



**THE IRISH INTERNATIONAL 420 ASSOCIATION  
2025 ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP  
AND  
THE IRISH FIREBALL CLASS ASSOCIATION  
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**

The Organising Authority (OA) is  
**LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB (LRYC)**  
BALLYGLASS, COOSAN, ATHLONE, CO WESTMEATH N37 K257

***IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE IRISH INTERNATIONAL 420 ASSOCIATION (420)  
AND THE IRISH FIREBALL CLASS ASSOCIATION (FIREBALL)***

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.  
This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty.*

**NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)**

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## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of her sail(s), in accordance with Class rules, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.
- 1.3 Should a boat wish to change its sail number from that on the Entry Form, written notice shall be given to the Race Office. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the boat's disqualification. This changes *RRS 63.1* and *Appendix A5*.
- 1.4 In the 420 Class, equipment (i.e. foils and spars) shall not be changed between races except in the case of damage and then only with the written approval of the Race Committee. In such cases the damaged equipment may be inspected by an appointee of the Class Association.
- 1.5 *RRS Appendix T*, Arbitration may be used.

## 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- 2.1 The SIs will be available at registration and may be published online before then [HERE](#).
- 2.2 In the event of a conflict with the NoR or another event document/s, the SIs shall prevail. This changes *RRS 63.7*.

## 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the Notice Window situated at the front of the clubhouse and may also be published on the event WhatsApp Group which can be joined by using the link [HERE](#) or by scanning the Event QR code.



## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the 420 and Fireball Classes.
- 4.2 Entry for the 420 Ulster Championships is open to all International 420 Class dinghies, sailed by helms and crews who are members of their National 420 Class Association and are also members of their National Authority (e.g. Irish Sailing) or an affiliated club.
- 4.3 Entry to the Irish Fireball Class Association Open Championship is open to boats of the International Fireball Class whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association and are also members of their National Authority (e.g. Irish Sailing) or an affiliated club.

## 5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees received online by 31st March 2025 will be € 70.00 per boat.
- 5.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA at an increased fee of €80.00 per boat.

## 6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 Helms and crews shall not be changed during the event without prior permission of the Race Committee.



## 7 ADVERTISING

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

## 8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES - *Not Used.*

## 9 SCHEDULE

Date	Time	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00	Registration
	10:30	Briefing
	11:55	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	09:55	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
	ASAP After Racing	Prize-giving

9.1 Each Championship will consist of 6 races.

9.2 3 races are scheduled on each day. However, the race committee may decide to sail a maximum of 4 races on either day.

9.3 [NP] The Target time for race will be 40 minutes.

9.4 [NP] The Time Limit for each race will be 60 minutes.

9.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:30 except after postponements and general recalls of a race where the warning signal was made at or before 14:30.

## 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate upon request.

10.2 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection upon request.

10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 11 CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

11.1 Personal Floatation Devices applies at all times while afloat

## 12 VENUE

12.1 NoR Addendum A shows a chart of the intended racing area.

## 13 COURSES

13.1 Courses to be sailed will be indicated in the SIs.



## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Penalties as per *RRS* unless amended by the SIs.

## 15 SCORING

15.1 In the 420 class, two races will constitute a series.

15.2 In the Fireball Class, one race will constitute a series.

15.3 Discards - All Classes

- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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.

## 16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (SPVS)

16.1 [DP] SPVs shall be registered at the Race Office during the registration period.

16.2 [DP] During racing **SPVs shall not create a wake** and shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

## 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

## 18 BERTHING - *Not Used.*

## 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS - *Not Used.*

## 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS - *Not Used.*

## 21 DATA PROTECTION

21.1 MEDIA WAIVER / RIGHT TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant consent to the OA without payment, the right to make, use, and show any motion pictures, still pictures, and live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to the event, before, during, and in results and to license the use of their name, age category, club & boat detail, comments, photographs and likenesses as it sees fit for promotion of the Club & Events both on the LRYC, 420 and Fireball class websites and in other publications. The OA reserves the right to use or license the use of any images and sound recordings during the event free of charge.

21.2 The OA will use personal data to administer the event.



## 22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

22.2 It is the Competitor's decision to enter the Regatta or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Regatta is at their sole, exclusive risk, in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta, competitors shall indemnify LRYC and Associated Class Associations, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the events. Competitors shall acknowledge that LRYC and Associated Class Associations, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the events or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

## 23 INSURANCE

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

23.2 Certificate of insurance may be required at registration.

23.3 By completing the entry form all Owners / Competitors are deemed to have declared that they hold such cover.

23.4 Owners / competitors not holding such cover shall withdraw their entry.

## 24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

In the 420 and Fireball Classes there will be a prize for the first three boats in their respective Gold and Silver fleets.

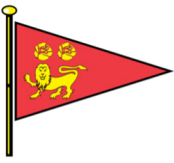
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION

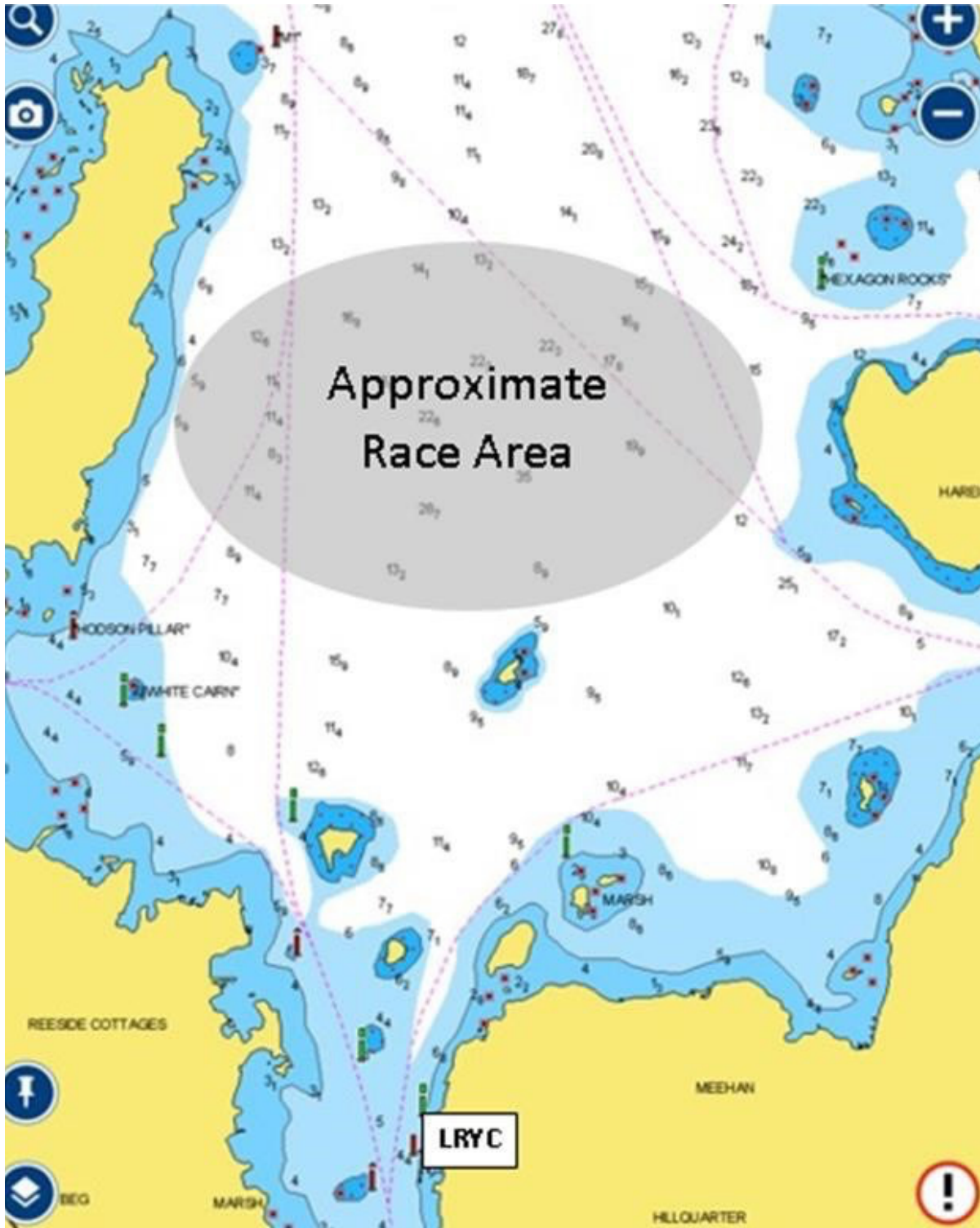
25.1 Competitors are granted temporary membership of LRYC for the duration of the event, subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

25.2 For further information:

Paul Sweeney, Event Co-Ordinator - paul.e.sweeney@gmail.com.



ADDENDUM A  
LOCATION OF RACING AREA



END OF NOTICE OF RACE



## ACCOMMODATION

Competitors are welcome to camp on the LRYC grounds for the duration of the event.  
Parking for Camper Vans, Tents etc. with shower facilities available.

**Weekend camping charge of €20.00 applies and can be booked [HERE](#).**

## CATERING

### Saturday & Sunday

Soup will be provided for competitors on coming ashore.

### Saturday Evening

An evening meal will be available



#### Menu

Beef and Guinness Casserole

*slow cooked local Beef & Vegetables served with a rich red wine gravy*

Or

Chicken and Mushroom Vol au Vents

*served with boiled baby potatoes and steamed rice*

&

Warm Apple and Red Berry Crumble

*served with freshly clotted cream*

**Price €22.00**

#### Teens Menu

Old Barracks Beef Lasagne

*served with boiled baby potatoes*

&

Chocolate Brownies

*served with freshly clotted cream*

**Price €16.00**



It will be necessary to book [HERE](#) in advance as places are limited.  
Final booking for meals to be received no later than **Monday 31st of March**.

**The Club Bar will be open on Saturday Evening.**