

CLINKERFEST 2022

JUNE 4TH - 6TH



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online entries at www.lryc.ie/clinkerfest



Dear Sailors,

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of **Lough Ree Yacht Club** to invite you to compete in Clinkerfest.

The event is one of the Club's flagship events designed to celebrate our Sestercentennial or **250th Anniversary of sailing on Lough Ree** but has been postponed as a result of COVID-19.

Clinkerfest is a coming together of **clinker built racing dinghies**. Most competing fleets are competitively raced and to a very high standard often having some of the **largest one design racing fleets** in the Country.

Fun is a term generally associated with many of the fleets and whilst the racing will be to the highest standard, so will the **entertainment and atmosphere** after battle has been finished on the water.

We will have a line-up of events ready for you over the course of the long weekend. We look forward to welcoming you to Lough Ree Yacht Club.

Garrett Leech
Event Chairman

NOTICE OF RACE

The **Organising Committee (OA)** of the Clinkerfest Regatta is **Lough Ree Yacht Club (LRYC)**.

1. **Rules.**
 - 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. **Advertising.**
 - 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
3. **Eligibility and Fees.**
 - 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the classes listed in the table below and to boats of any other classes accepted by the OA.
 - 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting the appropriate entry fee.
 - 3.3 Late entries will be accepted by the OA subject to payment of a surcharge as set out on our website.
 - 3.4 The OA reserves the right to:
 - a) Reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor at its discretion. See rule 76.1.
 - 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 five.
 - 3.5 Consideration will be given to entries from other classes to those listed in the table below, subject to a minimum of five boats from such a class.
4. **Entries.**
 - 4.1 Entries of eligible boats shall be made online through Lough Ree Yacht Club's website www.lryc.ie/clinkerfest
 - 4.2 The entry fee is €80 per boat if received prior to 20th May 2022, the entry fee thereafter is €100.

5. **Schedule.**
- 5.1 Registration will take place at LRYC as follows:
Friday 3rd June 1800hrs–2000hrs &
Saturday 4th June 0800hrs – 0900hrs
- 5.2 Dates of racing: Saturday 4th,
Sunday 5th and Monday 6th of June 2022.
- 5.3 There may be up to four races each day.
- 5.4 Briefing shall take place outside the Clubhouse of LRYC at 1000hrs on Saturday 5th of June. The scheduled time of warning signal for first fleet on each course is 11.55hrs on Saturday 4th June, 1025hrs on Sunday 5th June and 1025 hrs on Monday 6th June.
- 5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, the first warning signal of a race may not be made after 1400hrs. This will not be cause for redress.
6. **Sailing Instructions.**
- 6.1 The sailing instructions shall be available for download on line at www.lryc.ie and printed copies will be made available at the Race Office at LRYC.
7. **Venue & Race Area.**
- 7.1 The venue shall be Lough Ree Yacht Club, Ballyglass, Coosan, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.
- 7.2 The racing areas will be on the waters, in front of and North of LRYC and will be detailed at the race briefing.
8. **Courses.**
- 8.1 The courses to be sailed may be a combination of windward-leeward legs and triangles. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions (SI).
9. **Scoring.**
- 9.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 9.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.3 When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 9.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
10. **Support Boats.**
- 10.1 Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the channel as prescribed by the PRO and shall follow any instructions given by the race committee or safety boat team. They shall be marked with a flag issued by the race committee.
11. **Berthing & Trailer Parking**
- 11.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the hard-standing area or slipway/harbour.
- 11.2 All boats once launched at the start of a given day, will remain on the water until the last race.
- 11.3 Some boats, unless otherwise sanctioned by the Beach-master may be required to remain in the water for the duration of the regatta.
- 11.4 Trailer Parking will be provided for boats in the North Field of LRYC.
12. **Prizes**
- 12.1 Individual prizes will be awarded to the crew and helm of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boat for each fleet.
13. **Risk Statement.**
- 13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). The Organising Authority 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.
- 13.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (a) He/she is aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, his/her crew and his/her

boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.(b) He/she is responsible for the safety of himself/herself, his/her crew, his/her boat and his/her other property whether afloat or ashore.

(c) He/she accepts responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by his/her own actions or omissions.

(d) His/her boat is in good order and equipped to sail in the event and that he/she is fit to participate.

(e) The provision of a race management team, safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve him/her of his/her own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

(g) The safety of crew will at all times take precedence over equipment.

(h) All boats must carry a tow line of not less than 10m and not less than 8mm in diameter.

(i) Competitors must wear adequate exposure protection and Buoyancy aids

(j) Each competitor must carry a whistle and a knife or other cutting device.

14. **Insurance**

14.1 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.

15. **Temporary Membership**

15.1 Helmsmen and crew competing in the Clinkerfest Regatta and their guests shall be Temporary Members of Lough Ree Yacht Club for the duration of the Regatta and shall be bound by the Rules of the Clubs. The Club reserve the right to withdraw Temporary Membership.

16. **Social Programme**

16.1 See table below for the list of social events taking place throughout the regatta.

17. **Further Information**

17.1 For further information, please contact:

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SCHEDULE OF SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 3 rd June 2022	Complimentary BBQ and Live Music - 7pm onwards.
Saturday 4 th June 2022	Complimentary Pimms reception - 7:00pm. Club Dinner & Live Music after. Tickets will be available on Club Website.
Sunday 5 th June 2022	BBQ & Live Traditional Irish Music - 7:00pm onwards. Tickets will be available on Club Website
Monday 6 th June 2020	Prize giving at Clubhouse with live jazz afterwards.

FLEETS CONFIRMED TO DATE

Shannon One Design | Water Wag | IDRA14 | Dublin Bay Mermaid | Colleen

*(Cockshott or Dutch wooden versions only), Dublin Bay Sailing Club 12 Foot dinghy).