

IRSA Marblehead World Championships 2020

Saturday 13th June to Friday 19th June 2020

Marine Lake, West Kirby UK

NOTICE of RACE

1. Organizing Authority

The IRSA Marblehead World Championships 2020 is organised by Birkenhead Radio Sailing and Power Club (BRSPC) in conjunction with the West Kirby Sailing Club (WKSC) and the Model Yachting Association (MYA) acting as the UK Marblehead Class Association and supported by the International Radio Sailing Association (IRSA).

2. Rules

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. RRS Appendix E will apply.
- 2.2. The following documents will also govern the event:
 - IRSA Marblehead Rules
 - IRSA Championship Regulations
 - Equipment Rules of Sailing
 - IRSA Sailing Addendum Q (Umpiring)
 - Heat Management System (HMS)
 - IRSA SYRPH
 - IRSA Case Book
 - RYA prescriptions to Rules 3, 5, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 will apply will apply as an international jury has been appointed
 - RYA Racing Charter
- 2.3. The Jury may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.
- 2.4. Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/ or the sail number of the person or organisation providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b) as modified by RRS E8.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. The competition is open to IRSA Marblehead boats selected by an IRSA National Member in good standing with IRSA. The World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code (Regulation 19) applies together with the additional requirements of the IRSA Championship Regulations.

4. Entry

- 4.1. Entries and allocation of places shall be governed by IRSA Championship Regulation 7, Entries (see Appendix 1)
- 4.2. The maximum number of entries shall be 76
- 4.3. Entry forms shall be available on the event website at westkirbyworlds2020.co.uk
- 4.4. Completed entry forms shall be endorsed by the NCA and then sent to Victoria Gibson using victoriagibson62@gmail.com before the closing date of Thursday 13th February 2020. Entry fees for places allocated under Stage One (IRSA Championship Regulation 7.2.1) shall be sent to the account indicated in NoR 6 before the closing date.
- 4.5. Places allocated under Stages 2-4 shall only be confirmed upon receipt of the full entry fee. The Organizing Authority may announce a closing date for payment of fees for places allocated under each stage.
- 4.6. In order that a disabled competitor may be able to compete on equal terms, the race committee shall make as fair an arrangement as possible. Disabled competitors who require any form of help or special requirements shall contact Graham Elliott using elliottyachts@hotmail.co.uk prior to entry to confirm that suitable arrangements can be made. It is the competitor's responsibility to determine that adequate facilities are available before entering the event.



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5. Measurement and Registration

- 5.1. Boats together with their measurement certificates shall be presented for registration and equipment inspection on either Saturday 13th June (11:00 to 17:00) or Sunday 14th June 10:00 to 17:00. The Race Committee may extend the time for registration and inspection if there is a valid reason to do so. It is requested that boats and equipment are clean and dry when presented for measurement.
- 5.2. No boat shall be eligible to race until it has been registered and has passed equipment inspection.

6. Fees

- 6.1. The fee for the event per boat will be £320 (or £500 as an entry for this event and the Ten Rater World Championships) net excluding bank charges (this amount includes the IRSA fee)
- 6.2. Payment via bank transfer:
Bank: HSBC Bank, Fleetwood, Lancs UK FY7 6DG
Account name: Model Yachting Association World Championship Account
Sort Code: 40-21-12
Account no: 91140205
IBAN: GB72HBUK40211291140205
BIC CODE: HBUKGB4131J
- 6.3. The fee includes:
A skipper lunch on each racing day and all evening social events.

7. Schedule

- Thursday 13th February 2020
Closing date for entries and receipt of entry fee
- Thursday 27th February 2020
Latest date for announcement regarding the initial allocation of places (Stage 1)
- Saturday 13th June 2020
Registration, Equipment Inspection 11:00 to 17:00 (limited practice may be available)
The, Ten Rater Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony is scheduled to start at 19:00,
followed by the Marblehead Opening Ceremony and International Evening.
- Sunday 14th June 2020
Registration, Practice, Equipment Inspection 10:00 to 17:00
- Monday 15th June 2020
Racing from 10:00 to 18:00. The Race Committee may continue racing until 19:00.
- Tuesday 16th June to Thursday 18th June 2020
Racing from 09:30 to 18:00. The Race Committee may continue racing until 19:00
- Friday 19th June 2020
Racing from 09:30 to 16:00
The Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony is scheduled for 19:00. This will be followed by
a Closing Dinner.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available beforehand on the event website.

9. Umpires

- 9.1. World Sailing (WS) International Umpires and Judges, as well as National Umpires and Judges, will be appointed as umpires.
- 9.2. Competitors shall be required to undertake Observer duties.
- 9.3. An International Jury conforming to RRS Appendix N shall be appointed and the right of appeal is denied under RRS 70.5.



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9.4. When a hearing is reopened under rule 66 or N1.4(b) any decision to penalize or give redress made after the warning signal of any heat to which a party to the hearing may be promoted, shall not change the race schedule for that race. This changes rules 64.1 and 64.2.

10. Scoring and Racing System

10.1. The Championship shall be raced and scored under the latest version of the Heat Management System Software (HMS). Five races must be completed to constitute a Championship.

10.2. Entries will be limited to 76 boats. Six boat promotion will be used.

11. Risk Statement

11.1. RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone."

11.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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 and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, 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 omissions;
- 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser 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.

12. Insurance

12.1. All Competitors will be covered for the duration of the event by third party liability insurance arranged by the MYA. It is the responsibility for each competitor to make their own arrangements to cover insurance for their own boat and any damage to other boats.

13. Accommodation, Transport, etc

13.1. The event website contains a list of possible accommodation and costs, and a list of social, food, and transport packages and their costs.

14. Event and Venue Information

14.1. Event information updates will be posted on the Web site for the IRSA Marblehead and Ten Rater World Championship 2020 at the following Web site: westkirbyworlds2020.co.uk



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Appendix 1: IRSA Championship Regulations Entries and Allocation of Places

This appendix presents Regulation 7 of IRSA Championship Regulations. For this event the maximum number of boats has been set at 76. These regulations will govern the allocation of places at this event.

7 Entries

- 7.1.1 The maximum number of boats for any IRSA Championship shall be 84.
- 7.1.2 The initial closing date shall be three calendar months before the start of the event. (changed to four months for this event by agreement with IRSA)
- 7.1.3 The allocation of places shall take place within 14 days of the initial closing date.
- 7.1.4 IRSA Member Associations should only send entry fees for those competitors gaining places allocated in stage one.
- 7.1.5 IRSA Member Associations shall send entry forms for their competitors entering in stages two, three & four only if they are prepared to guarantee payment of the entry fee for those competitors getting a place. Once a place is allocated payment is required whether that competitor races or not.
- 7.1.6 If at any time prior to the commencement of the Championship an accepted competitor is not able to participate in the Championship through accident or serious illness his IRSA Member Association may, within 10 days of the occurrence, notify the Organising Authority of the circumstances and nominate a replacement.

7.2.1 Stage one

In which no IRSA Member Association shall have an allocation of more than 8 places.

The initial allocation of places shall be:

- (i) a personal place for the previous champion; this place shall not be counted in any IRSA Member Association total,
- (ii) two to each qualifying IRSA Member Association,
- (iii) one place for the host IRSA Member Association,
- (iv) the IRSA Executive Committee may allocate places to competitors from non-qualifying National Radio Sailing Associations, to a maximum of 4.
- (v) the remaining places shall be allocated to IRSA Member Associations according to the finishing order of boats from the IRSA Member Association in the previous relevant Championship.

7.2.2 Stage two

In which no IRSA Member Association shall have their allocation increased above 10 places.

If there are still places after the initial allocation:

- (i) any available places shall be allocated to IRSA Member Associations that have sent in applications for additional places before the closing date, using the finishing order of boats from the IRSA Member Associations in the previous relevant championship. Then,
- (ii) if there are still places available, those IRSA Member Association still requiring places will be listed
 - (a) in order of their highest finishing place in the previous relevant championship, followed by
 - (b) in reverse numerical order of their subscription category, those in the same category will be split by drawing lots. Places will then be allocated one per IRSA Member Association going down the list repeatedly until each IRSA Member Association reaches the stage 2 maximum allocation, or has the places applied for in 7.2.2(i) if less.

7.2.3 Stage three

In which there is no restriction on the maximum number of places for any IRSA Member Association.

If there are still places available, they shall be allocated one per IRSA Member Association to those still wanting them, using the IRSA Member Association list described in 7.2.2 (ii). If any IRSA Member Association has requested places after the initial closing date, they will be added at this stage.



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7.2.4 Stage four

If at any stage the maximum number of entrants is achieved, the Organising Authority shall notify at least the next five persons on the list 7.2.2(ii) informing them that they are a reserve should any IRSA DNM Member Association reduce its places allocated in 7.2.1 to 7.2.3. If places become available immediately prior to the start of an event, the Organising Authority may make up the numbers to the entry limit, by informing the reserves and then continuing the allocation of places from the list referred to in 7.2.2 (ii).