



RS Aero Irish National Championship 2025

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2025

Greystones Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Greystones Sailing Club in conjunction with the RS Aero Ireland Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1, 61.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and current rules of the RS Aero Class.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1, 61.1(a), A2, A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race and in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event whatsapp group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JngefrPF2kuKLSHN6mBcWZ>

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is the event Whatsapp group.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS Aero class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the RS Aero Ireland class association or another RS Aero Class Association. A competitor's races shall not be scored until class membership is complete.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PMFQWGS> and paying the appropriate fee through Easy Payments on www.gsc.ie.
- 4.4 All rigs shall race as one fleet and finishing positions will be calculated using the current Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Any rig change during the series shall constitute a new entry.

- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 4.8 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Parental Consent with parent/guardian signature and hand it in at registration.

5.0 FEES

Entry fees are as follows and include food after sailing:	Up to 1800 Wednesday 11 th June	After 1800 on Wednesday 11 th June
RS Aero 19 years and over	€75.00	€85.00
RS Aero Under 19 yrs	€20	€20

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Online up to Friday 13th June 1700.

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 14th June.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 14 th June	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 15 th June	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six Races are scheduled. An additional race may be run on either day at the discretion of the race committee. To indicate this intention, the finish boat will display numeral flag 4 at the end of the last scheduled race.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 14th June is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 15th June is 1055.

9.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be in the waters to the East of Greystones Harbour.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward, Olympic or Trapezoid.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix T applies to this event. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the Protest Committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be her total score excluding her worst score.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 [DP] Support Person Vessels shall register with the race office and shall be identified with a numbered flag.
- 16.2 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.3 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 [DP] [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

The Basic Principle says: "Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing". Therefore all sailors are asked to follow RRS 47 -Trash disposal- before, during and after the event : "Competitors and support persons shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be less than disqualification"

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

Data Processing Policies are available on the RS Aero Ireland website www.rsaeroireland.ie and www.gsc.ie .

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 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.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds, Sterling €3,000,000 Euro per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries at the discretion of the Race Committee as follows:

First Overall: Irish RS Aero National Champion Trophy

Second and Third overall

First in each fleet where not included above.

First Junior (under 19 on December 31st, 2025)

First Female

First Masters (over 55)

First Novice

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Roy Van Maanen, Event Chair on 087 264 9490

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Saturday evening food truck food after racing. Tickets will be made available at registration.

Event Whatsapp Noticeboard link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JnqefrPF2kuKLSHN6mBcWZ>

Other announcements and info will be available there.