



NATIONAL 18 

2015 Championships Crosshaven

UK & Irish National 18 Championships 2015

Sunday 26th July – Friday 31st July 2015

Royal Cork Yacht Club

Organizing Authority: RCYC and The National 18 Ft Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 -2016*.
- 1.2 Any changes to the rules will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to National and Chichester Harbour 18s. The categories of National 18s are:
 - Ultra: New Morrison design
 - Ultimate: Proctor GRP hull minimum weight 200kg
 - Penultimate: Proctor GRP hull minimum weight 250kg.
 - Classic: Wooden boats and such other boats as the organizing authority may at its discretion so designate.

3.2 National 18 helms are required to be members of the class association.

Eligible boats may enter using the championship website <http://national18.roancarrig.com/> and submitting the entry fee. Online entries will close on 19 July. Alternatively, the entry form may be printed off and mailed with payment to the address given at the end of this notice. If this method of entry is chosen please inform your regional class secretary...Entries post 19th July will be accepted but may be subject to a late entry fee.

3.3 **Parent/Guardian Declarations:** All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations either by post prior to or at registration.

4.0 FEES

4.1 The entry fee per boat is €180.

5.0 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:
Saturday 25 July 17:00 – 19:00
Sunday 26 July 10:00 – 12:00.
- 5.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors on Sunday 27 July at 12:00.
- 5.3 It is intended that the Ultras, Ultimates and Penultimates will start first, followed by the Classics and Chi Harbour 18s. The grouping of the starts by category will be defined in the sailing instructions.
- 5.4 The race schedule is as follows:

Date	Time of 1st warning signal & number of races:	
	Time:	# Races:
Sun 26 th July	13:55	Practice race
Mon 27 th July	11:55	2 races
Tue 28 th July	11:55	2 races
Wed 29 th July	11:55	2 races
Thu 30 th July	11:55	2 races
Fri 31 st July	10:55	2 races

On the Fri 31st July no warning signal will be made later than 15.00hrs.

The distribution of trophies for the series will be posted in a notice to competitors prior to the start of the regatta.

6.0 DISTRIBUTION OF TROPHIES

The following distribution is proposed reflecting the transitional nature of the class following the introduction of the Morrison 18 in 2015. The class proposes to revert to normal allocation in 2016.

Trophy	Category	Award
Uffa Ace	All categories	Practice race winner Decided on handicap.
Cork Harbour	Ultra & Ultimate	Overall championship winner Decided on points divided by number of category starters.
Cock 'o The North	Ultras	Overall category winner
Medway	Ultimate	Overall category winner
Richard Lane Memorial	Penultimate	Overall category winner
Overland	Ultra	Races 1,2,3
Whitford	Ultra	Races 4,5,6
Yachting World	Ultra	Races 7,8,9,10
Hurricane	Ultimate	Races 1,2,3
Findhorn Sterling	Ultimate	Races 4,5,6
Swansea Bay	Ultimate	Races 7,8,9,10
Glencairn Decanter	Ultra's & Ultimates	Best placed boat from host country winning no other trophy. Decided on points divided by number of category starters.
Thames	Ultra's & Ultimates	Best placed family boat. Decided on points divided by number of category starters.
Anna Purna	Ultra's & Ultimates	Best placed English boat. Decided on points divided by number of category starters.
Foden	Ultra's & Ultimates	Best placed Scottish boat. Decided on points divided by number of category starters.
Orion	Classics	Overall Winner
Doldrum	Ultra & Ultimate	Best placed Lady Helm. Decided on points divided by number of category starters.

7.0 MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 All competing boats are expected to conform to the current Class rules; the organizing authority may conduct spot checks at any time during the event, including weighing of boats.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration, and will be published on the event website.

9.0 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be Olympic (windward/leeward and triangular).
9.2 The race target time will be 75 minutes.

10.0 SCORING

- 10.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3 When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.4 When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11.0 SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Support boats shall register at the race office during the registration period.

12.0 BERTHING and LAUNCHING

- 12.1 Boats will be berthed on RCYC dinghy park, marina, or moorings, where applicable.

13.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions, text messages or cellular phone calls while racing.

14.0 PRIZES

- 14.1 Please refer to 6.0 for the intended distribution of trophies. This distribution is intended to adequately and fairly balance the award of trophies across the four categories.
- 14.2 There will be prizes for leading boats in each category.

15.0 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 15.1 Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

16.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going to sea competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organizers 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 organizers encompass everyone helping to run the event and include the organizing authority, race committee, race officer, safety officer, patrol boat personnel and beach masters.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

17.0 INSURANCE

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2million per event or the equivalent.

18.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact: William Healy <willie@designandbrand.ie>

Class website: www.national18.com