

THURSDAY JULY 10TH TO SUNDAY JULY 13TH



**VOLVO
DÚN LAOGHAIRE REGATTA**
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPIRIT MOTOR GROUP



2025



NOTICE OF RACE

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Regatta Overview

We invite sailors to participate in the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2025 (Regatta).

The Organising Authority (OA) of Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta is Dublin Bay Regattas Ltd, a not-for-profit company, beneficially owned by Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC), National Yacht Club (NYC), Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC) and Royal St George Yacht Club (RSGYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, applies.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the official notice board from 27th June 2025. There will be no paper version available at the venue.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is located at <https://tinyurl.com/bf2zfbde>
- 3.2 An information channel on WhatsApp will be available to provide notifications and Race Committee communications. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The link/QR Code will be available in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats except dinghies shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of communicating on international marine channels. Cruiser classes will carry a second VHF radio on board (see NOR Section 13.2)
- 3.4 The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels used will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY – ALL CLASSES

- 4.1 The Regatta is open to all boats and classes listed in the Entry Fees Table in 5.7 below and to any other classes accepted by the OA.
- 4.2 Cruiser class boats with members of the crew who are defined as Group 3 competitors under the World Sailing Categorisation Code shall not be eligible to be scored under ECHO.
- 4.3 The OA reserves the right to:
 - a) Reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor at its discretion.
 - b) Combine the start of one class with another.
 - c) Subdivide any class depending on the number of entries received.
 - d) Cancel racing for any class or amalgamate classes if the number of entries is less than ten.
- 4.4 Consideration will be given to entries from other classes to those listed in the Entry Fee Table in 5.7 below, subject to a minimum of ten boats from such a class.
- 4.5 Boats for which racing is provided in the One Designs shall only be permitted to race in the Cruisers at the sole discretion of the OA.

4.6 ELIGIBILITY - HANDICAP CLASSES

4.6.1 CRUISER (IRC & ECHO) CLASS

- a) The Regatta is open to Cruiser class boats with an IRC and/or ECHO TCC rating between .770 and 1.250. Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- b) Boats shall hold and produce on request a valid 2025 IRC rating certificate issued no later than 1700 on Friday 27 June 2025 and/or a valid ECHO handicap.
- c) IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one design which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

- d) Entries will be split into classes based on rating, or exceptionally for other reasons, depending on the number of entries. The allocation of entries into classes will be posted on the event website by 1700 on **Wednesday 2 July 2025**.

4.6.2 COASTAL (IRC & ECHO) CLASS

- a) The Regatta is open to Coastal class boats with an IRC and/or ECHO TCC rating between .890 and 1.360. Boats outside these limits may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- b) Boats shall hold and produce on request a valid 2025 IRC rating certificate issued no later than 1700 on Friday 27 June 2025 and/or a valid ECHO handicap.
- c) Entries may be split into 2 divisions based on rating. This split will be posted on the event website by 1700 on Wednesday 2nd July 2025.
- d) Boats may be supplied with tracker units supplied by the OA which shall be returned to the Race Office immediately after the last race of the Regatta. The race courses may use virtual marks.
- e) Boats shall have an AIS transponder and the AIS transmission signal shall be enabled.
- f) IRC Rule 22.4 is amended to read "There are no limits on the number of crew and crew weight."

4.6.3 CRUISER NON-SPINNAKER (ECHO & VPRS) CLUB CLASS

- a) The Regatta is open to Cruiser Non-Spinnaker class boats with a TCC rating of .820 and above. Boats below this limit may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- b) Boats shall have a valid ECHO handicap and/or a VPRS Handicap.
- c) Boats shall only sail with a mainsail and a jib or genoa. Boats shall be fitted with a complete headsail furling system (including at least a drum, furling headfoil and top swivel) or a self-tacking headsail with track. Whisker or spinnaker poles are allowed for headsails.
- d) Boats are not permitted to change headsails during the Regatta.

4.6.4 CRUISER NON-SPINNAKER (IRC & ECHO) PERFORMANCE CLASS

- a) The Regatta is open to Cruiser Non-Spinnaker class boats with a TCC rating of .820 and above. Boats below this limit may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- b) Boats shall have a valid IRC and/or ECHO Handicap.
- c) Boats shall only sail with a mainsail and either a jib or genoa. Whisker or spinnaker poles are allowed for headsails.
- d) IRC Rule 22.4 is amended to read "There are no limits on the number of crew and crew weight."

4.6.5 INTRODUCTORY CRUISER CLASS

- a) The Regatta is open to cruiser class boats new to racing.
- b) A handicap shall be allocated by the OA.

4.6.6 BENETEAU 31.7 (SCRATCH & ECHO) CLASS

- a) Boats shall conform to the rules of the Beneteau First 31.7 Ireland One Design Class Association, available from www.317.ie for Scratch prizes. Boats who wish to be scored in ECHO shall have a valid ECHO handicap.

4.6.7 MIXED SPORTBOAT CLASS

The Regatta is open to Mixed Sportsboat class boats with a VPRS handicap.

4.6.8 PROGRESSIVE ECHO

All eligible entries will be scored for ECHO results and eligible for ECHO class prizes if they hold an ECHO handicap. Cruiser class competitors who do not have an ECHO handicap are invited to purchase an ECHO rating online at www.sailing.ie for €50 in advance of the event. For classes racing under ECHO, a system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for a request for redress (this changes RRS 62).

4.6.9 DISPLAY OF CLASS NUMERAL FLAGS

Boats in the Cruiser (IRC & ECHO) Class, Coastal (IRC & ECHO) Class, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker (ECHO & VPRS) Club Class, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker (IRC & ECHO) Performance Class, Mixed Sportsboat Class and Introductory Cruiser Class shall display class numerals prominently from a backstay, as required by the Sailing Instructions.

5 ENTRY & FEES

- 5.1 Entries of eligible boats shall be made online through the Regatta website here
 5.2 Early Bird Entry will close **Monday 31 March 2025**.
 5.3 Entry system will close on **Friday 27 June 2025**.
 5.4 Confirmed entries will be posted on the event website.
 5.5 Payment shall be in Euro by debit or credit card.
 5.6 An entry cancelled by a competitor up to **31 May 2025** is refundable.
 5.7 **Fees are as follows:**

ENTRY FEES		
Class	Entry Fee €	'Early Bird' Fee Up to 31 March 2025
Cruiser (IRC & ECHO) Class with a TCC rating of .980 and above, and greater than 12m LOA	600	510
Cruiser (IRC & ECHO) Class with a TCC rating of .980 and above, and less than 12m LOA	525	450
Cruiser (IRC & ECHO) Class with a TCC Rating between 0.913 and 0.979	435	370
Cruiser (IRC & ECHO) Class with a TCC Rating between 0.820 and 0.912	385	330
Cruiser (IRC & ECHO) Class with a TCC Rating between 0.770 and 0.819	290	250
Coastal (IRC & ECHO) Class greater than 12m LOA	550	465
Coastal (IRC & ECHO) Class less than 12m LOA	435	370
Cruiser Non-spinnaker (ECHO & VPRS) Club Class, greater than 12m LOA	550	465
Cruiser Non-spinnaker (ECHO & VPRS) Club Class, less than 12m LOA	435	370
Cruiser Non-spinnaker (IRC & ECHO) Performance Class greater than 12m LOA	550	465
Cruiser Non-spinnaker (IRC & ECHO) Performance Class less than 12m LOA	435	370
Beneteau 31.7 (Scratch & ECHO)	435	370
Introductory Cruiser Class	175	150
Sigma 33	350	300
Mixed Sportsboat, J80, Shipman, Ruffian 23, RS 21	260	220
SB20, Dragon, Beneteau 211, J24	260	220
Howth 17, Glen, DBSC 21, Flying Fifteen, Mermaid, Squib	155	130
GP14, Water Wag, IDRA 14, Fireball, Melges 15, Wayfarer	130	110
ILCA 6, ILCA 7, RS Aero	105	90

6 [DP]ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

7 SCHEDULE – REGISTRATION & RACING

- 7.1 Registration
 Each boat skipper or a representative is required to register in person at the Regatta Race Office on the Carlisle Pier before racing.
- 7.2 Skippers/owners of Cruiser Class Boats are required to declare at registration if a Group 3 competitor will be on board during the Regatta.
- 7.3 Regatta Race Office - Opening Hours for Registration

Date	Times
Tuesday 8 July 2025	1700 - 1900
Wednesday 9 July 2025	1000 - 1800
Thursday 10 July 2025	0900 - 1300
Friday 11 July 2025	0900 - 1100

7.4 Racing

Date		Time	Races
Thursday 10 July	Skippers' Briefing Royal Irish YC Racing –1st Warning Signal	1100 1355	The Bay Race
Friday 11 July	Racing - 1st Warning Signal	1125	Back-to-back races
Saturday 12 July	Racing - 1st Warning Signal	1125	Back-to-back races
Sunday 13 July	Racing - 1st Warning Signal	1055	Back-to-back races

- 7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

8 [DP]MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 A boat's rating certificate as required under NOR Section 4.6 shall be valid for the duration of the Regatta.
- 8.2 Changes to the IRC rating of a boat, other than upwards, will not be allowed after 1700hrs on **Friday 27th June 2025** unless the rating change is:
- Due to an error made by the rating authority. In such a case, the rating shall be corrected for all races.
 - The result of a rating protest, when RRS 63.5 (c) (2) will apply together with the rules applicable to that rating system.
 - At the discretion of the rating authority as appropriate. Downward changes will generally only be permitted following measurements for endorsement required by the rating authority.
- 8.3 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with the certification or safety equipment requirements. The OA may conduct equipment inspection or event measurement of any boat on the water or ashore until the final day of racing.

9 VENUE

- 9.1 The venue map is available on www.dlregatta.org.
- 9.2 The race office will be located on the Carlisle Pier.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Racing is scheduled on laid and fixed mark courses in Dublin Bay and on coastal courses around fixed marks in the adjoining coastal area.
- 10.2 The courses to be sailed may be Windward/Leeward, Trapezoid, Olympic Triangle, Fixed Mark Courses or Coastal Day Races.

11 PENALTIES

Enquiries and hearings will be managed using www.racingrulesofsailing.org.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a Regatta series.
- 12.2 Discards
- When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 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.
- 12.3 The alternative scoring (minimum number of races and discards) required in individual class championships being held during the Regatta will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

13 SAFETY

13.1 [DP]FLOTATION DEVICES

The wearing of personal flotation devices is a statutory requirement in Ireland for anyone on board a boat under 7 meters in length and by anyone under the age of 16 on the deck of a boat. It is strongly recommended that competitors wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat.

13.2 CRUISER CLASSES – EQUIPMENT

Boats shall be compliant with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations – Appendix B Special Regulations for Inshore Racing. In addition to the equipment required by Appendix B the following items shall be carried on board and be in working order:

- 13.2.1 Permanently installed manual bilge pump.
- 13.2.2 A handheld waterproof marine VHF radio.
- 13.2.3 A second marine VHF, which may also be a handheld VHF.
- 13.2.4 A first aid kit and manual.
- 13.2.5 Two orange smoke flares.
- 13.2.6 An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat.

13.3 OTHER CLASSES EQUIPMENT

Boats shall be compliant with class safety rules.

14 CLUB SERVICES, BERTHING, PARKING & LIFT IN/OUT

- 14.1 A complimentary berth (subject to Clause 14.4 below) or parking space will be assigned to visiting boats for the duration of the Regatta from Monday 7 July to Monday 14 July 2025. If a berth is required outside the above dates, competitors must contact the Event Director who will advise on availability and cost.
- 14.2 Visitors requiring a berth or platform parking must state so on their entry.
- 14.3 Competitors wishing to live aboard will not be permitted to berth at the clubs during the Regatta and will be required to make their own berthing arrangements with Dun Laoghaire Marina.
- 14.4 Boats requiring lift-in/lift-out should notify the Event Director (on the entry) who will advise the competitor of their allocated club. Lift-in/Lift-out must then be booked by the competitor directly with their allocated club.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Overall prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class with 10 entries or more.
- 15.2 Overall prize winners in IRC or VPRS shall not be eligible for overall prizes under ECHO.
- 15.3 Additional race or daily prizes may be awarded by the OA or individual classes. For the full list of Trophies awarded please see www.dlregatta.org.
- 15.4 Prizegivings will be held each day after racing:

Dates	Times	Location	
Thurs 10 July	2000	Regatta Village	Opening Ceremony & Bay Race Prizegiving
Fri 11 July	1800	Royal St George YC	Daily Prizegiving
Sat 12 July	1800	National YC	Daily Prizegiving
Sun 13 July	1600	Regatta Village	Overall Event Prizegiving

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, Decision to Race. The OA, DMYC, NYC, RIYC, RSGYC, Sponsors and Stakeholders who include Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Dublin Port Company 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 is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Regatta, 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 Regatta.
- 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 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 the competitor's 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.

17 MEDIA & COMMUNICATION WAIVERS

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta. The OA reserves the right to uses or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

Competitors agree to allow their email and phone numbers to be used by the Regatta to distribute Regatta information including courses, details of protest hearings, etc. and agree to use on-line apps such as zoom for briefings, protest hearings, etc.

18 INSURANCE

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

19 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

Helmsmen and crew competing in the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2025 and their guests shall be Temporary Members of Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club, National Yacht Club, Royal Irish Yacht Club and Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Regatta and shall be bound by the Rules of the Clubs. The Clubs reserve the right to withdraw Temporary Membership.

20 SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

A social programme will be arranged by each of the four organising Yacht Clubs for the Regatta, details available at www.dlregatta.org

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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