



LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB  
FOUNDED 1770



## NOTICE OF RACE

**Amendment No 1 issued 13th April 2024**

### Connaught Championships 2024

### Lough Ree Yacht Club

Ballyglass, Hillquarter, Coosan, Athlone, N37 K25

**27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)**  
**Lough Ree Yacht Club**

The event will be organised by the Host Club  
in association with the International Laser Class Association of Ireland.

*The notation [NP] in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule(s) Signal AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2, A5.1, A5.2 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The Major Event Sailing Instructions will be available [here](#)  
The Supplementary Sailing Instructions for this event **will be available by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 as per NoR 3 (Communications)** .



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### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 **Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the front window of the clubhouse and will also be posted using the event WhatsApp Group "ILCA Connaught Championship 2024" which can be joined [here](#)**



**or by scanning the QR code:**

- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Laser Class.
- 4.2 Helms shall be members of the Irish or other National Laser Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online.
- 4.4 Competitors under the age of 18 shall ensure that their declaration form has been signed by a responsible adult and must be submitted at registration.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

Boats should enter [here](#) **(Early Bird) before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**  
**Online entry closes on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

Late entries may be accepted thereafter only at the discretion of the OA.

### 5 FEES

The Early Bird entry fee will be €60.00. (Late entry fee €85.00.)

### 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

### 7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

### 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.



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## 9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Six Races are scheduled.

<b>(Registration must be completed prior to Competitors Briefing)</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>17.00 – 19.00</b>	<b>Registration</b> (in the clubhouse Committee Room)
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>09.00 - 10.10</b>  <b>10.15</b>  <b>11.55 (This changes Class Standard SI 6.3)</b>	<b>Registration</b>  <b>Competitors' Briefing</b> (in front of the Clubhouse)  <b>First Warning Signal (up to four races)</b> <b>(This changes Class Standard SI 6.1)</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.55</b>  <b>ASAP after last race results posted</b>	<b>First Warning Signal (Remaining races to complete the series of six races)</b> (No Warning Signal after 1500)  <b>Prize Giving in front of the Clubhouse</b>

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

## 11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 (Personal Floatation Devices) shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2 All boats shall have a painter of at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

## 12 VENUE

12.1 The Sailing Area **will be on Lower Lough Ree approximately as shown in Addendum A.**

## 13 COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be either trapezoid or triangle.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

14.2 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" shall apply.

## 15 SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.



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## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (SPVs)

- 16.1 [DP] SPVs shall register with the OA at registration and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the OA.
- 16.2 [DP] SPVs shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency. [DP]
- 16.3 [DP] Support teams, including all support persons and SPVs shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
- 16.4 When the engine of a SPV is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 Does not apply.

## 18 BERTHING

- 18.1 [DP] **Boats shall be kept in their assigned areas.**

## 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

## 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

Does not apply.

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The data processing policy is available on the class website [here](#)
- 21.2 **Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likenesses as it sees fit for the promotion of the Club and the Event. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recordings during the Event, free of charge.**



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## RISK STATEMENT

21.3 *RRS 3* states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

21.4 [NP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 22 INSURANCE

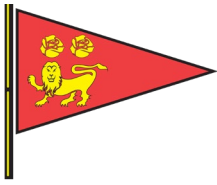
22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **£3,000,000 Pounds Sterling, €3,000,000 EUR** per incident or the equivalent.

## 23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

**23.2 The 2024 Irish Sailing Youth National Championship prizes will be awarded to the top three ILCA 4 sailors who have not reached the age of 17 before 31/12/2024.**

**The awarding of these prizes is solely at the discretion of Irish Sailing; ILCA Ireland will not be involved in any decision regarding the awarding of prizes or otherwise.**



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## ADDENDUM A



END OF NOTICE OF RACE



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## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Excellent camping facilities and parking for Camper Vans etc. are available at a Weekend Cover Charge of €15.00. Proceed to book [here](#)

B&B accommodation is available locally and hotels are available in and around Athlone town. See Athlone Accommodation websites [here](#)

### **CATERING**

The club intend to organise a meal in the clubhouse on Saturday evening at 7pm. This will depend on numbers and pre booking will be essential before Wednesday 24th of April. A booking link (together with bar opening hours) will be available by the 20th of April or before.

### **LRYC MEMBERSHIP**

Competitors and their guests are granted temporary membership of LRYC for the duration of the event, subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

For further information

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