



**MATROPIX RS Aero Northern Championship 2024**  
**27th & 28th July**  
**Swords Sailing & Boating Club (SSBC)**  
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**NOTICE OF RACE**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)**

This event will be organised by Swords Sailing and Boating Club (SSBC) in conjunction with the RS Aero Ireland Class Association.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2. Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3. The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply.
- 1.4. The prescriptions of the Irish Aero Association will apply.
- 1.5. This notice of race, if there is a conflict between a rule in this notice of race and Sailing Instructions then the sailing instruction rule will apply, this changes rule 63.7

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on [swordssailing.ie](http://swordssailing.ie) and [rsaeroireland.ie](http://rsaeroireland.ie)

**3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. The online official [noticeboard](#)
- 3.2. WHATSAPP group may be used as means of one way communication, to include RO, PC, Event chair, Race Office & Results personnel and all competitors.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the RS Aero class.



- 4.2. All competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Ireland class association or another RS Aero Class Association.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online form](#) No later than Wednesday 24th July
- 4.4. All rigs shall race as one fleet and finishing positions will be calculated using the current Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) Handicap.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements No later than Wednesday 24th July and pay all fees either Friday evening 26th July 18:00 - 19:00 or Saturday Morning 27th July 09:00 - 09:45. Cash or Card accepted.
- 4.6. Any rig change during the series shall constitute a new separate entry.
- 4.7. Competitors aged under 18 require parental/guardian consent, facilitated in the [online form](#)

## 5. FEES (SSBC Sum Up/Cash)

- 5.1. RS Aero €65 (food incl Sat after racing)
- 5.2. RS Aero Under 19 yrs €40

## 6. ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

## 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Registration: Entry [online form](#) should be completed no later than Wednesday 24th July and fees paid either Friday evening 26th July 18:00 - 19:00 or Saturday Morning 27th July 09:00 - 09:45. Cash or Card accepted.
- 7.2. Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10:30 on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July.
- 7.3. Schedule of Racing:

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Races 1 to 3	1155
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Races 4 to 6	1055
- 7.4. Six Races are scheduled.
- 7.5. It may be decided to run an additional race on either day of the event. This allows flexibility to maximise the chances of a full 6 races.
- 7.6. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

## 10. VENUE

The Sailing Area will be in the waters of Broadmeadow Estuary, Malahide.

## 11. COURSES

Courses to be sailed will be detailed in the sailing instructions appendix A.



## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. RRS Appendix P, Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty apply to this regatta. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 12.2. RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be her total score excluding her worst score.

## 14. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1. [DP] Support Person Vessels shall register with the race office and shall be identified with a numbered flag.
- 14.2. Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels 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.
- 14.3. When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## 15. [DP] [NP] RUBBISH DISPOSAL

The Basic Principle says: "Participants are encouraged to minimise any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing". Therefore all sailors are asked to follow RRS 47 -Trash disposal- before, during and after the event : "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification"

## 16. DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the SSBC website.

## 17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1. RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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:

- 17.1.1. 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;



- 17.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 17.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 17.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 17.1.5. 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;
- 17.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 17.1.7. 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.

## **18. INSURANCE**

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 Euro per incident or the equivalent.

## **19. PRIZES**

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee as follows:

First Overall: Irish RS Aero Northerns Champion Trophy (TBC)

Second and Third overall

First in each fleet, where not included above.

First Junior (under 19 on December 31st, 2024)

First Female

First Masters (over 55)

First Novice

## **20. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact Patrick Wodhams, Event Chair on 0872029841

## **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

Any other information can be located on the event [noticeboard](#) (Accommodation, Camping, Motorhomes, Social, Dinner, Event Whatsapp link etc.)