



**RS Aero Sprint Event 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Swords Sailing & Boating Club**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Swords Sailing and Boating Club (SSBC) in association with the Irish RS Aero Class Association.

**2. RULES**

2.1. The Event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS).

2.2. Irish Sailing and RS Aero Class prescriptions will apply.

2.3. In all rules governing this event:

2.3.1.[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

2.3.2.[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS

60.1(a). 2.3.3.[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the Protest Committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

2.4. Racing rules Race Signal AP, 26.1, 28.1, 35, 60.1(a), 61.1(b), 62.2, 63.1, 63.2, 64.1, A2.1, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

**3. COMMUNICATION**

3.1. Will be via the online official noticeboard, <https://swordssailing.ie/rs-aero-sprint-event-2026/>

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 communication that is not available to all boats.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY (NP, DP)**

4.1. The Event is open to all RS Aero class rigs (5, 6, 7 and 9), with results rated under Portsmouth Yardstick.

4.2. All competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Ireland class association or another National RS Aero Class Association.

4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [online form](#) by midnight Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.



- 4.4. To be considered as an entry, all fees shall be paid in person either on Friday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 18:00 - 19:00 or Saturday Morning 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 09:00 - 09:45 in SSBC clubhouse. Cash or Card accepted.
- 4.5. Any rig change during the series shall constitute a separate entry.
- 4.6. Competitors aged under 18 require parental/guardian consent, facilitated in the [online form](#)
- 4.7. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Swords Sailing and Boating Club for the duration of the Event subject to the provisions of the Club rules for issuing, withdrawing or withholding such membership.

## 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. EVENT VENUE AND COURSE

- 6.1. The Venue is Sword Sailing and Boating Club, Broadmeadows Estuary, Malahide, County Dublin.
- 6.2. Boats will compete on either a Windward-leeward or a modified Olympic Triangular Course.

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1

|                              |                                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Saturday 10:45               | Competitor briefing                     |
| Saturday 11:00               | Weather and boat handling brief         |
| Saturday 11:30               | First warning signal                    |
| Saturday 15:30               | Latest warning signal                   |
| Post racing ashore with food | Debrief and question and answer session |
| Sunday 10:30                 | Weather and boat handling brief         |
| Sunday 11:00                 | First warning signal                    |
| Sunday 14:00                 | Latest warning signal                   |

Race numbers will be determined on the basis of the allotted time windows listed above and not on a predefined number of races.

### 7.2 The start sequence for each race shall be:

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Class Flag up</b>           | -3 minutes |
| <b>Preparatory signal up</b>   | -2 minutes |
| <b>Preparatory Signal down</b> | -1 minute  |
| <b>Class Flag down</b>         | 0          |



This changes RRS 26.1.

7.3 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, shorten the allocated time for racing.

7.4 Three races shall constitute a series.

7.5 Succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable following the finish of the previous race.

7.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

## **8 SCORING**

8.1 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When eight or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

When twelve or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

This changes RRS A2.1.

8.2 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme shall apply. Boats will be scored using the current Portsmouth Numbers.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEMS**

9.1 The penalty for breaches of Class Rules will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes rule RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.

## **10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & BRIEFING**

9.1. The Event Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website, <https://swordssailing.ie/rs-aero-sprint-event-2026/>, at least two days prior to the event.

9.2. Supplementary Sailing Instructions, where necessary, will be available on the Notice board at the clubhouse at Swords Sailing and Boat Club, Broadmeadows on the day of the Event.

## **10. RISK STATEMENT**

10.1 All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. The OA or any part involved with the organization of the event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and goods, both ashore and afloat as a consequence of participation in the races covered by this notice of race and the sailing instructions. Participation in this event, supporting events and in each race is at the sole discretion of the sailor and at his/her own risk.

Notice is drawn to Rule 3 of the RRS 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 and the parents/ guardians of those participating under the age of 18, agree and acknowledges that:



- 10.1.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 10.1.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 10.1.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 10.1.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 10.1.5 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;
- 10.1.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 10.1.7 The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat

## **12. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 or the equivalent per event.

## **13. TROLLEYS**

All trolleys must be in full working order and clearly marked with a current sail number.

New trolley tags may be issued at Registration, and, in such case, old trolley tags must be removed.

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

- 14.1. 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 AND IMAGE RIGHTS

By entering the Event, competitors and support persons accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Event facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

#### 17. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded where there is a minimum of three boats.
- b. where there are three boats in the fleet, a prize will be awarded to first place, or
- c. where there are four boats in the fleet, prizes will be awarded for first and second place, or
- d. where there are five boats or more, a prize will be awarded for first, second and third place.
- e. Other prizes may be added at the discretion of the OA for the most improved boat, who may or may not be at the top of the fleet results.
- f. Prize giving will take place as soon as practical after sailors have returned to shore.

#### 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Camping facilities are detailed within the event noticeboard,  
<https://swordssailing.ie/rs-aero-sprint-event-2026/>

For further information please contact SSBC [info@swordssailing.ie](mailto:info@swordssailing.ie) or Nigel Harris  
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