



Notice of race

The Shipman Association's Irish National Championship

Hosted by the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club

**To be held on
Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd August 2025**

1. Organising Authority (OA)

1.1 The OA is the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC), in association with the Shipman Association.

1.2 All entries and enquiries should be made through the Shipman association website
www.irishshipmanassociation.com

2. Rules, Eligibility & Sailing Instructions

2.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Class rules of the Shipman Association, this Notice of Race (NoR), the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes thereto. In the event of any conflict between the NoR and the SI, the latter shall prevail.

2.2 The SI will be posted on the Shipman Association website no later than Wednesday 20th August 2024 site:
<http://www.irishshipmanassociation.com/>

2.3 The Championship is open to all Shipman 28 boats and whose owners/skippers are fully paid-up members of the Shipman Association and whose boats are registered to participate in Shipman activities [see website above]. Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Shipman Association Committee.

2.4 Each boat must be helmed by the owner, or part owner who must be a regular helm of the boat in the current season and be a Member of the Shipman Association.

2.5 The crew on each boat shall consist of the team which normally crew that boat at club level or crew of equivalent skill and experience.

2.6 All boats will display the Shipman Burgee on the backstay while racing.

3.0 Entry Fee

3.1 Entries shall be made online at <http://www.irishshipmanassociation.com/>. The entry fee is €90.00

3.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Shipman Association.

3.3 Entry is conditional upon compliance with the Declaration and Acknowledgements contained in the Championship Entry Form and Declaration by all competitors.

4. Schedule of Races, Registration and Briefing

Friday 22nd August 2025

Registration from 14.00 hours. Briefing 14.30 hours at DMYC

Date	Time of first Warning Signal	Number of Races	High Water Dublin
Friday 22 nd Aug.	16:00	2	12.02 hrs. (3.96m)
Saturday 23 rd Aug.	11:25	2	12.43 hrs. (4.03m)

- a) The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.
- b) The Race Committee may run a third race on Saturday if the Committee deems it necessary, provided that the total number of races sailed does not exceed four.
- c) Hoisting IC Numerical 3 at the end of the second race will signal that a third race is being run.
- d) Subject to confirmation it is expected to combine the last race with the normal DBSC Saturday Series race.

5. Racing Area and Courses

5.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay in the vicinity of Dun Laoghaire Harbour. Though starts may be up to 3 miles from Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

5.2 Your attention is drawn to 8.7 regarding having a working VHF radio on board.

6. Scoring

6.1 RRS Appendix A4 using the Low Point scoring system shall apply.

6.2 A boat that did not start, did not finish or that retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 5 more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. This changes RRS A4.

6.3 The Championship shall comprise four races. One race shall constitute a series. If four races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores discarding her worst score. No discard applies if only three races are completed.

6.4 The Shipman Championship and Shipman Handicap Race are run on the following basis;

(a) The Handicap Series will run concurrently with the Championship and separate prizes will be awarded for the Handicap results. The handicapping of boats shall apply as fixed by the Race Committee and Handicapper. The Shipman Race Committee and Handicapper reserve the right to alter the appropriate handicaps before and during the Championship.

(b) A boat may not win a Scratch and Handicap prize in the same race or series. The Scratch series shall take precedence.

7. Prizes

7.1 Prizes shall be awarded as follows:

1st Overall Scratch:		-	The O'Connor Cup	
1st Overall Handicap:		-	The Cork Harbour Shipman Trophy	
1st Overall White Sail:		-	The Donal O'Sullivan Perpetual Trophy	
First Race	-	Scratch	-	The Olle Enderlein Plate
		Handicap	-	Fitzpatrick Perpetual Trophy
Second Race	-	Scratch	-	The Woodchester Silver Sail
		Handicap	-	Whiterock Plate
Third Race	-	Scratch	-	DMYC Perpetual Trophy
		Handicap	-	The Shipman Trophy (Wheel)
Fourth Race	-	Scratch	-	The Invader Perpetual Trophy
		Handicap	-	Commodore's Prize ½ Hull (Blue)

7.2 All trophies are awarded on an annual basis and are to be held by the winners until 2026. Additional prizes for placed boats in individual races or overall may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

8. Competitors' responsibility and Safety:

8.1 No responsibility shall be accepted by DMYC., The Shipman Association, the Organising Authority, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event, for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in this event.

8.2 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative, whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear.

8.3 Neither the NoR, SI nor any action of the OA in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative.

8.4 Attention is drawn to RRS- Part 1 Fundamental Rules.

8.5 Boat owners and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage of injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain third party insurance cover of not less than three million Euro, (€3,000,000.00) and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance on request.

8.6 International Code flag Y may be flown at any start in accordance with RRS 40 and if flown then it is mandatory that all competitors wear approved personal buoyancy. However, it is strongly recommended by the Race Committee that all competitors wear personal buoyancy and a safety harness as appropriate.

8.7 It is mandatory that each boat shall have a working VHF radio on board.

9. Social

9.1 Subject to final numbers a barbecue or bar food and refreshments will be available on the Friday night and the committee will reserve a section of the club for the Shipman28 family, all are welcome.

9.2 A Championship dinner will be served in the DMYC on Saturday 23rd August at 19:00.

Tickets, at €50.00 each, may be booked on the online entry form.

9.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of DMYC for the duration of the Event subject to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

10. Club Pontoon

10.1 Visiting Boats are welcome to use the club pontoon free of charge, subject to available space, weather and at their own risk from Friday 22nd August to Sunday 24th August 2025 and are advised to bring adequate fenders and lines.