



Sailing Instructions

GENERAL INFORMATION (this section is for information only)

THE SSE Renewables ROUND IRELAND YACHT RACE starts at Wicklow Harbour on Saturday 22nd June 2024 at 13:00 hrs.

- A. The **DEDICATED RACE CONTROL PHONE** - FOR RACING BOATS ONLY - to contact and report to the RACE CONTROL OFFICE is **+353876174811** (Active from 20.06.2024)
- B. This number is to be used by the racing fleet for all reporting while at sea.
- C. The Race Office (RO) shall be located at Wicklow Sailing Club, South Quay, Wicklow.
- D. The attention of every competitor is drawn to RRS 1.2 and the element stating, "each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions." See NoR 1.10
- E. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone, RRS Fundamental Rule 3.
- F. High Water Wicklow 22nd June 2024 is 12:17 (Local).

<https://www.roundireland.ie>

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the SI means that for a breach of this rule a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5

1 RULES

- 1.1 The organising authority (OA) of SSE Renewables Round Ireland Yacht Race (SSERRIYR) is Wicklow Sailing Club (WSC) with the support of the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC).
- 1.2 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3 [SP] World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 applies, "Starting Penalty", See SI 11.7.
- 1.4 RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between 22:00 and 05:00.
- 1.5 [DP] The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2022-2024 for Category 2 Races.
- 1.6 Irish Sailing prescriptions will apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be published on the Official Notice Board. (<https://sailracehq.com/>).

3 [DP] REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

- 3.1 Boats shall be available for inspection at Wicklow Sailing Club or Dun Laoghaire Marina not later than 10:00 hours on Thursday 20th June 2024.

4 [DP] POLLUTION

- 4.1 Attention is drawn to the World Sailing Code of Environmentally Friendly Behaviour:
<https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingCodeofEnvironmentalFriendlyBehaviour>

5 [NP] [DP] EVENT SPONSORS DECALS, BACKSTAY FLAGS / PENNANTS

- 5.1 Boat shall display official SSE Renewables decals and backstay flags. Decals shall be displayed on either side of the hull in the forward 20% area unless otherwise agreed in advance with the OA.
- 5.2 Class and backstay flags shall be flown at least 1.5m above the deck.

6 [DP] AIS

- 6.1 AIS transponders shall be transmitting and receiving from 11:00 on Saturday 22nd June until the boat finishes or retires and returns to port.
- 6.2 A boat's AIS transponder shall be programmed with the boat's MMSI number and current racing name.
- 6.3 Boats shall not inhibit AIS transmissions.
- 6.4 Any failure to receive or transmit AIS signals shall be reported on the Declaration Form.

7 [NP] [DP] YB TRACKERS

- 7.1 Boats shall carry a YB Tracker unit while racing. The tracking can be viewed on the SSERRIYR website:
<https://roundireland.ie/>.

7.2 Boats shall, at the time of registration, sign for receipt of a tracker unit. In the event of loss or failure to return the tracker, boats shall pay €800.

7.3 Boats shall not inhibit YB Tracker transmissions.

8 [NP] CLASS FLAGS

8.1 Class Bands / Flags are as follows:

Class	TCC Range	Class Flag
IRC Zero	1.275 and greater	Pennant 0
IRC One	1.101 – 1.274	Pennant 1
IRC Two	1.051 – 1.100	Pennant 2
IRC Three	1.004 – 1.050	Pennant 3
IRC Four	0.850 – 1.003	Pennant 4
Class Five	Cruisers Hull Factor 7.5 or less	Pennant 5
Class Six	Two handed class	Pennant 6
Multihull	MOCRA RATED	Pennant 7
Class40	n/a	Class Insignia

9 [NP] [SP] MANDATORY REPORTING BEFORE RACE

9.1 Before leaving the dock, boats shall ensure they have an accurate crew list lodged on the online entry system. (www.sailracehq.com).

9.2 SSERRIYR will be using WhatsApp to confirm your race day crew numbers and will send you a pre-race notification prior to the race. This will come from our systems WhatsApp number and not the normal SSERRIYR WhatsApp account.

9.3 Once you receive the Pre-Race crew number declaration on WhatsApp, you should reply with the numeric number of crew that you have onboard and wait for a reply that will confirm if you have the correct number registered on your SailRaceHQ account. Note that the confirmation message can take up to 2 minutes.

9.4 If you are not on WhatsApp, have any issues with the reply or do not receive the message, you should text +353876174811 before 0930 on the 22 June 2024.

9.5 In exceptional circumstances when the persons on board do not match the crew list as declared in the online entry system the boat shall inform the Race Committee of the changes and the reasons for failing to complete SI-9.1.

9.6 A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose Emergency Contact details has not been lodged on online entry system before the start of the race.

10 [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

10.1 The race committees' call sign will **"ROUND IRELAND RACE OFFICE"**.

10.2 The Race committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch72, at the start and finish of the race.

Boats are strongly recommended to maintain radio watch on VHF Ch72 until clear of Wicklow Head and when approaching the finish.

10.3 A boat may request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race committee or enquire whether or not a broadcast has been made. This changes RRS41, Outside Help.

10.4 When reasonably possible, communication between boats shall use DSC, or call on VHF Ch 16 and then use Ch 72.

10.5 Boats with communication in addition to VHF shall, if necessary, relay other boats communications, by passing other boats' VHF reports to the race committee or Coastguard.

In addition, the Race Office may be contacted at +353876174811 or by email: info@roundireland.ie.

11 STARTING SIGNALS

- 11.1 Starting Signals will be made from the Committee Vessel.
- 11.2 The first warning signal will be made at 12:50 hours on Saturday 22nd June 2024.
- 11.3 The Warning Signal will be made 10 minutes before the starting signal (10, 4, 1, 0, sequence).
- 11.4 All Monohull Classes will start together. The warning signal will be ICF 'E'.
- 11.5 The starting signal for the Monohulls will be the warning signal for the Multihulls.
- 11.6 All Multihull classes shall start together. The warning signal will be Pennant 7.

12 STARTING LINE

- 12.1 Changes to Starting Rules
 - 12.1.1 The RRS definition of "Start" is changed as follows:

Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:

 - (a) at or after her starting signal, or
 - (b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start, but, if she does not, the starting penalty is defined in SI-22.
 - 12.1.2 RRS 30.1 changed as follows:

If flag I has been displayed, and any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line or one of its extensions during the last minute before her starting signal, she shall sail across the eastward extension of the starting line, leaving the Committee Vessel to port so that her hull is completely on the pre-start side before she starts. This rule also applies to boat's that are returning to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of Start as changed by SI 12.1.1.
- 12.2 The Starting Line will be between the Lighthouse, at the end of the East Pier at Wicklow Harbour, and the main mast/ flagstaff of the Committee Boat, positioned approximately 700 metres to seaward of the pier.
- 12.3 Boats shall start by crossing the Starting Line from North to South.
- 12.4 The Committee Vessel will be identified by a Wicklow Sailing Club Burgee displayed from its main flagstaff.
- 12.5 An Inner Limit Mark, a purple buoy, may be on or near the start line approximately 50 metres from the Lighthouse end of the East Pier. If laid, Boats shall leave this Inner Limit Mark to starboard when starting and shall not sail between this mark and the lighthouse at any time. This mark does not form part of the starting line.
- 12.6 An Orange mark may be laid on or near the start line, near to the Committee Vessel. Boats shall not sail between this mark and the committee vessel. This mark does not form part of the starting line.

13 RECALLS AND LATE STARTING

- 13.1 No earlier than 1 minute after the starting signal the race committee may broadcast the sail numbers of boats that have not started and may be penalised under SI 11.7. Failure to broadcast this information will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 13.2 The starting line will remain open for 15 minutes after the last starting signal.
- 13.3 Boats may start after the line has been closed by
 - 13.3.1 Informing the Race Office of their intention to start and of the estimated time of starting.

- 13.3.2 Sailing through a line off Wicklow defined as: crossing an imaginary line no further than 600 metres in length from the lighthouse on the East Pier of Wicklow Harbour on a bearing 060 degrees (true) from the lighthouse.
- 13.3.3 As soon as reasonably possible after starting, informing the Race Office that they have started.
- 13.3.4 No boat shall start after 13:00 hours on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

14 COURSE

14.1 Boats shall sail AROUND IRELAND, leaving all its islands (excluding Rockall) and rocks showing permanently above high water and the marks listed below, to starboard:

Start > Wicklow Head > Tuskar Rock > Barrells Light Buoy > Coningbeg Light Buoy > Old Head of Kinsale > Fastnet Rock > Mizen Head > Gull Rock (Off Bull Island) > Washerwoman Rock (Off Great Skellig) > Great Foze Rock > Black Rock > Eagle Island > Tory Island > Tor Rocks (Off Inishtrahull) > Rathlin Island > Highway Rock > Mew Island > Burial Island > South Rock Light Buoy > Lambay Island > East Pier, Wicklow

15 [SP] OBSTRUCTIONS.

- 15.1 A boat shall not enter an area designated an Obstruction when racing.
- 15.2 For each Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) encountered around the course; the traffic lane running in the opposite direction to the course and the separation zone are designated as Obstructions.
- 15.3 The area of the following Obstructions is a box of which the co-ordinates of the edges are given. The following areas are designated Obstructions:

Coordinates for the Obstructions

The boundaries are the rhumb lines between the corners, the coordinates of the corners are given.

Obstruction	Position: Latitude(N) Longitude(W) – WGS84	
TSS – Fastnet Rock	A – 51° 21'.00N 009° 26'.40W	B – 51° 17'.20N 009° 24'.60W
	C – 51° 15'.45N 009° 33'.90W	D – 51° 19'.25N 009° 35'.75W
TSS – North Channel	A – 55° 26'.91N 006° 14'.00W	B – 55° 25'.50N 006° 01'.55W
	C – 55° 17'.05N 005° 51'.20W	D – 55° 14'.70N 005° 56'.85W
	E – 55° 21'.85N 006° 05'.70W	F – 55° 23'00N 006° 15'.40W
TSS – Tuskar Rock	A – 52° 14'.30N 006° 02'.40W	B – 52° 12'.70N 005° 54'.70W
	C – 52° 06'.00N 005° 58'.35W	D – 52° 01'.50N 006° 07'.50W
	E – 52° 05'.50N 006° 12'.55W	F – 52° 09'.10N 006° 05'.30W

- 15.4 RRS 56.2 applies, boats sailing in those parts of the TSS that are not obstructions shall comply with rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes of IRLCAS.
- 15.5 If an official complaint/action is lodged against a boat by a commercial, government, or naval power-driven vessel, by a pilot, by a vessel traffic service (VTS), or by other local government authority, it shall be presumed that the boat has broken rule 56.2(b)

16 USE OF ENGINE

- 16.1 A boat may use her engine to get clear after grounding or colliding with a vessel or object or, under RRS 42.3(g) to help a person or another vessel in danger.
- 16.2 Temporary discontinuance of racing: A boat may make fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency. The crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on rejoining the race and return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. This changes RRS 42 and 45.
- 16.3 Boats shall report any use of their engine or any temporary discontinuance of racing on their Declaration Form.

16.4 A boat that is secured in harbour may receive any assistance to effect repairs or take on any supplies or equipment. This changes RRS 41 and 48.1.

17 POSITION REPORTING

17.1 In the event the Race Committee asks a boat to report (i.e. YB tracker failure), reporting should be done by WhatsApp to +353876174811, email to info@roundireland.ie or any other means possible. Reports shall include:

Name of boat and Sail Number

Date/time (BST)/position

Course and Speed over the Ground

Names of any Boats nearby

18 FINISHING

18.1 [DP] Boats shall, if reasonably possible, inform the Race Office no later than 30 minutes before their estimated finishing time. The RO will monitor on VHF Channels 72 and 37(M).

18.2 The Finishing Line will be between the Lighthouse on the East Pier at Wicklow Harbour and a Finishing Mark (yellow cone shaped buoy) positioned approximately 300 metres from the Lighthouse on a bearing of 60 degrees (true) from the Lighthouse.

18.3 The Finishing Line shall be crossed from North to South

18.4 The Finishing Mark may display a flashing amber light, flashing 2 quick flashes every 6 seconds during the hours of darkness. This should not be confused with an outfall buoy situated approximately 1390 metres from the Lighthouse showing four quick flashes, yellow, every 10 seconds.

18.5 [DP] Between local sunset and sunrise boats finishing shall clearly illuminate their sail number and communicate their sail number by VHF to the Race Office.

18.6 A boat that has finished and does not intend to return enter Wicklow Harbour; she shall, as soon as reasonably possible, inform the Race Office by telephone.

19 TIME LIMIT

19.1 There is no time limit for the race.

20 RETIREMENTS AND NON-STARTERS.

20.1 A boat not starting or retiring from the race shall notify the RO as soon as reasonably possible.

21 [NP] RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS AND RETURN OF YB TRACKER

21.1 No later than 12 hours after finishing or retiring, boats shall complete and submit a Declaration Form to the Race Office at WSC. Every member of the crew shall sign the Declaration Form. The race committee may disqualify, or give a time penalty to, a boat without a hearing for failure to comply with this rule. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

21.2 When after a race a boat cannot promptly submit the declaration, she shall without delay telephone the Race Committee, confirm that she has finished racing and give her time of finishing. The YB tracker must also be returned.

22 HEARING REQUESTS AND PENALTY SYSTEM

22.1 Protests, Scoring Enquiries and Requests for Redress may be delivered online within the time limit, a link is available on the Official Notice Board within the online Protest Board.

22.2 The time limit for delivering a hearing request about an incident observed in the racing area is 6 hours after the boat has finished or retired.

22.3 Standard Penalties: The race committee may penalise a boat without a hearing (this changes RRS 63.1 and A5) for:

- 22.3.1 The “Starting Penalty” detailed in SI-11 shall be 120 minutes added to her elapsed time.
- 22.3.2 The standard penalty for infringing SI 15 Obstructions and Traffic Separation Schemes shall be a 5% time penalty added to the boats elapsed time.
- 22.3.3 Should the Race Committee consider a penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.
- 22.3.4 A list of penalties applied by the Race Committee will be maintained on the Official Notice Board.
- 22.4 RRS 44.1, Penalties at the time of an incident applies except that:
 - 22.4.1 When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply between the hours of sunset and sunrise RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty applies. The scoring penalty shall be 10 minutes added to the boat’s corrected time for each penalty. This changes RRS 43.3(c).
 - 22.4.2 The penalty for the breach of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 1, Fundamental Rules and Part 2, When Boats Meet, may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The protest committee may publish guidelines for discretionary penalties.

23 SCORING

23.1 The Scoring System as defined in the NOR 14, will apply.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 24.1 Trophies will be awarded as defined in the NoR-17 and also as below.
- 24.2 The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the Race committee, whose decision is final. Winners will be awarded perpetual trophies as listed below. These trophies will be held by WSC after the Prizegiving, and winners will be provided with an additional trophy to keep.
- 24.3 When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.
- 24.4 Main trophy presentation will take place at Wicklow Sailing club at 18:00 hours on Friday 28th June and may include the presentation of RORC medallions.
- 24.5 Where a winning boat has not completed the race in advance of the trophy presentation ceremony the trophy shall be presented at the earliest time after the arrival in Wicklow of the boat / crew.
- 24.6 The following Perpetual TROPHIES with accompanying prizes will be presented:

IRC Class Z - Class Z Cup
IRC Class 1 - Tusker Cup
IRC Class 2 - Fastnet Cup
IRC Class 3 - Skellig’s Cup
IRC Class 4 - Tory Island Cup
Class 5 Cruisers - Michael Jones Plaque
Class 6 - 2 Handed - Noonan Plaque
Class 40 - Trophai Ceann Chill Mhantain
Multihull MOCRA - DuBarry Trophy
Oldest boat to complete the race - Maybird Award

Team Award - Kinsale YC Trophy
ISORA Award - Larry Ryan Woodcut
ICRA Award - ICRA Trophy
Best Sailing School - SE Sailing School
Best Services in IRC - Robert Halpin Trophy
Best Corinthian IRC - Viking Marine Trophy
Best Overseas IRC - WSC Plate
First Welsh Boat - John Morris Memorial Trophy
Line Honors Monohull - Denis Doyle Cup
Line Honors Multihull - Volvo Trophy
IRC Overall - Norman Barry Trophy / Irish TV Rentals Cup

Awards for other positions will be presented based on:

Number of Starters	4 - 6	7+
Prizes	2nd	2 nd and 3 rd

25 OUTSIDE COMMUNICATIONS

25.1 As soon as reasonably possible after any communication concerning emergency situations, rescue services, medical attention, or a boat retiring, and before contacting any 3rd party, a boat shall inform the RO.

25.2 The RO may, after informing appropriate people, may issue a press release.

25.3 Rule 41(c) is replaced by:

“A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.”

25.3.1 By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

26 RISK STATEMENT

26.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

26.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

- a) By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- b) 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.

- c) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- d) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.
- e) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- f) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- g) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.