



Notice of Race

The Irish Shipman Association's National Championship

Hosted by the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club

**To be held on
Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd August 2026**

**To be hosted in conjunction with the Irish Ruffian 23 Association's
Leinster Provincial Championships.**

1. Organising Authority (OA)

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

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

2. Rules, Eligibility & Sailing Instructions

2.1 The event is governed by the World Sailing' Racing Rules 2025 – 2028, 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 Irish Shipman Association website no later than Wednesday 19th August 2026 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].

2.4 The 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

3.1 Entries can be made online at <http://www.irishshipmanassociation.com/> The entry fee is €90. The deadline for entries shall be 21:00 on Thursday 20th August.

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 21st August 2026

Registration from 14.00 hours. Briefing 14.30 hours in DMYC

Date	Time of 1st Warning Signal	Number of Races
Friday 21 st August	15:35 (LW Dublin 12.26 hrs)	2
Saturday 22 nd August	11:05 (LW Dublin 13:38 hrs)	2

4.1 The warning signal for the second race on Friday will be made as soon as practicable after completion of the first race.

4.2 The second race on Saturday will be the DBSC Saturday afternoon race for Shipmans, warning signal 14:20. In this way, entrants to the Nationals will not be penalised in terms of their DBSC ambitions. This repeats the practice of 2025.

4.3 Should the event attract any entrants that are not registered to race under the DBSC burgee, these entries shall be advised to the Organising Authority in advance of the regatta so that the details of such entries can be communicated to DBSC for the Saturday afternoon race.

5. Racing Area and Courses

5.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay, south of the shipping channel. The course to be decided, will be around DBSC fixed marks. The choice of race area shall be at the discretion of the Race Officer.

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

6. Scoring

6.1 A boat that did not sail the course, or that retired, shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration.

8.2 A boat disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place 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. Where all four races are sailed, a single discard shall apply. Where less than four races are sailed, all races shall count towards the overall result.

6.4 The Irish 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 Silver 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 Cup

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 2027. Additional prizes for placed boats in individual races or overall may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

8. Competitor's responsibility and Safety.

8.1 No responsibility shall be accepted by DMYC, the Irish Shipman Association, Dublin, Port Company, 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 this 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 or 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 Bar food and refreshments will be available on the Friday night, and the committee will reserve a section of the club for the Shipman 28 family, all are welcome.

9.2 Subject to confirmation of numbers, it is intended to have food available in the DMYC Clubhouse on the Saturday night of the regatta when the regatta prize-giving will be held. Arrangements for the Saturday night will be finalised once an indication of numbers attending is confirmed.

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 subject to weather and at their own risk, free of charge from Friday 21st August to Sunday 23rd August 2026.

10.2 Participating boats are also welcome to raft up on Friday evening and are advised to bring adequate fenders and lines. Competitors should note that Ruffian 23s may also avail of this arrangement.