



## RS 400, RS 200, and RS Feva Inland Championship 2021 24th to 25th 2021

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**Blessington Sailing Club, Baltyboys, Co. Wicklow.**

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Blessington Sailing Club in conjunction with The Irish RS Class 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(a).

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on <https://www.blessingtonsailingclub.com>

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://www.blessingtonsailingclub.com/>
- 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.

The Notation [DP] in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing website.

#### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS 400, RS 200, and RS Feva classes.
- 4.2 At least one of helm or crew shall be a member of the RS Ireland or other National RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://forms.gle/NTC1uUtw54BMsuJt5>
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.



- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 4.6 [NP] [DP] The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes, and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.7 [NP] [DP] Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

## 5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

	Up to 1800 Friday before event	From Saturday of event
RS 400 Seniors	€60.00	€65.00
RS 400 Juniors/Students	€50.00	€55.00
RS 200 Seniors	€60.00	€65.00
RS 200 Juniors/Students	€50.00	€55.00
RS Feva	€50.00	€55.00

Juniors – both helm and crew must be under 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 or a student with valid undergraduate student ID.

## 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: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1900 to 2030. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 09:00 to 10:30

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10:30 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 2021.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> is 11:55. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> is 10:55.

## 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 approx. 500mtrs from the Clubhouse shore in the direction of Ballyknocken village on the other side of the lake shore.

## 13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 Appendix T and the Exoneration Penalty apply to this regatta. 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 four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

## 16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 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.

16.2 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 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

## 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



The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

## 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.

## 22.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

## 23 INSURANCE

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

## 24 PRIZES

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

RS400 First, Second and Third  
 RS200 First, Second and Third  
 RS Feva First, Second and Third

## 25 FURTHER INFORMATION




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For further information please contact the club secretary Val Fox on 086 832 0531

## END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Additional Information regarding Accommodation and Food;

- Parking is available at the Blessington Sailing Club free of charge albeit you will be required to park where directed by the club officials on the day.
- Camping is available at the Blessington Sailing Club free of charge.
- Tulferris Hotel and Country Club is less than 5 minutes' drive if you wish to make this a more luxurious weekend (Please let them know you are at this event).
- Due to Covid=19 restrictions;
  - The BLSC will not be catering for this event therefore please remember to bring your own food and refreshments, barbeque facilities will be provided for those who wish the use them.
  - Toilet Facilities will be available in the Club House, but the dressing room will be closed.
- Participants will not be permitted to launch a powerboat on the lake without prior consent being received from the ESB. This requires evidence of an up-to-date Powerboat Certificate of competency, power boat insurance and the purpose must be to provide Rescue Support for the event. This permission can take 10 working days to turn around with the ESB, therefore, applications to do so must be submitted to the Club Secretary Val Fox no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.
- The Blessington Sailing Club operates a Policy to prevent the spread of Invasive non-native plant and animal species. To ensure this policy is implemented all visiting boats will be required to wash their boats in the area provided upon arrival to the Blessington Sailing Club venue. Visitors will be prohibited from launching their craft without completing this task.