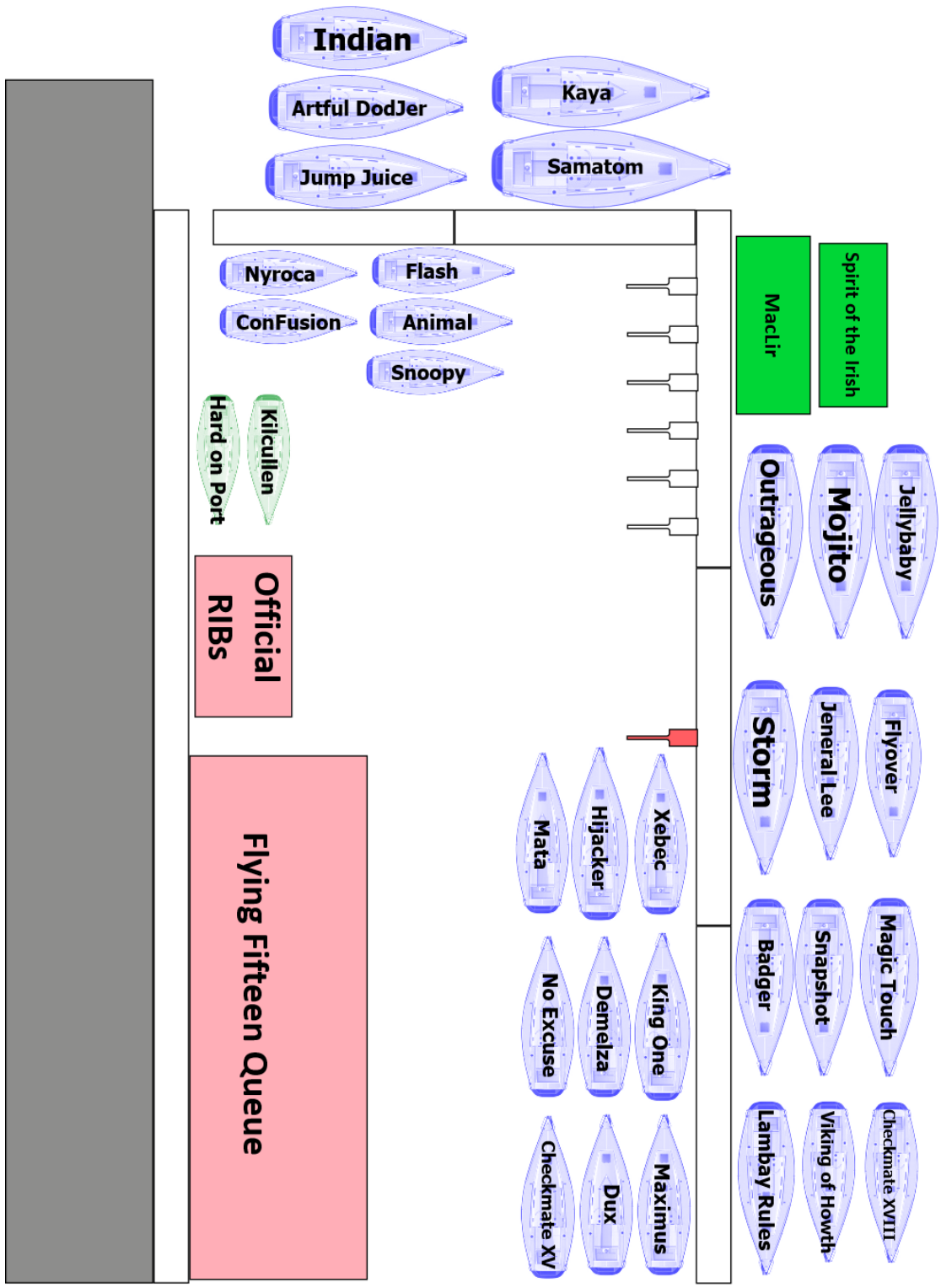
Competitors are advised to consult the race officer prior to a hearing, to learn the race committee's evidence that the boat was OCS, UFD or BFD. Evidence beyond a video or the relative positions of two boats that are scored differently is usually needed for the protest committee to find that the race committee made an error in scoring the boat OCS, UFD or BFD and to award redress.

#### **5. Arbitration**

Arbitration is a quicker and less contentious means of resolving rules disputes. Arbitration carries a maximum penalty of a 3-point scoring penalty. All protests not resolved by arbitration will go to a full protest hearing, where the potential penalty is disqualification. The Protest Committee decides what protests are suitable for arbitration based on Appendix T as modified by the sailing instructions. When a protest is marked for arbitration, both parties are expected to attend.



# Berthing plan





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## **COVID-19 Onshore Safety Plan National Yacht Club**

September 3rd – 5th 2021

All activities will adhere to the provisions set out in the Covid Safety Plan of the National Yacht Club. This includes maintaining appropriate physical distancing among participants and shall not exceed the maximum occupancy limits for the applicable space. For outdoor events, in no case shall the event exceed two hundred people and in the case of indoor dining, all activity will adhere to the guidelines set down by the HSE and Failte Ireland

Organizer's name: National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire (John O'Grady)

Organizer's email address: [manager@nyc.ie](mailto:manager@nyc.ie)

Date of event: 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Event location: National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire

Number of attendees: 180-200Pax

Description of event: Post Sailing Race Dining

Capacity limitations: The event will comply with guideline set out where no more than 200 patrons can be present on the platform for dining at any one time. One section of the platform will be designated for outdoor dining where all patrons will remain seated for consumption of food and Beverages. Indoor dining will adhere to guidelines set out by the HSE and Failte Ireland where tables will have no more than six patrons seated and all service is table service. Masks must be worn when not seated at tables and patrons must provide proof of full vaccination through the form of Digital cert and Photo id.

2) Physical Distancing: All tables must be at least one metre apart and patrons shall not be able to approach bar counters

- 3) Face Coverings: Must be worn at all times when not seated
- 4) Hygiene: The National Yacht Club provides visible hand hygiene stations for all patrons, will regularly clean and disinfect common areas and shared surfaces and will limit the sharing of objects and discourage touching of shared surfaces; or, when in contact with shared objects or frequently touched areas, wear gloves, sanitize and/or wash hands before and after contact. A full cleaning and sanitization rota is in place for the period of the event to include clean down of surfaces, sanitization and cleaning of toilets and common areas
- 5) Communication: The National Yacht Club will post temporary or freestanding signage throughout the site to remind attendees to adhere to proper hygiene, physical distancing rules, appropriate use of face coverings and cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
- 6) Contact Tracing: A full log will be kept of people entering onto the premises as well as people dining indoors.

### **Activity**

Barbecue on both Friday and Saturday afternoon – Social distancing will be adhered to by way of a queue system with all Patrons 2M apart. Patrons will order at a starting point and will not be permitted to handle any utensils or crockery until the service process is complete

Bars will be open with all service confined to table service and tables will be the required 1M apart

Access to the toilets from the platform will be to the changing rooms and from within the clubhouse will be to the main toilets

### **Access**

Access to the Clubhouse will be controlled through the main front door within indoor dining protocols in place and access from the Pontoon will be controlled by preassigned berthing set down by sailing organisers.

## **Management of a Suspected Case of COVID-19 whilst at a sporting/Outdoor event**

(As per Sport Ireland)

1. Ideally, the designated COVID-19 compliance officer, staff member or volunteer should take charge of the management of any persons with COVID-19 symptoms.
2. Immediately separate any child or other person displaying or complaining of COVID-19 related symptoms from participants, staff and spectators.
3. Ask this person to wear a face covering if possible or if available provide them with a facemask.
4. The designated person managing the situation should try to maintain at least 2 metres from the person with symptoms and should wear a face covering and wash their hands regularly.
5. Provide the ill person with tissues and hand sanitizer and ensure that all tissues are disposed of in a waste bag that can be tied and marked as separate from other waste.
6. If not unwell, advise ring GP (for Irish) / public health 1850 241850 (visitor). If minor, ring team contact (available from race office) and tell them to ring GP / public health number.
7. If they are too unwell to go home or advice is required, contact 999 or 112 and inform them that the sick person is a COVID-19 suspect.
8. All persons who have been in close contact with the suspect case will need to be informed to restrict their movement for 14 days or until further information is available (i.e., a negative test result of the suspect case).
9. The person suspected of COVID-19 should have a medical assessment (GP or Hospital) and if the ill person has a positive test for COVID-19, a Public Health medical team will perform a risk assessment to determine the appropriate containment and mitigation measures, which includes the identification of close contacts as per national guidance.

10. Following a suspected case, all equipment should be disinfected and cleaned immediately. This is in addition to normal hygiene procedure.

HSE live number 1800 700 700

HSE support line 1850 241850 – Failte Ireland recommend give this to symptomatic guest.

Walk-in testing if symptomatic – photo ID & mobile number: NB NOT FOR TRAVEL PURPOSES

Shrewsbury Road Community Test Centre,  
Hall 8a Simmonscourt Pavilion,  
Shrewsbury Road,  
Dublin 4

Walk-in testing from 3pm to 4:30pm, every day

Book (day of symptoms or next day) Book a COVID-19 test - HSE  
([healthservice.ie](https://healthservice.ie))