

Royal St George Yacht Club

The Elmo Trophy 2024

“Saturday and Sunday August 31st/September 1st 2024”

NOTICE of RACE

1. The Elmo Trophy a 3 boat Team Racing Event, will take place on Saturday and Sunday August 31st and September 1st 2024. This is an event aimed at Youth Teams from around Ireland but a limited number of overseas teams are very welcome.
2. The organising authority is the Royal Saint George Yacht Club.
3. The Championship will be sailed in two person Firefly dinghies provided by the organising authority.

4. Event Format

Registration will take place at the Royal St George Yacht Club from 08:45 to 09:15 on Saturday August 31st.

The format and race schedule will be available at registration.

There will be a briefing for all competitors at 09:45 on Saturday August 31st, and the first warning signal will be at 10:30.

It is intended to complete all racing by approximately 16:00 on Sunday.

5. Entry and Eligibility

Team must consist of 6 members from the same club, school or dinghy association. At least 2 members must be aged 16 and under on 31st December 2024 and all team members be aged 19 or under on 31st December 2024 **AND** still attending second level education in 2024 (i.e. the event is not aimed at University Students).

To promote team racing and to encourage participation by sailors from areas or clubs where there are insufficient sailors to establish club teams the RSGYC may accept entries from “combined club” teams.

The following conditions will apply:

- Combined Club teams must represent a clearly defined geographical area.

Decisions of the Royal Saint George Yacht Club about entry or eligibility shall not be cause for redress. This amends rules 62.1 and 63.1.

The number of entries is limited to 32 teams though this may be increased/decreased at Organisers discretion.

A limit of 6 overseas teams will be in place.

Each team shall have an adult (aged over 18) person-in-charge, who must be present on the club premises for the duration of the event. This person **can not** be sailing on a team. A dinner ticket will be provided for this person for the event dinner on Saturday night.

6. Entry Fees and Damage Deposits

The entry fee for this event of €600. This includes the event dinner on the Saturday night. To be eligible for Entry, teams must enter before Wednesday August 21st 2024. Teams that enter and do not withdraw before Wednesday August 21st will forfeit their entry fee.

Teams that enter before Wednesday August 14th will be automatically entered in 'The Elmo Early Bird' Raffle for a chance to win great prizes.

Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of €500 per incident. A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail. When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing. Damage attributed to competitors generally, or to an unidentified team, will be attributed equally between all teams. A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage. The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the Championship.

7. Rules

Racing will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

All races will be umpired. The Call Book for Team Racing will apply.

8. Personal Flotation Devices and Clothing

All competitors shall wear an adequate personal flotation device, and a dry suit or wet suit at all times when afloat.

9. Acknowledgement of Risk

A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the person in charge to decide whether their team is fit to sail in the conditions it will find itself in when racing. By launching or going afloat the person in charge confirms that their team members are fit and competent to team race in those conditions.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beach-masters.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

10. Prizes

The Elmo Trophy, a perpetual will be awarded to the winning team. Further prizes will be awarded.

11. TEAM NAMES

Team names should indicate who the sailors represent. For example, appropriate names could be 'George Knights', 'Laser Stars', 'NYC yellow', 'Skiff squad', 'West Corkers'. Names that may be deemed inappropriate will be rejected.

Teams intending to enter and seeking more information should contact
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