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NOTICE OF RACE

WASZP

Irish National Championship - 2026 Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th July 2026 Ballyholme Yacht Club

The Organising Authority (OA) is Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC) in conjunction with the WASZP Ireland Class Association

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Waszp Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any other amendments thereto.
- 1.2 All documents including any amendments, pertaining to this event will be available on the BYC website, www.BYC.co.uk
- 1.3 Rule 40.1 regarding personal floatation devices shall apply at all times on the water.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be published on the BYC website: www.Ballyholme.com

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard will be available on the BYC website.
- 3.2 While racing except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 3.3 Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online.
- 3.4 Hearings may be held remotely under procedures which will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entry to the Irish National championship event is open to all boats of the WASZP Class.
- 4.2 All sailors shall either be a member of their National WASZP Class Association or the International WASZP Class Association or both.
- 4.3 All Irish sailors must be members of the Irish Waszp class association.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter online and pay the required fee on the BYC website.
- 4.5 All sailors less than 18 years of age on the first day of the event shall complete and submit a Parent/Guardian Declaration at Registration which requires signature of the Parent/Guardian in attendance at the event.
- 4.6 The WASZP Class Association reserve the right to refuse entries made during registration on safety or operational grounds.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat is £100 if received no later than the 17th July 2026 and £150 if received after the 17th July 2026.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes:
Provision of a professional photographer attending the event and the imagery captured will be the property of the WASZP Irish Class Association. It is intended to provide free issue of images to competitors.
- 5.3 Cancellations, 50% of the entry fee paid is refundable for cancellations received by the 17th July 2026. No entry fee is refundable after the 17th July 2026. The cancellation must be sent by e-mail to the BYC office at office@Ballyholme.com the refund will be net of bank charges.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the WASZP Class Rules.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the Organising Authority.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration will be available at the club on Friday evening the 24th July and on Saturday morning the 25th July
- 7.2 Daily briefings may be held on each subsequent day of the event. The time of the daily briefing will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 19:00 on the day before.
- 7.3 The Championship will consist of a maximum of 8 races.
- 7.4 The target time for each of the Championship races is approx. 25 mins.
- 7.5 Up to a maximum of 5 championship races may be scheduled on any one day.

Day/Date	Time	
Saturday 25 th July	9:00	Registration and Competitors briefing
	10:55	First gun Target 4 Races (back-to-back) Max. 5
Sunday 26 th July	9:55	First gun Target 4 Races (back-to-back) Max. 5
	16:00	No warning signal may be made after this time
	ASAP After last race	Prize giving

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.
- 8.2 Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 [DP]

9. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 Wet clothing may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules as permitted by RRS 50.1(b)

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The racing will be on windward/leeward type courses for all Championship races.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Scoring of the Championship Racing:

Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores.
- When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores excluding the boats' worst score.
- When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of the boats' race scores excluding the boats' two worst scores.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Support boats are allowed.

14. BERTHING

14.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park. Trailers shall be kept in their assigned places during the event. [DP]

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all forms of remote communication equipment. [DP]

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Note that all competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy (minimum standard EN393.) Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

17. DATA PROTECTION

17.1 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1 RRS 4 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.

19. INSURANCE

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

20. PRIZES

20.1 Prizes will be presented as soon as possible after the conclusion of eligible races or race series and any protest hearings affecting the prize-winning positions. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

20.2 2026 WASZP Irish National Championship

- The prize for the leading Irish sailor in the Championship Race Series, excluding International Class Members, will hold the WASZP Irish National Trophy for one year and become the 2026 WASZP Irish National Champion.
- Prizes will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall
- Prizes will also be awarded for 1st Youth and 1st Female

22.1 TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

All sailors competing in the Event will be granted Temporary Membership of BYC for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.