

BALTIMORE SAILING CLUB



Heir Island Sloop Worlds

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd August 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY & VENUE

The Heir Island Sloop World Championships (the Championships) will be organised by the Baltimore Sailing Club (BSC) in conjunction with the Heir Island Sloop Class Association from Saturday the 1st August to Sunday the 2nd August 2026. The event will be held at Baltimore, Co. Cork.

2. RACING RULES

- (a) The Championships will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current Heir Island Sloop Class Association Class Rules (HISCA), the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto. In the case of any conflict between the NoR and the SIs, the SIs will prevail.
- (b) Boats may be required to carry event sponsor advertising.

3. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

All competitors shall conform to HISCA rules and the SIs regarding the use of lifejackets or adequate personal buoyancy.

4. SUPPORT BOATS

Restrictions will be placed on the movements of such boats in and around the race area from the warning signals to the finish of the race.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) All vessels must comply with the HISCA Class rules.

6. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

- (a) A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- (b) It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find

itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

- (c) The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims.
- (d) Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, and the Race Officer, Patrol Boats, Sailing Manager and BSC members or volunteers.
- (e) The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.
- (f) The boat is responsible to ensure that it is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know how to use it.
- (g) The fact that the Race Committee conducts inspections of the boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

7. REGISTRATION

- (a) Registration will be available online via the BSC website. Registration and entry fee payment must be completed online before the 31st July 2025.

8. RACE PROGRAMME

Saturday 2nd August – Race Schedule 3 – Warning Signal 14.00

Sunday 3rd August - Race Schedule 3 – Warning Signal 14.00

9. ENTRIES

- (a) Entries fee of €40 shall be paid online prior to racing. Entry fee does not include the cost of lifting in/out of the boat.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online on the 31st July 2026

11. SCORING AND PRIZES

- (a) Scoring will be based on RRS Appendix A using the Low Point Scoring System. Six Championship races are scheduled of which three shall be completed to constitute a series. If fewer than five races are completed no discard will be permitted. If 5 or more races one discard will be permitted.
- (b) Prizes will be awarded to the winner to each race and for overall positions 1 to 3 inclusive. The race win prize will go down the fleet as entries receive them during the series and will be at the full discretion of the Organising Committee.

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