



Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland

SHANNONFERRY OCTOBER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The event is designated Category 4.

2. FOUR DAYS OF RACING;

- 2.1 **SUNDAYS 04th, 11th, 18th, and SATURDAY 24th**. BRIEFING on Sunday 4th at 1100 in the marina centre. Courses on other days will be displayed on a notice board at the Marina Centre. **START ON SATURDAY 24TH at 1300**. There may be two races sailed on some days. If 5 or more races are sailed there will be one discard. It is intended there will be a maximum of 7 races.

3. THE SERIES AND CLASS SIZES

- 3.1 Three races constitute a series
- 3.2 If three boats enter a class there will be 1st prize, if four or five boats enter there will be 1st and 2nd, and if six or more boats enter there will be 1st 2nd and 3rd.

4. PROFESSIONAL SAILORS AND CREW LIMITATIONS

- 4.1 Class 2 and 1 sailors are allowed. Class 3 (professional) sailors are allowed to race one race day. They are not allowed to helm.
- 4.2 The crew limit will be IRC plus 2. (Children aged 15 years and over are included in this limit) No crew limit for whitesails.
- 4.3 In addition to crew numbers provided in 4.2, each boat will be allowed to carry ONE newcomer to Yacht Racing

5. ELIGIBILITY / SAFETY / INSURANCE

- 5.1 Eligible boats are those which comply with the relevant Class Rules, Handicapping System Rules and entry requirements.
- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
6. Safety Equipment Requirements
- 6.1 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.
7. Insurance
- 7.1 Every owner warrants the suitability of his yacht and equipment to compete in the Series. All competing yachts must be adequately insured for the event.
8. Waiver
- 8.1 The Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland, ShannonFerry Group, Kilrush Marina, 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.



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9. HANDICAPS AND DIVISION OF CLASSES

9.1 It is intended that boats will race in Classes based on The Onesails McWilliam Superleague and club Echo TCFs. The race committee reserve the right to place a boat in any class as they see fit.

Approximate class bands are outlined below

- Class 1 .979 and above
- Class 2 .910 to .978
- Class 3 .909 and below
- White sails

9.2 Yachts intending to race under IRC **MUST** submit a copy of their 2009 certificate to the Racing Secretary with their entry

9.3 Yachts intending to race under ECHO **MUST** submit a copy of their 2009 certificate to the Racing Secretary with their entry

9.4 The progressive handicapping system will be used for ECHO with handicaps being adjusted as indicated by the results program (sail100) after each race.

9.5 Yachts which don't have any club history may be subject to a 7% loading to the echo standard for that type of boat.

9.6 Yachts competing under ECHO shall start with ECHO TCFs printed by the handicap committee in association with their club handicapping secretary and The Wiora Echo Sub Committee. The decision of the race committee will be final with regard to any adjustments made.

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

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

10. LOCAL RIVER REGULATIONS

10.1 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.

11. RACING AREA

11.1 The Racing Area shall be the Shannon Estuary or as advised by the Race Committee.

12. DESIGNATING THE COURSE

12.1 The course shall be designated by the Race Committee on the day of Racing and shall be announced on VHF Channel 72. Failure to receive the radio broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

12.2 Courses will be mix of laid courses, or local courses using a mix of temporary marks and navigation buoys. Temporary marks may be big yellow, orange or red inflatable or red dan bouys.

13. THE START

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

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING
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 Minutes
Start	Class Flag lowered, one long sound	0 minutes

13.2 The start will be between either

- A) The end of Cappa Pier and the orange mark on the north shore of Hog Island, or
- B) The main Mast of the Committee Boat and the starting limit mark.

13.3 The Race Committee may place a distance mark close to the Committee Vessel. Any yacht sailing between this distance mark and the Committee Vessel after the preparatory signal will be disqualified.

13.4 A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

13.5 All classes may start together.

13.6 If the start is at Cappa Pier then a flashing light system on the end of the Pier may be used. (5 minutes to start = 2 lights, 1 minute to start = 1 light, start = both lights off).



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14. RECALLS / STARTING PENALTIES.

14.1 RRS 29.1 (Individual Recalls) will apply

14.2 RRS 29.2 (General Recalls) will also apply

14.3 The Race Committee may announce individual recalls on VHF Channel 72. All boats accordingly will carry suitable VHF. Failure to receive a radio call shall not be grounds for redress.

14.4 Starting Penalties will be applied as per RRS 30.

15. THE RACE

15.1 SHORTENING COURSE

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

15.2 TOUCHING A MARK (RRS 31 & 44.1 applies (360 turn)).

15.3 RULES OF PART 2 (RRS 44.1, 44.2 shall apply (720 turn)).

15.4 ABANDONMENT of the race will be advised on CH 72.

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

16. THE FINISH

16.1 The finish will be between either

a)The end of Cappa Pier and the orange mark on the north shore of Hog Island, or

b)The main Mast of the Committee Boat and the finishing limit mark.

17. TIME LIMIT

17.1 Boats finishing 40 MINUTES (except Whitesails which will be 60 minutes) or more after the first finishing boat of their class will be deemed not to have finished

18. PROTESTS

18.1 Protesting boats shall inform the race officer/committee boat before leaving the racing area.

18.2 Protests must be lodged no later than one and a half hours after the last boat of that class finishes the day's racing.

19. SCORING SYSTEM

19.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the racing rules using the Low Point Scoring System except 1st place will get .75 points. For Class 1,2 and 3, 1 discard will be allowed if five or more races are sailed. For whitesails, 1 discard will be allowed if 4 or more races are sailed.

20. PRIZES

20.1 The **RINVELLA PLATE** will be awarded to the yacht, which in the opinion of the Race Committee, has given the best performance of all yachts in the series under the IRC system.

20.2 Prizes will be awarded, depending on the number of entries, in each Class and will consist of daily prizes and overall prizes. Overall prizes will be presented at the RWYCI dinner on the 24th of October.