



LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB
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SB20 MIDLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026
LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB

Saturday 9th - 10th May 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) is
LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB (LRYC)
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SB20 IRELAND CLASS ASSOCIATION (SB20s)

BALLYGLASS, COOSAN, ATHLONE, CO WESTMEATH N37 K257

*The notation '[DP]' at the beginning of a rule means that that rule is subject to a discretionary penalty.
The notation '[NP]' at the beginning of a rule means that that rule shall not be grounds for protests by a boat.
This changes RRS 60.1.*

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 A boat shall always carry the following safety equipment:
- (1) A bucket of minimum volume of 9 litres on a lanyard of not less than 2 metres in length and 4mm in diameter.
 - (2) A functioning VHF radio.
 - (3) First Aid kit in a waterproof container.
 - (4) A knife or Basic toolkit, e.g., multitool such as Leatherman
 - (5) Two paddles of combined minimum weight not less than 1kg.
- 1.3 All boats must comply with the safety prescriptions set out in the Class Rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- 2.1 The SIs will be available no later than 21:00 on Friday 8th May 2026 at Registration and may also be available online [HERE](#) before then - (See COMMUNICATIONS below.)

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The official notice board is located in the Notice Window, at the front of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 Copies of notices 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. Failure to post such information on WhatsApp shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b).
- 3.3 [DP] As in NoR 1.2.2 above, all boats shall carry one functioning VHF radio.
- 3.4 [NP] On the water, the race committee may make courtesy or safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. This includes use of mobile phones. An exemption to this rule applies for communications with the event coach/es.



4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to registered boats of the SB20 class. One crew member on board must be a member of the SB20 Ireland Class Association.
- 4.2 Registration will be as per schedule (See NoR 9 Schedule). This includes Parent/Guardian Declarations when any helm or crew is under 18 years of age at the start of the event. In the event of a change in helm or crew the relevant form will be available from the race office.



5 FEES

5.1 Entries will be accepted until Saturday 9th May with an early entry discount applicable as below. The entry fee includes launching, berthing and lift out of visiting boats and is non-refundable.

	EARLY ENTRY DISCOUNT €25.00 On or before Wednesday 22 nd April	LATE ENTRY Up to Saturday 9 th May
Entry Fee	€120.00	€145.00
Entirely Crewed by Under 30s	€75.00	€100.00

5.2 Online entry is available [HERE](#).

5.3 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

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	Registration*, Race Office Open & Lift In / Out	Briefing / Prizegiving (in front of clubhouse)	First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Fri 8 th May	19:00 - 20:00			
Sat 9 th May	08:30 - 11:15 (Crane In Only)	11:15	12:55	Up to 6
Sun 10 th May	Immediately After Racing	A.S.A.P. After Visitors Lift Out	10:55	Sufficient to complete Series (Up to Maximum 6)

* Registration Friday Evening only, otherwise by prior arrangement.



- 9.1 10 races are scheduled as above.
- 9.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 9.3 [NP] The Target time for races will be approximately 35 minutes.
- 9.4 [NP] The Time Limit for each race will be 60 minutes.
- 9.5 On Sunday 18th May the first warning signal of a race shall not be made after 14:30.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection upon request.
- 10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 *RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. "Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices".*

12 VENUE

- 12.1 NoR Addendum A shows an aerial view of part of the LRYC premises.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 NoR Addendum B shows a chart of the intended racing area.
- 13.2 The courses will be of the Windward / Leeward type with further exact details specified in the SIs.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 *RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) may be used. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that is present may take a Post-Race Penalty as defined in RRS T1(b) at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1 (a).*
- 14.2 Other penalties will be as described in the SIs.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Three races are required to complete the series.
- 15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When four 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 register at the Race Office during the registration period.
- 16.2 [DP] During racing SPVs shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area, except when asked to assist by the Race Committee. **SPV's shall not create a wake** that interferes with a boat racing.

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. See *RRS G3*.

18 BERTHING

- 18.1 To keep the crane area clear, competitors shall rig their boats, either behind the clubhouse or on the concrete pad immediately north of the clubhouse.
(See Addendum A 'Site Map' for location 9).
- 18.2 Launching and berthing are included in the entry fee and will take place as set out in NoR 9 above.
- 18.3 In addition to the scheduled crane in times, competitors are free to launch/recover their boats using the club's slip at any time.
- 18.4 Trailers shall be moved to the south field (see Addendum A 'Site Map' for location 19) immediately after launch.
- 18.5 All launched boats must be berthed overnight on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th of the event on LRYC pontoons or moorings. Competitors are advised to bring adequate warps and fenders.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event without the written permission of the race committee.
- 19.2 Lift-out facilities for visiting boats will be provided immediately after racing on Sunday.

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

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 Any personal information provided to the OA will be used to facilitate participation in the Event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the *RRS* (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the Event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.



Competitors and support persons accept that the OA may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the Event both on the water and on shore. Competitors and support persons give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitor's name or not, without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

The images may only be used for the promotion of the Event, its sponsors, the OA and the Class associations.

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

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 racing is hers alone.'*

Sailing is by its nature 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefings.*

22.2 LRYC and SB20 Ireland, together with their officers, members and volunteers, will not accept liability for the loss of life or property, or personal injury, or damage caused by or arising out of the SB20 Midland Championship, including any pre-championship training at the championship site, and competitors take part in the championship entirely at their own risk.

22.3 The establishment of the NoR and the SIs and any other event notices, in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of a boat they are sailing. Participating in a race or to continue racing is the responsibility of each competitor. (See RRS 3).



23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate insurance against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties for the entire event.
- 23.2 Certificate of insurance may be required by the race office.
- 23.3 By completing the entry form 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 for First, Second and Third Overall and to the First boat in the Silver Fleet.
- 24.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 25.1 Visiting helm and crews, together with their guests competing in the event, 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, please contact
Kevin Fenton, Event Co-Ordinator - kevin@glassonfarm.com



ADDENDUM A

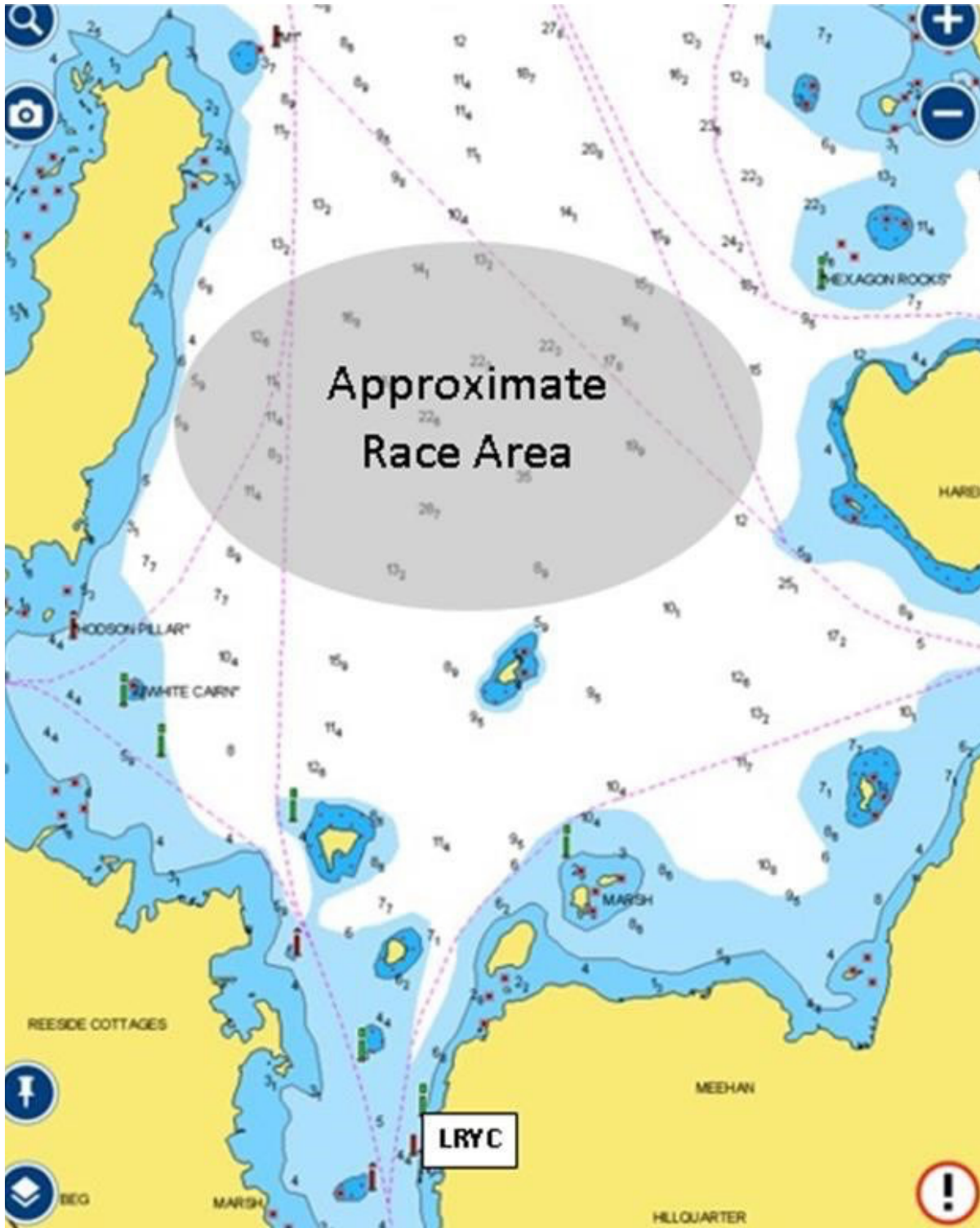
Lough Ree Yacht Club – Site Map



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| 1. Entrance (one way) | 2. Junior Room | 3. Boat House 2 (Rescue) | 4. Slipway / Launch |
| 5. Boathouse 1 (Optimists) | 6. ESB Jetty | 7. Rigging Area | 8. Crane/Set down area for Jett |
| 9. Marquee Area | 10. Glass Recycling | 11. Bar (Clubhouse) | 12. Veranda |
| 13. Car Parking | 14. Ladies & Gents Showers | 15. Camping Kitchen and Showers | 16. Campsite (Power Points) |
| 17. Boat House 3 | 18. Exit (one way) | 19. South Field (car/trailer parking, camping) | 20. Recycling and General Waste |



ADDENDUM B



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 €50.00 per camper van / caravan and €30.00 per tent applies and can be booked [HERE](#).

CATERING

Saturday 9th May 2026.

An evening meal will be available.
Tickets are available with online entry and are priced at €27.50.

It will be necessary to book [HERE](#) in advance as places are limited.

The Club Bar will be open on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon until close.