



Dublin Bay Sailing Club  
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The Royal Alfred Yacht Club  
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# **AIB DBSC Summer Series**

## **25 April 2026 to 26 September 2026**

### **Notice of Race – Dinghies**

The Organising Authority is Dublin Bay Sailing Club (DBSC).

The Notice of Race for keelboats and Water Wags is a separate document.

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-28, including the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the class rules of the relevant classes, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions will be available at [www.dbsc.ie](http://www.dbsc.ie) no later than 9 April 2026. Any amendments or other notices will be posted on the same site.
- 1.3 Any changes to the Racing Rules of Sailing, as permitted by RRS 86.1(b), will be highlighted in the relevant section of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 Prohibited Areas and other restrictions on the movement of boats before, during and after racing will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions will define penalties for breaches of these rules.

#### **2 Classes and Handicaps**

- 2.1 Racing will be provided for monohull dinghies in the classes listed below. Classes may be changed if necessary, depending on the number of entries in each class.
- 2.2 One-design racing will be provided for Fireball, IDRA 14, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 and Melges 15 dinghies.
- 2.3 Dinghies not listed above will race together in the PY class and will be scored using Portsmouth Yardstick (PY).
- 2.4 If there are fewer than three entries in a one-design dinghy class, it may be merged with the PY class.

#### **3 Conditions of Entry**

- 3.1 Boats shall have third party and civil liability insurance, including cover for DBSC racing, with a minimum cover €3 million per incident.
- 3.2 Entries shall be accepted only from an individual person, not from a group or partnership.
- 3.3 A Person in Charge, as defined by RRS 46, shall be on board at all times when racing. The Irish Sailing prescription to RRS 46 will apply. For those ordinarily resident in Ireland, this means that the Person in Charge shall be an Irish Sailing Personal Member, or a member of an affiliated Category 1 Club (or an equivalent club in Northern Ireland).
- 3.4 All dinghies shall comply with their class safety rules.
- 3.5 RRS Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices shall apply.

- 3.6 DBSC recommends that boats entering DBSC races should also enrol in their local class association.

## 4 Schedule

- 4.1 **Tuesday:** Races will be scheduled on Tuesday evenings from 28 April to 25 August. There will be at most two races each day, with the first warning signal at 19:00. Races will be divided into three series, by date.
- 4.2 **Saturday:** Races will be scheduled on selected Saturday afternoons. There will be at most three races each day, with the first warning signal at 14:00. Races will be divided into two series:  
Series A (6 days): 25 April, 2 May, 9 May, 16 May, 30 May, 20 June.  
Series B (5 days): 8 August, 15 August, 22 August, 19 September, 26 September.

## 5 Location

- 5.1 Racing may take place in Dublin Bay, close to Dun Laoghaire harbour, or inside Dun Laoghaire Harbour (subject to permission from the Harbour Master).

## 6 Courses

- 6.1 Courses may be windward-leeward or triangular, using laid marks.

## 7 Entry and Fees

- 7.1 A boat's entry is complete only when a properly completed entry form and entry fee have been accepted by the Honorary Secretary (see RRS 75, Entering an Event).
- 7.2 The online entry form is available at [www.dbsc.ie](http://www.dbsc.ie) and includes details of the entry fee for each class. The entry fee includes membership of DBSC for the helm, and for one crew if applicable. For boats with crew, additional crew may be included in the entry as associate members, for an extra fee.
- 7.3 A boat with a helm who is under 25 on 1 April 2026 will receive a 25% discount on the entry fee.
- 7.4 Boats visiting the area to compete in local club events or championship races may enter for DBSC racing for a period of up to 14 days. The current entry fee is €50. A visitor entry form and declaration (available at [www.dbsc.ie](http://www.dbsc.ie)) must be completed, and the fee must be paid, before racing.

## 8 Scoring

- 8.1 RRS appendix A, Scoring, shall apply. RRS A5.3 shall apply except that a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place 1 more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A5.3.
- 8.2 For the PY class, a boat's finishing place shall be determined by her corrected time.
- 8.3 A race shall be scored if it is not abandoned and if two or more boats come to the starting area and at least one of them sails the course and finishes within the time limit, even if she retires after finishing or is disqualified. This changes RRS 90.3(a).
- 8.4 A class may choose to "star" racing on one or more Saturdays, meaning that any races that day will not count for points in the series for that class. The Honorary Secretary must be informed before the start of the series.
- 8.5 If less than 4 races are scored in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed in a series, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores, with the number of scores excluded increasing with the number of races completed. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9 Prizes

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded to the boat with the lowest score in each class in each series.

- 9.2 DBSC may award Class Perpetual Trophies. Each class shall deliver a complete list of the Perpetual Trophies, together with the conditions on which they will be awarded, to the Honorary Secretary no less than 7 days before the start of the season. DBSC reserves the right to refuse to score a Perpetual Trophy Series, in which case DBSC will provide the class with race results for the races in question. The class can then decide which boat should be awarded the trophy.

## **10 Risk Statement**

- 10.1 RRS 3 states that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 10.2 Sailing is, by its nature, an unpredictable sport, and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By participating in any of these races, 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 race.
  - 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 race 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 as it is practical to provide in the circumstances, particularly in extreme weather conditions.
  - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the race or to the racing area.

## **11 Data Protection**

- 11.1 Any personal information provided to DBSC will be used to facilitate participation in the series (plural). Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the series (see section 1), and the legal basis for processing their personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing their personal information is legitimate interest.
- 11.2 Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the [DBSC privacy policy](#). When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's national authority and/or World Sailing.
- 11.3 Details of each boat entered, including the name and club membership of the person entering the boat, may be published. The results of the races and series and details of any hearing or appeal may be published.

## **12 Use of Images**

- 12.1 DBSC may arrange for images or videos to be taken of racing and associated events, both on the water and on shore. By participating in DBSC sailing, competitors give 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 competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof. The images may only be used for the promotion of DBSC's activities, DBSC's sponsors, and the relevant class associations.