



# Irish Fireball Association Munsters Championships 2018

Incorporating the  
Classic Boat Challenge



**Sat.12<sup>th</sup> & Sun.13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Hosted by  
Killaloe Sailing Club**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1. Organising Authority**

The Organising Authority is Killaloe Sailing Club in association with the Irish Fireball Association

### **2. RULES**

This event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Fireball Class Rules in force at the time of the event, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions.

### **3. Limitations of Equipment**

International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' SHALL NOT apply to this event.

#### **3.1 Identification**

International Fireball Class Rule 20.8 is amended as follows:- Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G).

#### **3.2 ALTERATIONS OF RACING RULES**

The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) may be modified in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).

### **4. ADVERTISING**

The event is designated a Category C event in accordance with Appendix 1. The Organizing Authority may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International Fireball Class Rule 24.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

#### **5.1 General**

All competitors shall comply with ISAF Eligibility Rules (RRS Appendix K1). The Regatta is open to boats of the International Fireball Class whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball International. Proof of membership shall be by means of a Fireball International membership card and boat sticker.

#### **5.2 Entry Procedure**

Competitors may enter by completing the event entry form, which is available on the Irish Fireball Association website, Killaloe Sailing Club website and at Registration .

### 5.3 Entry Fee

The entry fee will be €60, a discount of €5 shall apply if an entry is received before 17.00 Hrs Friday 4th May 2018.

### 5.4 Entry Disclaimer

It is the Competitor's decision to enter the event or to start in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the event is at their sole exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry to the Regatta competitors shall indemnify Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, Killaloe Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents in respect of all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Regatta. Competitors shall acknowledge that Fireball International, the International Fireball Association of Ireland, Killaloe Sailing Club, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Regatta or howsoever arising in connection with these events.

### 5.5 Insurance

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover of not less than €3,500,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

### 6. Registration

Registration will take place from 09.00 to 10.30hrs Saturday 12th May 2018 at Killaloe Sailing Club.

### 7. Race Schedule

Six races are scheduled:-

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – up to 4 races

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - remaining races to complete series of six races

No race will be started after 14:30 hrs on the Sunday 13th May (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall).

**Regatta Briefing:** Saturday 12th May at 10:30 hrs.

**Warning Signal:** 11:30 hrs. on Saturday and 11:00 hrs. on Sunday

The schedule of all subsequent races as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

### 8. Scoring & prizes

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded according to the table below. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

Discards applied based on races sailed

1, 2 or 3 races sailed                      0 discard

4, 5 or 6 races sailed                      1 discard

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association.

Gold Fleet.                      1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Silver Fleet:                      1<sup>st</sup>,

Classic Challenge:                      1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Lunches will not be provided

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## Classic Fireballs!



### **SAME BOAT! SAME EXCITING CONDITIONS! WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?**

The boat on the right, sailed by Ian Pinnell and Daniel Cripps won the 1994 Worlds in Durban South Africa. The boat on the left was sailed by Tom Gillard & Sam Brearey to the World title in 2012, in Mandurah, Western Australia.<sup>1</sup>

So, they are both World Championship-winning boats to the same design, but separated by 18 years.....which makes GBR 14415 a Classic Fireball.

This year the Irish Fireball Association intends to promote the Classic Fireballs in our midst by starting the regatta season with a dedicated regatta for them at Killaloe on the weekend of May 12<sup>th</sup>, coincident with the Munster championships.

For the purposes of this regatta, we are defining the Classic Fireballs as those boats with a sail number earlier than 14600.

We hope that by having a dedicated Classic Regatta for the older Fireballs we might give encouragement to the owners of these beautiful wooden boats to come and join the regatta circuit on a season long basis.

The association want to promote and encourage the Classic fleet using with two approaches;

- Encourage owners of "Classic " boats to attend regattas and participate locally and regionally
- Encourage crews with newer boats to beg or borrow a "Classic" with the view to tuning it up to current standards, thereby demonstrating to its owners that their boat is competitive

The focus on "Classic" is also intended to encourage lower budget completion and make the class more affordable for potential competitors.

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<sup>1</sup> Photo by Tom Gruitt, Fotoboot, published by Yachts & Yachting.