



## **The George Invitational 2024- Welcome**

Competitors,

The final countdown is on for the 2024 George Invitational, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the Royal St. George Yacht Club. Following are a few important notes, please read them carefully!

### **Virtual Race Office**

The Virtual Race Office is available via this [link](#): Here you will find all relevant information, schedules and results as they become available.

### **Registration**

Registration for teams will be from 0800 - 0900 in the Race Office/ Registration room which is downstairs off the Atrium. We ask that only the team representative and/ or captain attend to register their team, this ensures an efficient registration.

### **Team Bibs**

These are to be collected at Registration by a team representative and/ or team captain. Please note that any non- returned team bib will incur a €60 replacement fee that will be deducted from that team's deposit.

### **Damage Deposit**

As you may be aware a damage deposit must be paid by each team prior to registration on Saturday morning. Please note that the quickest way for the return of the damage deposit is via online credit card transactions. Your understanding and cooperation with this is greatly appreciated. This can be paid at the following [link](#): All going well, the deposit will be refunded by the Monday following the event.

### **Damage incurred**

While we hope that there will be no damage, and teams sail in a respectful manner we do understand that at times damage is incurred. As per the NOR we do require that all damage

incurred is reported to the changeover boat driver, the umpires or the on the water bosun who will work with you to fix or replace as appropriate. Any damage that is unreported and cannot be assigned to any team will be apportioned across all teams and deducted from their deposits. Damage may also be reported to the Race Office.

### **Youth Teams**

Please don't forget that the completion of the [Parental/ Guardian Consent form](#) is required in advance of registration on Saturday morning at 0800 in the Race Office which is just off the downstairs Atrium, also called the 'Junior Room'. This form is available [here](#): and should be completed online asap and in advance of Saturday. Note that any Youth sailor without the Parental/ Guardian Consent form completed and submitted online by Saturday morning will not be permitted to compete.

Youth teams are required to have an assigned adult team representative present at the Club at all times while the team is at the event. This representative should check in with the Race Office on each morning of the event and confirm their contact details.

This also applies to the event dinner. If representatives wish to attend the event dinner they are most welcome. Additional tickets for the event dinner can be purchased via [this link](#): and should be done asap so as to avoid disappointment. There will also be a bar menu available if representatives or parents wish to be present at the Club but not attend the dinner.

### **Racing**

Sailing conditions are currently looking favorable for the weekend. The online WhatsApp notice board can be contacted by your team captain.. The Sailing Instructions will be available when published via the [Virtual Race Office](#) and the WhatsApp notice board. The event will run in Swiss League format, and the schedule for the first set of races will be picked from a hat and circulated on Friday. Stay tuned.

We plan to get in as many as possible races for this regatta. For this to happen we need teams to register early and quickly while the remaining team members help out to rig up the boats that they will be racing first. If all teams can help out with this it will greatly help getting afloat in a timely manner and racing starting on schedule.

The timings for racing are as follows:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>0800 - 0830</b>	<b>Competitor registration/ rigging – (Club Room for registration and forecourt for rigging)</b>
	<b>0845</b>	<b>Competitors briefing – RSGYC forecourt</b>
	<b>0900</b>	<b>Boats launch for racing</b>
	<b>0930</b>	<b>Start of racing</b>
	<b>1700</b>	<b>Racing will finish by this time or a later time if racing does not commence on time. The addition to the later time shall be the delay in starting racing subject to a maximum addition of one hour.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>First warning signal</b>
	<b>1530</b>	<b>No new stage will begin after this point</b>

### **Bailers**

Bring your bailers with you if at all possible.

### **Buoyancy aids**

Any teams traveling from the UK or Hong Kong do not need to bring their buoyancy aids if they do not want to. The Club can provide these as required, please advise in advance via the contact details below.

### **RSGYC Facilities**

As a guest of the Royal St. George Yacht Club you and your team are guest members for the duration of the event. Please feel free to utilize all areas of the Club that you require with respect to your fellow club members who will be happy to help you. For those teams arriving on Friday, please feel free to drop by the Club and enjoy a drink and/ or food in the Club bar.

### **Club Cafe/ Snack bar**

Downstairs we have a cafe that will be open daily at 0800 serving coffee/ tea/ pastries and breakfast rolls. After breakfast there will be freshly filled rolls, paninis and freshly made Club soup available in addition to a range of snacks and coffees/ teas and drinks available until 1600.

### **Club bar**

The main Club bar is upstairs and will have a bar food menu available daily from 1300. Please note that sailing gear is not permitted in that bar, i.e. don't come in dressed in wetsuits and wet gear. Downstairs is better for that.

### **Changing rooms and toilet facilities**

Downstairs there are mens and ladies changing rooms, showers and toilet facilities which will be accessible to all. Please do not leave any valuables unattended in these areas. There is a valuable lock up area at the bottom of the stairs by the inside of the mens changing room entrance.

### **Clean seas regatta**

We do not sell plastic water bottles, please bring your own water bottle if possible and refill from the water fountain by the main mast (to the right as you look out to sea). Water is available for sale in the Club cafe.

### **Saturday evening timings**

All team members should bring their evening wear to the club on Saturday morning and use the club changing rooms to prepare for the dinner post sailing. There will not be time to return to your accommodation between sailing and dinner!

18:30 - Drinks on balcony

19:30 - Seated

19:45 - Serving begins

The dress code is smart casual.

If your team requires additional tickets for the dinner (other than the 6 for the team), they can be purchased [here](#).

Any further questions can be directed towards our Sailing Manager Ronan Adams [sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie](mailto:sailingmanager@rsgyc.ie)

Fair winds,  
The organising Committee.