



ISORA OFFSHORE SERIES 2015

NOTICE OF RACE & GENERAL CONDITIONS



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*2015 -
Offshore Series*



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GENERAL CONDITIONS



The Organising Authority is the National Yacht Club in association with Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association the, Dún Laoghaire and The Royal Alfred Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association will apply to races starting in Ireland and those of the RYA to races started in the United Kingdom and ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2014-2015 extract for Race Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft will apply for all cross channel races. Race Category 3 Monohulls will apply for Day races and the Night Race.
- 1.3. Between sunset and sunrise navigation lights must be lit. These, and any emergency navigation lights carried, must conform to Rule 22 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Boats that cannot comply with these Regulations must retire from the race.
- 1.4. RRS Part 2 (WHEN BOATS MEET) does not apply between sunset and sunrise, and is replaced by Part D (Steering and Sailing Rules) of the International Regulations For the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- 1.5. Any contravention of Rules, Regulations or Sailing Instructions must be reported in the Declaration.
- 1.6. Waypoints may be used as marks. If so, Rule 28 will be amended accordingly in accordance with the RYA / RORC Guidance – "Racing Around Waypoints" See website for details
- 1.7. The IRC Rules 2015 Parts A, B and C apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The races are open to all boats that have a valid IRC Certificate with a **Minimum SSS base number of 20**.
- 2.2. Boats entering a race must be entered in the race and owned by, or on charter to a member or members of a Sailing Club recognised by its National Authority.



- 2.3. Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft carried on the boat. IRC Rule 22 4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limit (save as before mentioned with life raft capacity) on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.
- 2.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:- **ISORA, c/o National Yacht Club, DunLaoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Phone: +353 1 2805725 Fax: +353 1 2807837 E-mail : sailing@nyc.ie OR Online at www.nyc.ie**
- 2.5. A boat shall enter and lodge a completed entry form and declaration together with the race fee at least 2 hours before the start of the race with the Race Officer of the host club or its entry shall be excluded under RRS 76.
- 2.6. Skippers must have the written parental consent for all crew members under the age of 18.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. There will be racing for at least 2 classes - IRC Class 1 and Class 2 in the series. The split is anticipated to be at about 1.010.
- 3.2. There will be a Silver Fleet Division in each of the above Classes. Eligibility for the Silver Fleet Division will be determined by the ISORA Committee.

Class 1 Silver Fleet = Hull Factor 7.8 or less and DLR 220 or greater
Class 2 Silver Fleet = Hull Factor 7.8 or less and DLR 200 or greater
- 3.3. The ISORA Committee shall at all times have discretion as to the classes, fleets and entries and has the right to amend at any time. In addition, if fleet numbers allow, there will be a 2-handed Division (IRC Certificate with IRC “short-handed” sub-certificate as appropriate).





4. FEES

- 4.1. Requires fees are stated on the entry form. Entry to a race includes ISORA membership for the owner or skipper of the boat.
- 4.2. Race entry fees are NOT refundable following cancellation from a race.
- 4.3. Separate entry is required to Liverpool Yacht Club for the Lyver Trophy Race.

5. RACE SCHEDULE 2015 (race start time may vary)

Race No.	Date	Type	Description	Distance (approx)	Weight	Start
Race 1a	Sat. 25 th April	Coastal Day Race	ISORA/RAYC - Dun Laoghaire to North Arklow	50 miles	0.9	1000
Race 1b		Coastal Day Race	Pwllheli Castle Race Coastal	50 miles	0.9	1000
Race 2	Sat. 9 th May	Qualifying Race	Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead	60 miles	1.2	0800
Race 3	Fri. 22 nd May	Qualifying Race	Holyhead to Isle of Man (Douglas)	50 miles	1.2	1900
Race 4	Sun. 24 th May	Qualifying Race	Douglas Isle of Man to Dun Laoghaire	70 miles	1.2	0630
Race 5	13 - 17 th June	Special Classic race	Dun Laoghaire to Dingle D2D	270 miles	1.0	TBA
Race 6	Fri. 3 rd July	Qualifying Race	Lyver Race Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire (evening start)	100 miles	1.3	TBA
Race 7	18 th July	Coastal Day Race Ireland	ISORA/RAYC Lighthouse Race	35 miles	0.9	TBA
Race 8a	7 th August	Coastal Night Race Ireland	ISORA/RAYC Lighthouse Race	35 miles	1.1	TBA
Race 8b		Coastal Night Race	Pwllheli Causeway Race	35 miles	1.1	TBA
Race 9	15 th August	Qualifying Race	Dun Laoghaire to Pwllheli	75 miles	1.2	TBA
Race 10a	29 th August	Coastal Day Race	ISORA/RAYC Dun Laoghaire to Greystones	50 miles	0.9	TBA
Race 10b		Coastal Day Race	Pwllheli to Greystones	50 miles	0.9	TBA
Race 11	12 th Sept.	Qualifying Race	Pwllheli to Dun Laoghaire	80 miles	1.2	TBA
Note 1	- (RAYC) = Royal Alfred Yacht Club Coastal Series details here					
Note 2	The Start times shown here are approximate only and may change – see the SI for each race.					



6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall have a valid IRC Rating Certificate. Applications for IRC rating certificates should be made to the RORC Rating Office or to the Irish Sailing Association. The ISA/RORC Rating Office published lists, applicable at the start of a race, will be final for that race, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions for each race will be posted on www.isora.org approximately one week before the race and distributed by email to race/series entrants.

8. SCORING

- 8.1. The scoring system is as follows: Scoring will be on a High point basis.
- 8.2. RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply.
- 8.3. The Points for reach race will be adjusted for the fleet size using the CHIPS3 formula as incorporated into the Sailwave race scoring program.
- 8.4. The Points will be multiplied by the Weighting Factor as stated in Section 5 above to reflect the difficulty factor of the race. An explanation of the CHIPS 3 formula and weighting Factor can be found on the ISORA Web site.

8.5. TIE BREAKERS

If at the end of the series the score is tied between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boats(s) with the highest score(s).

If a tie remains between two boats, it shall be broken in favour of the boat that scores better than the other boat in more races.

If more than two boats are tied, they shall be ranked in order of the number of times each boat scored better than another of the tied boats.

If a tie still remains between two or more races, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in their last race.

- 8.6. A boat that is penalised under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

9. ELECTRONIC AIDS, RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1. The use of electronic aids and linked electronic devices is permitted. VHF Transceivers are mandatory.



- 9.2. Predict Wind tracker system may be used to record the course of all boats entering each race. Entrants are requested to download the Predict Wind app for iPhone or other smartphone and activate it before the start of each race.
- 9.3. It is recommended that competitors have an Automatic Identification System (AIS) if the equipment is fitted to the boat it must be turned on to receive and transmit.
- 9.4. The output of the tracker may be required if waypoint marks are used.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be given as follows: Series 1st -3rd Overall and 1st -3rd positions per Class / Division in each race. Trophies will be awarded for Series Overall and Overall Winner of each Race.
- 10.2. Offshore Series: To win the overall ISORA series for the Wolf's Head Trophy boats must complete 3 of the 6 "Qualifying". Points for the overall series will then be taken from the best 5 results.
- 10.3. Coastal Series Best 3 results from the Coastal Races only.
- 10.4. Team Series: Three boats Club team. Best 5 results for each boat. (Traditionally "The Victoria Cup"). Boats can elect to sail in the Barbarian Team.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race and General ISORA Condition 14.6. The organizing authority, RORC, ISORA, the host clubs and sponsors of individual races will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1. RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 12.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 12.2.1. (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 12.2.2. (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;



- 12.2.3. (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- 12.2.4. (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 12.2.5. (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 12.2.6. (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;
- 12.2.7. (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per race or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1. For further information please contact sailing@nyc.ie. Information will be posted on the ISORA website www.isora.org and the National Yacht Club website www.nyc.ie.

15. GENERAL ISORA CONDITIONS

15.1. RESPONSIBILITY UNDER IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker) / IRC (Short Handed).

- 15.1.1. The IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker) / IRC (Short Handed) under which ISORA race, contain sections affecting owners, and through them, crews. It is important that all those taking part in racing understand that breach of these rules mean that the Boat is either no longer eligible before the race even starts because the Rating Certificate is invalid, or is liable to disqualification if any contravention occurs during the race.
- 15.1.2. It is the Owner's responsibility for the presentation of his Boat for ashore and afloat measurement and the arrangement of the measurement of sails and spars.
- 15.1.3. It is the Owner's general responsibility after measurement to inform the Rating Office of changes to ballast, tankage, engine and propeller installations, change affecting trim and flotation, the movement of



measurement bands and changes in spars including any renewals and any changes in hull shape.

- 15.1.4. It is the Owner's responsibility whilst racing to comply with any limitation on sail setting and sheeting, the securing of the propeller, devices to fix drop keels or moveable appendages. The shipping, unshipping or moving of ballast and moving from stowage of any equipment is FORBIDDEN. Anchor and chain shall be secure in clearly marked stowage

15.2. WARNING ON MOVEMENT OF BALLAST

- 15.2.1. The notice available on the ISORA website www.isora.org "Warning on the movement of ballast" must be signed and displayed permanently on the main bulkhead adjacent to the mast.

15.3. CLASS FLAGS

- 15.3.1. Based on the break-points specified in the Sailing Instructions:
15.3.2. IRC Class 1 boats will display Numeral Pennant 1 on their backstay.
15.3.3. IRC Class 2 boats will display Numeral Pennant 2 on their backstay.

15.4. RACES COMBINED WITH RAYC, NYC, CHPSC and LYC.

- 15.4.1. Four races in the ISORA Offshore Series 2014 race schedule are run jointly with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club and are part of their 2014 RAYC Coastal Series. To be eligible for RAYC prizes and count towards the RAYC 2014 Overall Coastal Series, boats must complete the separate RAYC entry form for these races that is available on www.rayc.org.
- 15.4.2. The "Lyver Trophy Race" is run by the LYC in association with Royal Dee Yacht Club and RORC. Boats taking part in this race MUST also complete the separate LYC entry form that is available on www.lyc.org.uk

15.5. RESPONSIBILITY

- 15.5.1. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. ISORA, RAYC, LYC, the host Clubs and the Sponsors of individual races are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted.
- 15.5.2. **THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO` STARTING AND CONTINUING A RACE LIES DEFINATIVELY WITH THE SKIPPER OF EACH BOAT AS HE / SHE ALONE IS AT ALL TIMES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS / HER OWN BOAT AND CREW**

