

# 2026 National 18 Irish National Championships

6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Baltimore

## Notice of Race

### 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority (OA) is Baltimore Sailing Club in conjunction with the National 18 Class Association.

### 2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028*.
- 2.2 The regatta will also be governed by the National 18 Class Rules. Competitors should note rule C.2.1(a) “The crew shall consist of 3 persons”.
- 2.3 The Byelaws and Rules of Baltimore Sailing Club and the Sailing Instructions
- 2.4 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate.
- 2.5 As per RRS 3 Part 1, the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The Boat Owners of National 18 class dinghies shall be members of the National 18 Class Association. Association subs must be paid in advance of regatta start. Failure to pay subs means no result.
- 3.2 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate.
- 3.3 All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed parent/guardian declarations as time of entry.
- 3.4 The entry fee for this regatta is €120, payable at [www.baltimoresailingclub.ie](http://www.baltimoresailingclub.ie) prior to the event.

### 4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 There will be a briefing for competitors on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 1100 in the clubhouse
- 4.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located at Baltimore Sailing Club and the National 18 class owners WhatsApp group.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The race schedule is as follows:

Date:	Time of 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal & scheduled races per day:	
	Time:	# Races:
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	12:25	3 races
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	11:25	3 races

- 5.2 The race schedule may be modified by the RO in the interest of completing as many of the planned races as possible.
- 5.3 A BBQ will take place in Baltimore Sailing Club on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will be €25 and will be available closer to the event. Competitors should attend to support the club. Guest tickets will be available.

## 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at time of entry and made available in class WhatsApp groups prior to the event.

## 7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The proposed starting race area for the day will be published on the official notice board and N18 Owners WhatsApp group but may change when afloat if deemed necessary due to weather conditions. Racing will most likely be in Baltimore Harbour but may be in Roaringwater Bay or South of the Beacon.

## 8 SCORING

- 8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 8.2 When four races or more are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 9 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 9.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Equipment may be inspected at any time.

## 10 RISK STATEMENT

- 10.1 Rule 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."
- 10.2 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 omission.
  - (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 organizer 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 familiarize 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 briefing held for the event.

## 11 INSURANCE

- 11.1 Each participating boat shall be appropriately insured.