

# West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association

## Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland West Coast Championships 30th June – 3rd July 2010 NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authorities for the West Coast Championships 2010 are the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland and the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association.

### 2. RULES AND HANDICAP SYSTEMS

2.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the IR2000 (IRC) rating rule, the ECHO ISA Performance Handicap System, the ISAF / ORC Safety Regulations Category 4, Class Association Rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. Sports boats & One-Designs shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 5 races.”

2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

2.3 ECHO handicaps will be published before the event starts. ECHO handicaps will be revised during the Championships by the handicapping authority for the event. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for protest.

2.4 Crew Limitation in Classes 1 and 2 shall be as per IRC Certificate plus 1. Crew Limitation in Class 3 shall be as per IRC Certificate. There is no crew limitation for White sails.

2.5 ISAF Category Group 3 sailors are only allowed to sail under the following conditions: An IRC boat may carry ONE Group 3 sailor on ONE day only. The Group 3 sailor is not allowed to helm.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

3.1 The Championship is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports boats.

3.2 Depending on the number of entries, boats will be divided into the following classes: Class 1 / Class 2 / Class 3 and White Sails. Class Bands will be announced as soon as possible after the 21st May 2010 when there is a clear indication of entries.

3.3 The Organising Committee may, in their absolute discretion, assign a yacht to any Class.

3.4 Sport Boats or Day Boats may have a separate class at discretion of the Organising Committee.

### 4. ENTRY

4.1 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association, Rob Allen, Querrin, Kilkee, Co. Clare

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Website: [www.wiora.org](http://www.wiora.org)

4.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.

4.3 Entrants shall:

Comply with ISA or other national authority eligibility requirements. Submit a copy of their current Echo and/or IRC Certificate on or before 30th June 2010. No alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors. Complete and return a valid Entry Form accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee.

4.3 The Entry Fee shall be:                      30' LOA and Over is €120                      29' LOA and Under is €100

4.4 The Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland and the West Coast Championships Organising Committee reserve the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations.

4.5 THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 10.00hrs Wednesday 30th June 2010.

### 5. LATE ENTRIES AND REFUNDS

5.1 Entries received after 17.00hrs on Friday 21st May 2010 will be accepted by the Organising Committee and will be subject to an additional payment of €100 and the appropriate entry fee.

5.2 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.

## **6. REGISTRATION**

**6.1** All entrants shall register with the Race Office upon arrival, in any case not later than 10.00 hrs on Wednesday 30th June 2010.

**6.2** The Race Office shall be open for registration from 1800hrs to 2130hrs on the 29th June 2010 and from 0830hrs on the 30th June 2010.

## **7. PROGRAMME OF RACES AND RACING AREA**

**7.1** Races will be sailed on Shannon Estuary and surrounding waters.

**7.2** It is intended to have racing for all Classes on each day.

**7.3** It is intended to organise a total of seven races for all Classes with a variety of Laid Courses, Round the Cans and Coastal races.

**7.4** The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

**7.5** Race start times may vary each day to coincide with marina lock times.

**7.6** On the days with two races the second race will start as soon as practical after completion of the previous race.

## **8. SCORING SYSTEM AND DISCARDS**

**8.1** The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except the winning boat shall score .75 points.

**8.2** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

**8.3** When six or more races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**8.4** Results will be given under ECHO and IRC systems where appropriate.

## **9. PRIZES**

**9.1** Prizes will be awarded under IRC and Echo handicap systems depending on the number of entries.

## **10. BERTHING AND SERVICES**

**10.1** Boats shall be kept in their assigned berths in Kilrush Creek Marina.

**10.2** Kilrush Creek Marina are offering FREE BERTHAGE to competing boats from 26/06/09 to 03/07/09 inclusive

**10.3** Kilrush creek Marina are offering the following services for participating boats irrespective of boat size:

Lift in/Lift out €142 inc vat (for Road transportable yachts)

Lift in/Lift out & Mast raise/lower €175 inc vat (for Road transportable yachts)

Lift out/Lift in & Bottom wash €242 inc vat.

## **11. SOCIAL**

**11.1** Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.

## **12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**12.1** Sailing Instructions will be available to each entrant in early June 2010 and will be posted on the website [www.westernyachtclub.com](http://www.westernyachtclub.com) & [www.wiora.org](http://www.wiora.org) when available.

## **13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**13.1** Competitors participate in the championships entirely at their own risk. The West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association, Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland, their members, their officers, servants, sponsor's, representatives and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the championships.

**13.2** It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibility on the Official Entry Form and draw attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer.

**13.3** Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring.

## **14. SPONSORSHIP**

**14.1** The Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland and the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association and are very pleased to welcome our sponsors at this year's championship.