



Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club

International Mirror Class Association of Ireland Mirror Irish National Championship 21st – 24th August 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

The Mirror Northern Championships shall take place at Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Cultra, on 21st – 24th August 2008. Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club is the organizing authority.

1. Rules

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the International Mirror Class Association of Ireland (IMCAI), this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.

1.2 All Mirrors and competitors shall comply in full with the insurance and safety requirements of the IMCAI. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1,500,000 per incident/event or the equivalent.

1.3 Jury boats may be on the water during the event. Details of this, if applicable, will be listed in Addendum B and at the event briefing.

2. Advertising will be restricted to Category C

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The event is open to Mirrors sailed by members of the IMCAI or, where non-resident on the Island of Ireland, the Mirror Class Association of another country. **Single event membership of the IMCAI is included in the entry fee for the Regatta fleet.**

3.2 Singlehanders will race on equal terms with the doublehanders for separate prizes.

3.3 The event includes a separate Regatta fleet for novice competitors and older boats; acceptance into this fleet is entirely at the discretion of the organizing authority, but is primarily for those helms who have not competed in a Mirror regional or national championship since January 2006.

3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and sending it, together with the required entry Fee to The Secretary Manager, RNIYC, Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, BT18 0BB to be received **no later than 17.00 hrs on Friday 15th August 2008**. Entries to be valid must be complete in all respects, signed by all required parties, and enclose the required entry fee.

3.5 Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.

3.6 Late entries may be accepted under the following conditions:

- Payment of the Entry Fee without discount.
- The organizing authority determining, at its absolute discretion, that it has the necessary facilities to cope with such late entry. The organizing authority shall be under no obligation to accept any late entry.

4. Schedule

4.1 Registration shall take place at the Club House from 19.00hrs to 20.00hrs on Wednesday 20th August, and again from 09.00hrs to 12.00hrs on the first day of the regatta. Sailing Instructions and details of the social programme will be available to competitors at registration, and may, where possible, be posted on the IMCAI (www.imcai.com) and RNIYC websites (www.rniyc.org) one week in advance of the regatta.

4.2 Measurement, examination of measurement certificates and/or measurement checking may take place as part of the registration process.

4.3 A briefing will be held at 12.00 hrs on the first day of scheduled racing in the Club House.

4.4 Ten races are scheduled for the event. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 13.55 hrs on the first day of racing; this changes IMCAI Championship Sailing Instruction rule 6.2. The scheduled time for the warning signal on the second and subsequent days of the event will be 10.25 hrs. The second and subsequent race(s) on each day will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.

4.5 Competitors in the Regatta fleet will be allowed 5 discards for the event

NB - This is to facilitate those competitors who only wish to race on Saturday and Sunday.

5. Race area and courses

5.1 Details of the race area and courses to be sailed will be available at registration.

6. Lunches

6.1 Lunches will **not** be provided to competitors on the water. A hot snack will be available on arrival ashore.

7. Prizes and prizegiving

7.1 The prize giving will be held at approx 16.30 hrs on 24th August.

8. Event Program

8.1 A full event program will be available upon registration.

8.2 The Class Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 22nd August at 6.30pm.

8.3 The Class annual dinner will be held in RNIYC on Saturday evening 23rd August during which the “Wynnes Winner” trophy will be presented; the entry fee includes tickets for both the helm and crew. Additional tickets are available for parents and supporters at €20.00 / £15.00 per person – **THESE MUST BE PRE BOOKED.**

9. Disclaimer of Liability

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

10. Rights to Use Names and Likenesses

9.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of, or relating to the event. They also allow their names, age category, club and boat details to be displayed in competitors lists prior to the event and in results, both on the RNIYC and IMCAI websites and in other publications.

11. Accommodation

10.1 The event is supported by North Down Borough Council Tourism; accommodation should be arranged via the Tourist Board at:

Tourist Information Centre

Tower House

34 Quay Street

Bangor

Tel. 00442891 270069

Email- tic@northdown.gov.uk

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10.2 A full list of local accommodation including camping (with approximate distances from the Club) is available on the Club website (www.rniyc.org) under Events / Mirror Irish Nationals 2008 / Local Accommodation.

12. Further Information

10.1 For further information, including accommodation details, please see the IMCAI and RNIYC websites or contact the Event Organizer at the following address. The Secretary Manager, Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB. Tel: 0044 2890 428041 Fax: 0044 2890 427418 Email: manager@rniyc.org