



Notice of Race - Marconi Cup Sunday 27th July 2025

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Event is for three boat teams. Each team is made up of three two person crews for relay race and three two person crews for team racing.
- 1.2 There will be two parts to the event. A Relay Race and a Team Racing competition.
- 1.3 Boats will be supplied by the Organising Authority. These boats will be Topaz Uno, rigged with a jib.

2 Organising Authority

- 2.1 The Organising Authority is Baltimore Sailing Club.

3 Rules

- 3.1 The Relay Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended for relay racing in the Marconi Cup Relay Racing Sailing Instructions. Addendum Q, Umpiring for Fleet Racing (can be downloaded from the World Sailing website) will apply to the Relay Race and Appendix D in the Racing Rules of Sailing for the Team Racing.
- 3.2 Any disputes that cannot be resolved between the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing as it is covered by R.R.S. 63.7. Any conflicts of interest will be chaired by the Chief Umpire in consultation with the Umpire Team and the Organizing Authority where applicable.
- 3.3 During racing there will be an exclusion zone designated by an orange mark, which will be laid 100 meters to weather of the weather mark for the Relay Race and Team Racing races. Support boats must not infringe beyond this mark as you will be deemed to have entered the Racing area. Breaches of this rule may lead to the application of a discretionary penalty which will be not less than 0.5 of a point and no greater than 3 points to your team or teams. Continuous breaches of this rule may result in your team, or teams being disqualified.

4 Entries

- 4.1 Entries are invited from all West Cork Sailing Clubs. Each club is limited to a maximum of two teams.
- 4.2 All competitors in both the Relay and Team Race shall be 18 years or younger on the 27th of July 2025.
- 4.3 All competitors shall be or have been instructors, helpers or participants in the Club's /Centres' summer sailing courses in the year of the event.
- 4.4 The closing date for confirmation of entries from each participating Club is the 14th of July 2024. Confirmation of Entries shall be submitted by email to baltimoresailingclubcourses@gmail.com . Completed Entry Forms must be submitted, together with signed Parental/Guardian consent for every team at the briefing.

4.5 The Entry Fee will be €200 per team to include the Relay Race and the Team Race. Late entries will be subject to an additional €50 fee.

4.6 Entry fee is payable via an invoice which will be issued to each club upon confirmation of entry.

5 Damage Deposit & Assessment

Competitors should show due care and attention to the boats that are provided for their use during the event. Damage to boats causes conflict, delay, and impacts everyone involved. This intends to help minimise damage while ensuring that penalties are consistent, providing more racing at less cost for everyone.

RRS D2.3 and D3.1 permit the umpires or protest committee to decide the penalty when a boat breaks RRS 14. This document explains how damage will be assessed and gives general guidance on the appropriate penalty. When the protest committee has good reasons to do so, it may apply a different penalty.

6 Damage Deposit

6.1 Each team will be liable for the cost of damage to boats, equipment, and property up to a maximum of €350 per incident.

6.2 A deposit for this amount will be required at registration and before the team may sail.

6.3 When a team is assessed as liable for damage, it shall restore the deposit to the original value to continue sailing.

6.4 Damage attributed to competitors generally, or to an unidentified team, will be attributed equally between all teams.

6.5 A team may apply to the protest committee to determine their responsibility for any damage.

6.6 The deposit, or any remaining balance of the deposit, will be returned after the Championship.

7 Damage Assessment

7.1 An initial assessment of the damage level will be made on the water as soon as possible following a racing incident.

7.2 The initial assessment is for the purpose of Penalties only and is not linked to any damage associated costs which may subsequently be allocated to a Team. Onward assessment of the damage level after further inspection, whether it turns out to be higher or lower, will have no effect on the penalty given by the protest committee but may affect any damage associated costs.

8 Penalties

8.1 The protest committee may impose a Penalty to the team of boats that break rule 14.

8.2 Penalties of half a race win or more may be applied to a team's race score in the race in which damage occurred or the race sailed nearest in time to that of the incident.

9 Schedule

9.1 Registration will be available at Baltimore Sailing Club on 27th July, from 9am-9.45am.

9.2 Briefing will take place at 9.45am at Baltimore Sailing Club.

9.3 The Relay Race will commence at 10.30am with the Team Racing competition commencing as soon as possible after the completion of the Relay Race.

9.4 Sailing Instructions will be published via email and WhatsApp group online by the 20th of July 2025. This will include: General Sailing Instructions, Relay Race Sailing Instructions & Team Racing Sailing Instructions

9.5 All competitors are required to have read the Sailing Instructions before the competition. These will not be covered in the briefing.

10 Course

10.1 The Relay Race course will be posted and advertised at the briefing.

10.2 The Team Racing course to be sailed will be a “starboard digital N” course.

10.3 The marks used will be described in the briefing.

11 Prizes

11.1 Details of the scoring system will be in the Sailing Instructions.

11.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Overall winner
- Winner of Relay Race
- Winner of Team Racing
- The Most Sporting Team

12 Media and images

12.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

13 Data Protection

13.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event.

13.2 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.

13.3 If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest.

13.4 Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority’s privacy policy.

13.5 When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, your national authority and/or World Sailing.

13.6 The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14 Risk Statement

14.1 Rule 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 14.1.1** They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accepts responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their crew to such inherent risk while taking part in the event.
- 14.1.2** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, and any property they may bring, whether afloat or ashore
- 14.1.3** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions
- 14.1.4** 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
- 14.1.5** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- 14.1.6** It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event
- 14.1.7** It is their responsibility to ensure that they are familiar with the type of boat used, and the supplied equipment and are suitably experienced with its operation
- 14.1.8** It is their responsibility for ensuring all supplied equipment is carried on board
- 14.1.9** That they are fit to sail and that they believe the boat and crew can compete in the anticipated conditions.

15 Team Representative

- a) All teams must be accompanied by a Responsible Adult accompanying Team (over the age of 18) – referred to as “team representative”.
- b) This person may not be a competitor.
- c) The Team Representative is required to be listed on the Entry Form.
- d) The Team Representative must stay in attendance in Baltimore Sailing Club for the duration of the event.
- f) If the Team Representatives cannot be in attendance for the duration of the event, please assign a suitable replacement in their absence.
- g) Failure to comply with Rule 15 may result in a team receiving discretionary penalties or disqualification, which will be decided by the Organising Authority.