



LOUGH REE YACHT CLUB
FOUNDED 1770

Annual Regatta 2026

1st– 7th August 2026

The Organising Authority (OA) for this event is Lough Ree Yacht Club (LRYC)
The Regatta will take place on Lough Ree and the River Shannon, based at the Club.

**REGISTRATION will take place in the clubhouse Friday 19:00 to 20:00
and Saturday 09:00 to 11:00**

<u>Classes</u>	<u>Race Officers</u>	<u>Committee Vessels</u>
Shannon One Designs (SOD)	Alan Algeo PRO Owen Delany ARO	“ <i>Tom Dennehy</i> ”
Keelboats & SB20s	Philip Watson RO	“ <i>Philos</i> ”
Junior Classes	Jenny Paul RO	<i>Club Funyak</i>

Convenor of Hearings : Sarah Groarke

Arbitrator : Vincent Delany

SODA Technical Committee Chair : William Magner

Scorekeepers : Neil Flannery & Aisling McWilliam

BRIEFINGS on Saturday 1st

JUNIOR CLASSES at 09:30

SHANNON ONE DESIGNS (SODs), ILCA, KEELBOATS & SB20s CLASSES 10:15

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The Notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.

This changes RRS 60.1.

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs will prevail.
- 1.3 Sails & Spars
 - (a) Boats shall use their correct sail numbers. Permission to sail using any other number must be requested in writing from the Regatta Committee before going afloat.
 - (b) Boats shall not carry more sail than that which may be prescribed with the course for each race.
 - (c) SODs shall only race with sails and spars declared at Registration unless permission has been obtained, in writing, from the Regatta Committee before going afloat.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

- 2.1 Any change/s to the SIs will be posted before such time as the course of the first race affected by such change/s, except that any change to the schedule of the first race on any day will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Onshore, the displaying of Code Flag L, on the day such a change/s is/are notified, will signal changes to the SIs. (This changes *RRS Race Signals*)
- 2.3 On-the-Water, changes to the SIs, Schedule or Course may be made if, before a race starts, a Committee Vessel flying Code Flag L requests competitors to come within hail.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board situated in the front windows of the clubhouse and may also be posted using the event WhatsApp Group “LRYC Reegatta 2026” which can be joined by scanning the QR code:



or by using the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GchE7kfhMW593NXiRQoOP4>

- 3.2 In the Keelboat & SB20 classes, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with all or individual competitors on VHF Channel 73 or any other pre-notified Channel.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, 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 also applies to mobile 'phones.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Transit flagpole in front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 Except in a club-based starting sequence, when Code Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes". This changes *RRS Race Signals AP*.
- 5.3 ***RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices ("PFDs") always applies while racing.***
Flag Y will not be displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 In the schedule of races, as defined in the NoR, course notifications, etc, times are starting times.
- 6.2 Subject to SI 2.1, the race committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of races, as they see fit.
- 6.3 On Monday and the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14:55.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flags are :

Keelboats
SB20

Code Flag E
SB20 Class Flag

Optimist

Code Flag O

PY Classes

Code Flag T

S.O.D.
ILCA (Lasers)

Class Flag (Shamrock)
“Old” Laser Class FLAG (Red Star)



8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Racing areas which may be used for the various classes will be given with the course.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course for each race will be indicated on the Notice Board and/or WhatsApp at least 30 minutes before the warning signal or, if from a Committee Vessel, at least 10 minutes before the warning signal, and for Keelboats & SB20s may be repeated on VHF.
- 9.2 Afloat, before a race starts, a Committee Vessel displaying Code Flag L requests competitors to come within hail and/or follow it.
- 9.3 If, having set the course, the course is changed, the committee vessel will display Code Flag L , accompanied by a sound signal, and the new course will be displayed/communicated on/from the flagship, at least 10 minutes before the warning signal.
- 9.4 If the course is of the Windward/Leeward type, all marks shall be left to port, unless a gate forms part of the course where boats must pass between the marks. If there is only one mark, the mark shall be left to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks will be indicated with the Courses.
For Keelboats & SB20s, Keelboat Course Cards may be used.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Waterways Ireland Navigation (excluding the green middle ground stake, situated south of Little Yellow Island) must be obeyed except where otherwise indicated on the Course.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The minimum number of boats appearing in the starting area for a race to be started is 3 (Three) except that in the Keelboat & SB20 Classes the minimum number is 2 (Two)

- 12.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon and the Committee Vessel is on station, the orange starting line flag will be displayed, at least 2 (Two) minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 12.3 Races will be started using *RRS* 26 with the warning signal made 5 (Five) minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.4 The Starting Line is between, at one end, a mast or staff, displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and, at the other end,
a Starting Mark which will be, as indicated on the course, either:
1/ a Staff (pole) flying an orange flag in a rib OR
2/ a Spherical Buoy.
- 12.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 12.6 A boat that does not start within 4 (four) minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes *RRS* A5.1 and A5.2.
- 12.7 In the Keelboat & SB20 classes VHF communications may include time countdown, OCS advice etc.. Failure to make or hear a broadcast/s or to time accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This change *RRS* 62.1 (a)

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

A new mark may be laid and the original mark removed as soon as is practicable thereafter.

The newly laid mark may be a different Shape and/or Colour. When in a subsequent change the new mark is replaced, it may be replaced by the original mark.

A Mark Boat at the previous mark may indicate such a change by flying Code Flag C  and making repeated sound signals. No other change of course signals will be made. This changes *RRS* 33. A boat shall not request redress under *RRS* 60.1 because of an action or lack of action by the Race Committee under this instruction.

- 13.2 When a Committee Vessel displays Code Flag F  at a mark or gate and makes repeated sound signals, the **course is changed**, boats shall pass between the vessel displaying Flag F and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the required side, or passing through a gate, and then sail directly to the Committee Vessel finish line, crossing the finish line from the course side.

Note: As the course has been changed and will not be shortened,
no Flag S (Shortened Course) will be displayed at the finish.

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be one of the following:

A/ Between, at one end, a mast or staff displaying a blue flag on a Committee Vessel and, at the other end, a finishing mark which will either be a Black Spherical Buoy or as otherwise indicated on the course.

B/ On the Club Transit which may have an inner or outer distance mark as indicated on the course.

C/ As otherwise described on the course.

14.2 In addition to rule 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still

racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel Code flag W  with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing that day. A finishing score under this SI will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. **However**, when two or more such boats are overlapped, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes *RRS* 35, 60.1 and 62.1(a) & Appendix A4.

14.3 If a Race Committee Vessel is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her place in relation to nearby boats, to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 In all **JUNIOR CLASSES** *RRS* 44.1 shall apply (Two-Turns Penalty)

15.2 In the **KEELBOAT CLASS** the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
This changes *RRS* 44.1 & NoR 14.1.

15.3 In **SODs & SB20s**, the first two sentences of *RRS* 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of *RRS* Part 2 or *RRS* 31 in an incident while racing. **However**, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

15.4 When an offset/wing mark forms part of the course, while in the zone of the windward mark or on an offset/wing mark leg, penalties may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes *RRS* 44.2.

16 TIME LIMITS

Note: The “**Window**” is additional time subject to the following provision:
“Provided that a boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, all other boats of her class will be allowed an additional “**Window** of time” to complete the course from the time the first boat finishes.

16.1 Except if otherwise indicated on the course board, Time Limits and Windows are as follows:

16.2 **Junior Courses:** Time Limit 60 minutes. Window 15 minutes.

16.3 **Keelboat Class:** Time Limit 3 hours 30 minutes.
Window: An additional 50% of the first boat’s elapsed time.
This time window limit may be announced on VHF.

16.4 **SB20s :** Time Limit 1 hour. Window 15 minutes.

16.5 **SODs :** Time Limit 1 hour 30 minutes. Window 20 minutes

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 A boat intending to protest or seek redress shall notify the Finishing Vessel immediately after finishing or, if she does not finish, shall notify the Protest Convenor or, at the Regatta Office, another member of the regatta committee, immediately on coming ashore.
This changes *RRS* 60.1.

17.2 Measurement protests will only be accepted from either the Race Committee or Official Measurer.
This changes *RRS* 60.1.

17.3 Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office in the clubhouse.

17.4 Duly completed hearing request forms shall be delivered to the protest convenor or assistant/s or to another member of the regatta committee.

- 17.5 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished each race or, in the case of back-to-back races, 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last of those races.
- 17.6 Notices will be posted as soon as is practicable after the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Hearings Room, located at the Committee Room in the clubhouse.
- 17.7 Arbitration – Appendix T will apply in the SOD class and may apply in other classes.
- 17.8 If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence.
This changes *RRS* T1 (a).
- 17.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) no later than 10:00 if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
 This changes *RRS* 66.
- 17.10 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS* 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One (1) race is required to constitute a series.
- 18.2 (1) When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (2) When from four (4) to seven (7) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (3) When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - (4) Other scoring is described in NoR page nine re The Delany Memorial Salver & The Starter's Gun.

18.3 Other Scoring / Handicap details not given in the NoR

- 18.3.1 All **Keelboat** handicaps will be set by the LRYC Keelboat Handicap Committee set before the start of the Regatta, will be reconsidered before Tuesday 4th August and may be adjusted at any time before or thereafter.
- 18.3.2 **S.O.D.s** which finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any race will not be scored for any subsequent handicap trophy. (No S.O.D. may win more than one handicap trophy.) Boats sailing fewer than 6 previous races will be eligible for handicap races only at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.
- 18.3.3 **A Silver S.O.D. Fleet** will be selected before racing on Tuesday. Boats finishing 1st to 12th overall in the LRYC (1937) series will be excluded. Also, any boat finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any race in the LRYC (1937) series will be excluded. Other boats may be excluded at the absolute discretion of the Regatta Committee. Other boats may, if they so wish, opt out of the silver fleet..
- 18.3.4 Optimist: Gold, Silver & Bronze Fleet assignments will be at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee having first been determined by the Class Captain in consultation with the Junior Race Officer. The final list will be published and available to view during registration for the event.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS See SI 5.3

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT - Not used

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 See NoR 10.1

- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a Race Official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 Not used.

23 Not used.

24 Not used.

25 Not used.

26 BERTHING

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the foreshores and harbours.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior permission of the Race Committee.

28 Not used.

29 PRIZES

29.1 Prizes will be given as in the NoR. Other prizes may be given.

29.2 All trophies must be returned to the Honorary Trophies Secretary by Easter, 2027.
The safekeeping of the trophies is the responsibility of the signatory in the trophy book until returned, by prior arrangement to:
The Honorary Trophies Secretary, Rachel Algeo, 'phone +353 86 101 4140

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 **RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'** By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

31 INSURANCE

31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate insurance against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties for the entire event.

31.2 Certificate of insurance may be required at registration.

31.3 By completing the entry form all Owners / Competitors are deemed to have declared that they hold such cover.

31.4 Owners/competitors not holding such cover shall withdraw their entry.

END OF SIs

FURTHER INFORMATION

SI FI 1 Competitors are granted temporary membership of LRYC for the duration of the regatta, subject only to the provisions of the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

SI FI 2 For further information, please contact
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