

Notice of Race

29er Westerns Championships 2019

16-17 March, 2019

Tralee Bay Sailing Club

Tralee Bay Maritime Centre

The Organising Authority is Tralee Bay Sailing Club

The Pier, Fenit, Co Kerry

1. Rules

1.1. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 to 2020

1.2. Competitors should note that 29er events implement the Irish Sailing Racing guidelines.

1.3. The Class Rules of the 29er class shall apply, unless amended in the Sailing instructions

2. Advertising

2.1. Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the Class Rules

2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen by the Organising Authority.

3. Entry and Eligibility

3.1. The class eligible to compete is the 29er class. Note that there are no age restrictions to this event.

3.2. Competitors must be member of the Irish 29er class or members of an association affiliated to the International 29er class association. Competitors may apply to be members of the Irish 29er Class Association on the day.

3.3 Competitors may apply for a temporary event membership of the Irish 29er Class Association at the event upon payment of €10 per crew member to the Irish 29er Class Association. This may only be applied for once in a calendar year.

3.4. Entries will only be accepted on the event on-line entry form until March 1st, 2019. The entry fee is 80EUR.

On line registration is available at the following link:

<https://traleebaymaritimecentre.ie/clinics/#1496870177015-af40780a-b2901509044201059>

3.5. Entries received on or after March 2nd, 2019 may be accepted with a late entry fee of 120EUR.

3.6. In case of insufficient entries by the entry closing date, then the event may be cancelled with a full refund of the entry fee.

3.6 Competitors under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian declarations before racing (download forms from the event website).

3.7 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of the host club for the duration of the event.

4. Qualifying Series and Final Series

4.1. The event will be sailed as one fleet

4.2 Sub categories may be determined to encourage less experienced teams

5. Schedule

5.1. Registration: Competitors shall register at the Event Office which shall be open on Saturday March 16th from 9am until 11.30am.

5.2. Equipment Inspection: Equipment Inspection may take place at any time during the event

5.3. Dates of Racing: Racing will run on Saturday the 16th and Sunday the 17th March

5.4. Number of Races: 8 races are scheduled. 2 races are necessary to constitute a championship.

5.5. The warning signal for the first races on Saturday March 16th will not be before 12.25.

5.6. On Sunday the 17th, no warning signal will be made after 15.30.

6. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event notice board by 9am on March 16th

7. Venue

7.1. The Championships will be held In Tralee Bay. Zone A will be south West of the Marina. Zone B will be located East of the Marina

7.2. The organizing Authority is Tralee Bay Sailing Club with the support of Tralee Bay Maritime Centre, both located in Fenit, Co Kerry

8. The Courses

The course will be a windward leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions

9. Penalty System

9.1. RRS 44.1 and P2.1 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

10. Scoring

10.1 Eight races are scheduled with no more than 5 races being sailed in one day

10.2 Two races constitute a series

10.3 If 6 or more races are completed, one discard will be applied

10.4 The low point system will apply, and the boats overall score will be the total of all races in the event minus any discards

11. Support Boats

Support boat must register to the race office and will include as a secondary line of safety if the situation dictate. They must carry a VHF and comply with the instructions of the safety officer at all time.

Support boats must stay outside any point a boat may be racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have completed the race unless instructed to assist.

12. Berthing

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

13. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while afloat nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

14. Prizes

Individual prizes will be awarded to the crew and helm of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd boat

15. Rights To Use Names and Likeness

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.

16. Safety Regulations

16.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat.

16.2 All competitors MUST carry a knife and whistle at all times whilst on the water

17. Risk Statement

Rule 4 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:

- 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, safety boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

18. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling (or equivalent in Euros) per incident or the equivalent.

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