



Sigma 33 Class and Irish Championship- 2018

22nd June – 24th June 2018

Royal St George Yacht Club (RSGYC)
Incorporating the National Yacht Club Regatta 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising authority is Royal St. George Yacht Club in conjunction with the Sigma 33 OOD Class Association.

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** The prescriptions of IS will apply and can be found at <https://www.sailing.ie/wpcontent/uploads/2015/11/ISA-Prescriptions-to-Racing-Rules-2017-2020.pdf>
- 1.3** Racing rules Appendix A is changed so that a discard will only be allowed when 6 or more races have been sailed. A minimum of 3 races is required to constitute a series
- 1.4** Rules of the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class shall apply.
- 1.5** Entrants may be required to carry sponsors advertising decals.
- 1.6** It is not necessary to carry a storm jib on board during this event. This changes Sigma 33 OOD Class Rule 11.2
- 1.7** If there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1** The regatta is open to boats of the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class. Owners and Helmsperson must be paid up members of the Sigma 33 OOD Class Association.
- 2.2** Notice is drawn to the requirement on the entry form for all entrants to self-declare regarding their status as a Corinthian or Professional sailor. A Corinthian competitor is defined as a Group 1 competitor in accordance with WS Competitor Classification code. A competitor aggrieved may appeal within 7 days of the first race to the Organising Authority. This only applies to entrants competing in the Irish National Championship.
- 2.3** This is a helmsman's Championship and boats must comply with the Sigma 33 Class Rules and Regulations and the nominated helmsman (who shall be nominated at registration) must start, finish, round all marks and sail the majority of all legs of the course of all races. This applies to both Championships
- 2.4** Helmsmen competing for the Irish National Championship shall be members of the Sigma Association and normally race a Sigma 33 OOD in the island of Ireland.
- 2.5** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on the following website <https://rsgyc.wufoo.eu/forms/2018-sigma-33-class-and-irish-championship/> by 17th March 2018 for Early Bird Fees and by 18th June 2018 for standard entry fees.
- 2.6** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 2.7** Boats May be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules during the regatta.

3 FEES

3.1 Required fees are as follows:

A) Early Bird Fee €169 in respect of all entries received and paid in full by Saturday 17th March 2018 will automatically be entered in a draw and one lucky entrant will have their entry fee refunded.

B) Entries received and fully paid after 17th March 2018 and before the 18th June 2018 will pay a standard entry fee of €199.

C) Late Entry Surcharge (After 18th June 2018) €30.

In the event of foul weather and it necessitates moving berthage to another location any costs will be at the competitors' expense.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Briefing - A Briefing will be held in Royal St George yacht Club at 2100 hrs on Thursday 21st June

4.2 Registration: Thursday 21 June 2018 from 1900 to 2100 at the Sigma 33 race office in the Royal St George Yacht Club

4.3 Dates of racing:

There may be up to four races per day

Date Race

- Friday 22 June Races 1, 2 and 3
- Saturday 23 June Races 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Sunday 24 June Races 8, 9 and 10

4.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday 22 June is 1055 and on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 it will be 1025.

4.5 No warning signal shall be made later than 1530 on Sunday 24 June.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the Royal St George Yacht Club website prior to the event.

6 SAILING AREA

6.1 The Sailing Area will be in Dublin Bay. And extension eastward.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will normally be Windward-Leeward. However, the Race Officer at his discretion may use fixed marks for setting a course. In this case, the Committee Boat will display IC Flag F and the course to be sailed will be notified to boats via VHF.

8 SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.3 After completion of sailing on Saturday 23 June the Silver Fleet will be identified as follows: The results will be taken without discard and the number of entrants divided by two (if there is an uneven number the Gold fleet will always be one larger than the Silver). The second half of the fleet will comprise the Silver Fleet. On the last day of the series the Gold and Silver Fleets will start together. The Gold Fleet will be identified by displaying Flag E from their backstay.

9 ARBITRATION

9.1 An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 25% penalty. See the Official Notice Board for details.

10 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

10.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

11 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

11.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

12 BERTHING

12.1 Berthing will be available from Sunday 17th June 2018 until 24th June 2018. It is advisable for visiting yachts to enter early to secure a berth as these will be allocated on the order entries are received. All competitors are required to berth at the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship, commencing after racing on Friday 22nd June until Sunday 24th June. The RSGYC Boathouse can be reached at +353 86 734 5413 by visiting yachts to advise of arrival.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follow for the Sigma 33 Class Championships:

- The Sigma Championship Trophy for the Overall Winner.
- The 2nd and 3rd Iceberg Perpetual Trophies will be awarded for the overall runner-up and 3rd place positions overall.
- The Force Four Trophy will be awarded for the first Race Winner of the Championships.
- The RNCYC Trophy will be awarded to the first Race Winner of the second day of the Championships.
- The Shadowfax Trophy will be awarded for the 1st. Race Winner in the Gold Fleet of the final day of the Championships.
- The Quaich Trophy will be awarded to the best “newcomer” helmsman of the Championships.
- The David Thomas Trophy will be awarded to the first owner / helmsman in the Championships.
- Daily Prizes will be awarded after racing each day.

Prizegiving will take place in the Royal St George Yacht Club at approximately 1630hrs on Sunday. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

Prizes will be awarded as follows for the Irish Sigma 33 Championships:

- The Irish Sigma 33 National Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winning helmsman of the Irish Sigma 33 Championships.
- The Royal Irish Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Silver Fleet in the Irish Sigma 33 National Championships.

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- Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd based on the cumulative results for all races on Saturday 23rd June, depending on the number of entries. No discard will apply.

15 SOCIAL PROGRAMME

- Thursday 21st June Royal St George Yacht Club – Thursday night Bar-B-Q 2000hrs
- Friday 22nd Hot Food Available. After racing & Prize Giving
- **Class AGM @ 1830 hrs – In the RSGYC Club Room**
- Saturday 23rd June NYC Regatta Prize Giving 1700hrs in the NYC
- **Class Dinner –1930 – 2000 RSGYC – Dining Room – Casual Dress & Prize Giving**
- Sunday 24th June Hot Food Available. After racing— Event Prize Giving 1630Hrs

16 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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”. 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.

17 INSPECTIONS

17.1 The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 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 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information please contact:

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WEB SITES.

Class Web Site www.sigma33.co.uk

Irish Sigma 33 Site www.IrishSigma33Assoc.net

Royal St George Yacht Club www.rsgyc.ie

Irish Sailing www.sailing.ie

Dun Laoghaire Marina www.dlharbour.ie – information and price listings for 2018

Dun Laoghaire Accommodation Bed and Breakfast in Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, Ireland