ISORA – Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association

Supplemental Sailing Instructions

ISORA Offshore Series 2025

Race 13 – Offshore Race
Weighted at 1.2

Dun Laoghaire to Pwllheli

Organised by the National Yacht Club and Holyhead SC

Date	Class	Start
Saturday 9th August 2025		
	All classes	08.00hrs
Same course for all classes		

This Supplementary Information MUST be read in conjunction with the MUSTO ISORA OFFSHORE SERIES 2025 Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions.

For details see ISORA website – www.isora.org

On-Line Results by Sailwave

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Dun Laoghaire - Holyhead Offshore Race

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1. Organisation.

1.1. The MUSTO ISORA Offshore Race No.13 is organised by the National Yacht Club, CHPSC and ISORA.

1.2. Enquiries, correspondence and entries should be sent to: - ISORA Chairman chair@ISORA.org

2. Rules.

2.1. The Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the ISORA General Sailing Instructions 2025.

2.2. IRC rules part A, B & C shall apply to IRC racing.
RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable. A scoring penalty (RRS44.3) will be applicable during these times.

2.3. Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum number specified on the IRC Certificate. IRC Rule 22 4.2

2.4. The requirements of Category 3+ Liferaft of the OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2021-2025 apply to this event. Details of these are on the ISORA website.

2.5. In the event of conflict, this ISORA 2025 Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSIs) will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

3. Entries, Registration & Eligibility

3.1. Competitors for the MUSTO ISORA Offshore Race must complete the entry form and pay the on-line race fee to ISORA – see the ISORA web site

3.2. The MUSTO ISORA Offshore Race will provide racing for the ISORA Classes; Zero, One and Two or as amended.

3.3. Class Flags will be flown from the backstay of each competing yacht.

3.4. Yachts shall belong to or be chartered to and be under the control of a member of a yacht club affiliated to the IS or RYA or other equivalent national authority.

3.5. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and/or to ask any boats to complete further undertaking or declarations before accepting their entry.

4. Measurement

4.1. A valid and current IRC rating certificates must be presented on request to the Sailing Committee.

5. Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

5.1. The Race Committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

6. Changes in Sailing Instructions

6.1. Any change to the Supplemental Sailing Instructions or General Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ISORA webs Site by 18.30hrs on the day before it will take effect.

7. Schedule of Races.

7.1. The race schedule is shown on the front page of this Supplemental Sailing Instructions.

7.2. There will be one start.

7.3. The type of racing will be a long Offshore Race.

8. Time of Start

8.1. The race start times will be as shown on the front page of this SSIs or as amended.

8.2. The start may be broadcast on VHF Channel 17

8.3. The race will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal being made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9. Registration of Crew – ISORA Crew Manager

9.1. Skippers must register the following details, for all crew members, on the 'ISORA Crewmanager App':

9.2. Crew Name and mobile phone number

9.3. Shore Contact Name and phone number for each crew member

9.4. The information will only be used for safety purposes and in an instance of an emergency.

10. STARTING LINE

10.1. The start line shall be located at the "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" and an adjacent committee boat flying a NYC burgee. It may not be anchored and may be using engine power to hold station. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.2. Prior to the start of each event boats are requested to obtain acknowledgement from the Event Committee.

10.3. The committee boat will maintain on the line for 10 minutes after the start. After that time, if any boats have not crossed the start line, "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" will become a mark on the course and boats must leave that mark to Port.

11. THE COURSE

11.1. The course is approximately 55 miles long. The course is as follows:

- STARTING LINE at "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" as defined in this Supplemental Sailing Instruction
- **Passing** ISORA Dublin Bay Virtual Mark (P) N53 17.110 W6 00.100
- Finish shall be between the Pwllheli Fairway Buoy and the Bridge at Plas Heli as defined in this Supplemental Sailing Instruction

75 Miles approx.

Any amendments to the Course will be and published on the ISORA web site and may be communicated to all entrants by WhatsApp and email on the day before the start.

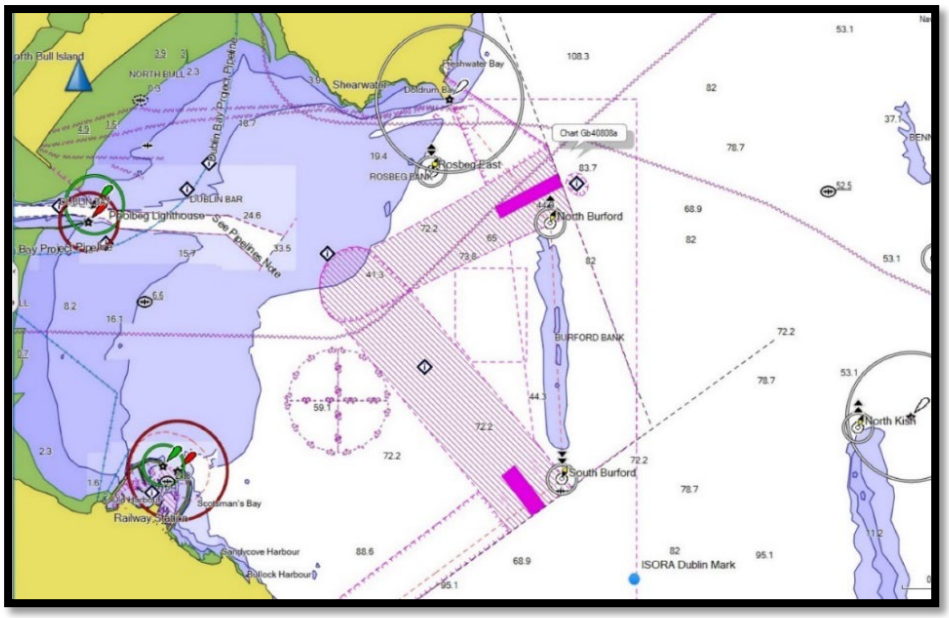
11.2. The course may be confirmed afloat to the competitors on VHF CH 17 before the start.

11.3. All boat MUST monitor VHF CH 16 at all times.

12. TSS at South Burford

12.1. Please be aware that commercial vessels will be navigating in or approaching the traffic separation schemes in that vicinity; please be aware that Rule 10 of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea requires that "a sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane" it further states "(f) A vessel navigating in areas near the terminations of traffic separation schemes shall do so with particular caution" and "(h) A vessel not using a traffic separation scheme shall avoid it by as wide a margin as is practicable"

12.2. Please note that a Virtual Mark may be set to keep the fleet away from the South Burford Cardinal and this is defined as **ISORA Dublin Virtual mark** 53º 17.110N 6º 00.100W



13. Waypoints

13.1. 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.

13.2. Evidence of rounding the "virtual" mark must be taken and may be requested by the Race Officer. This evidence may include:

13.3. Photographic (iPhone or similar) evidence of the yacht's GPS showing its position at the mark.

13.4. Yacht's chart plotter track showing the yacht rounding the "virtual" mark. This must be transmittable to ISORA by email.

13.5. The onus of proof of having rounded the WAYPOINT mark will be with each yacht.

14. ISORA YB Tracker

14.1. All boats entered in the race will be fitted with the YB Tracker. The Skipper, accepting the units will be responsible for the replacement cost of the unit in a situation that the unit gets lost or damaged.

14.2. The units can be collected from Peter Ryan at Dun Laoghaire marina podium at 06:30 on Saturday or by prior agreement.

14.3. In order to set up the units all boats who are entered must declare that they are racing by 12.00 on Thursday prior to the race day. This declaration is a WhatsApp message on the "ISORA – UK – 2025" or "ISORA – Irish – 2025" group stating that "Boat name" will be racing on Saturday. This is critical for the efficient running of the tracking system.

14.4. The trackers must be returned to Peter Ryan in the NYC or Peter Dunlop in Plas Heli as soon as possible after the race or by special agreed arrangement.

14.5. The race progress can be tracked by following the YB Tracking app for iPhones and Android. On downloading the app, the "ISORA Series 2025".

14.6. Any queries relating to the Trackers should be dealt with by contacting Peter Ryan +353 87 2545037.

15. FINISH LINE

15.1. The finish line shall be the transit between the Pwllheli Fairway Buoy and the Bridge at Plas Heli the Welsh National Sailing Academy and Events Centre with a bearing of 297deg magnetic or a back bearing to the Fairway of 117deg magnetic (see chart below).

15.2. Pwllheli Fairway Buoy (Iso.2s) located N52 53.000 W4 22.900

15.3. **Plas Heli Bridge** located - N52 53.336 W4 24.230

15.4. Please note this is not the usual line used as the start in Pwllheli.

15.5. The leading competitor must telephone the race officer when about one hour from the finish line on 07855706285

15.6. When approximately 10 minutes from the finish line yachts shall advise of their approach on VHF Ch 17 call sign 'ISORA Finish'. Please note that the finisher may only have a handheld radio and you may

not receive an acknowledgment to the first contact. There may be no sound signal at the finish. The Finisher may radio confirmation of the finish.

15.7. The finish time of your boat and the name of the boat ahead and behind shall be recorded. All boats finishing the course must post their finish times on the **ISORA crew manager app**. Also, the time of rounding each mark should be recorded in the log by each boat and text to the "ISORA – UK – 2025" WhatsApp group as soon as possible after the race. At night sail numbers should be illuminated when crossing the finish line and the sail number radioed to the finisher on VHF Ch 17 call sign 'ISORA Finish'.

15.8. The above procedure is deemed to be a "Declaration" that the yacht has completed the course in accordance with the sailing instructions and has complied fully with the Safety requirements.

15.9. While there is no time limit for the ISORA race the finisher may not be in attendance at the finish line for later finishers.



16. RETIREMENTS

16.1. Post the information on the Crewmanager app.

16.2. Text ISORA on 00353 87 2545037.

16.3. For safety it is recommended to also inform the Coastguard by VHF.

17. Advertising

17.1. The event will be a Category C event.

17.2. All yachts may be presented with a sponsor's flag or decals, which must be displayed at all times (if provided).

18. Scoring System

18.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing and for ISORA using the ISORA series scoring.

18.2. This race is weighted at 1.2 (see Section 16 Notice of Race & General Sailing Instructions)

19. Risk Statement

19.1. 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

19.2. 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."

19.3. 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:

(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.
(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, 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 omission.
(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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.
(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.
(h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

20. Safety

20.1. Competitors must adhere to the requirements of **Category 3 + Life Raft** of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2021-2025 for this race. Details of these are on the ISORA website.

21. Personal Safety

21.1. RRS 1.2, 40 shall apply and it is the sole responsibility of the skipper to ensure that Life Jackets/Harness lines are carried for each member of the crew.

22. Pre-Race hosted at Dun Laoghaire

22.1. Catering will be available in NYC on Friday evening.
22.2. The trackers will be issued at 06.30 on Saturday morning at Dun Laoghaire marina.

23. Après Sail

23.1. If the race finishes at a "reasonable" time Plas Heli will be open for a post-race gathering.

