



GLIN CASTLE RACE WEEKEND

20th & 21st of September 2008

Racing rules and regulations

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland

The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of The Irish Sailing Association (ISA), these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

The event is designated Category B.

2. ELIGIBILITY / SAFETY / INSURANCE

Eligible boats are those which comply with the relevant Class Rules, Handicapping System Rules and entry requirements.

Crew limitations. Classes 1 & 2 IRC cert plus 2. Whitesails no limit.

Class 1 and 2 sailors may race. Class 3 (Pros) may not.

The Safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner(s) representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the Organising Authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner(s) representative.

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

Safety Equipment Requirements

All yachts should comply with R.O.R.C. special regulations as laid down in the I.S.A. Safety Instructions Category 4 normal Club Races.

Insurance

Every owner warrants the suitability of his yacht and equipment to compete in the Race. All competing yachts must be adequately insured for the event.

Waiver

The Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland, or any sponsors associated with the Club accept no responsibility or liability for loss or injury to competitors or others or for the loss or damage to any boat. Competitors will themselves be responsible for their boats whether they are the owners, tenants, charterer's, or borrowers and shall themselves be liable for all damage arising from breaches of the racing rules and sailing instructions.

3. HANDICAPS AND DIVISION OF CLASSES

Boats will race in the following Classes

Class 1	IRC and Echo
Class 2	IRC and Echo
Class 3	White sails only Echo

The race committee reserve the right to cancel, combine, divide or alter the classes as it sees fit.

All classes may start together.

Yachts intending to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2008 certificate to the Racing Secretary with their entry.

Yachts intending to race under ECHO must submit a copy of their 2008 certificate to the Secretary with their entry.

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The RWYCI reserve the right to change Echo handicaps prior to race brief. Echo handicaps will be available at race brief. Any objections must be filed in writing to the Race Officer before the start of the race.

Yachts competing under ECHO shall start with ECHO TCFs printed by RWYCI.

Each boat shall display the IC Flag appropriate to her class on her backstay.

NO CERT NO RESULT!

Three boats constitute a class.

4. LOCAL RIVER REGULATIONS

Competitors are advised that all commercial shipping has absolute right of way within the Shannon Estuary. All Yachts must keep away from any ship which is underway. Avoid crossing ahead of a vessel underway. Yachts failing to comply with these regulations will be disqualified.

5. RACING AREA

The Racing Area shall be the Shannon Estuary.

6. DESIGNATING THE COURSE

The courses shall be designated by the Race Committee on the day of Racing and shall be announced at the brief on Glin pier and may be called on VHF Channel 72. Failure to receive the radio broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

Courses will be fixed mark courses using a mix of red or yellow temporary marks and/or navigation bouys.

7. THE START

The signals for starting each race will be made as per RRS 26 (5-4-1-GO)

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
Warning	Class Flag One sound	5 Minutes
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I or Black Flag One Sound	4 Minutes
One Minute	Preparatory flag lowered One Sound	1 minute
Start	Class Flag lowered One Long Sound	0 minutes

All classes may start together

The start will be between the end of Glin Pier and a pin end bouy.

A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal or at the discretion of the Race Officer.

8. RECALLS / STARTING PENALTIES.

RRS 29.2 (Individual Recalls) will apply

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RRS 29.3 (General Recalls) will also apply
The Race Committee may announce individual recalls on VHF Channel 72. All boats accordingly will carry a suitable VHF. Failure to receive a radio call shall not be grounds for redress.
Starting Penalties will be applied as per RRS 30

9. THE RACE

SHORTENING COURSE Any alterations to the course (shortening, mark missing, abandoning the race, etc) will be advised on Ch 72

TOUCHING A MARK (RRS 31.2 applies (360 turn))

RULES OF PART 2 (RRS 44.1, 44.2 & 44.4 shall apply (720 turn))

ABANDONMENT of the race will be advised on CH 72.

9.5 **RETIRING.** Yachts retiring shall advise the Committee boat on CH 72.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish will be advised at the briefing and will be either
- a) Between the end of Glin Pier and the pin end bouy.
 - or
 - b) A transit on the Eastern Face of Glin Pier

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Boats finishing 60 MINUTES or more after the first finishing boat of their class will be deemed not to have finished

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protesting boats shall inform the OOD before leaving the racing area, or at latest within 30 MINUTES of the last boat of that class finishing. Protests shall be made in accordance with the racing rules 60-71 inclusive. The protesting yacht must fly a protest flag. The notice/protest board will be on Glin Pier.

14. SCORING SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall be used in accordance with RRS Appendix A except a winning boat will score .75

15. PRIZES

The number of prizes awarded will depend on the number of entries in each class. If there are 3 entries in a class only 1st prize will be awarded. If there are 4 or 5 entries then 1st and 2nd prize will be awarded. If there are 6 or more entries in a class then 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded. The foregoing applies to both IRC and Echo handicap systems.

The overall prize will be awarded in IRC at the discretion of the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland on the day.

16. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

The race committee reserve the right to make alterations or amendments to the sailing instructions or race program that are necessary. Notice of any alterations or amendments to the
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sailing instructions or race program may be given on Glin Pier or on VHF channel 72.

17. LIFEJACKETS MUST BE WORN BY EVERYBODY IN THE RIBS

ALTERNATIVE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOYNES TO KILRUSH RACE

As above except

3. HANDICAPS AND DIVISION OF CLASSES

This will be an "all in" race on echo handicap.

6. DESIGNATING THE COURSE

6.1 The course will be announced at the briefing in FYC at 1100 on Sunday

7.2 & 7.3 The start will be the FYC Club House start line at 1200.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish will be the RWYCI start/finish line between the end of Cappa Pier and the mark on the North shore of Hog Island.

12. TIME LIMIT

12.1 Boats finishing 2 hours or more after the first finishing boat will be deemed not to have finished.

13. PROTESTS

13.1 Protesting boats shall inform the OOD before leaving the racing area, or at latest within 30 MINUTES of the last boat finishing. Protests shall be made in accordance with the racing rules 60-71 inclusive. The protesting yacht must fly a protest flag. The notice/protest board will be at the Marina Centre.

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