



ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB OF IRELAND
THE MARINA, KILRUSH, CO. CLARE, IRELAND

COMBINED CLUBS OCTOBER SERIES 2018

Kindly sponsored by Kilrush Marina, Cliffords Cash & Carry, Shannon Ferries & Aster Yachting

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland (RWYCI).

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the rules of IRC and the Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap System, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 All competing boats must complete the RWYCI entry form and pay the entry fee of €80 prior to taking part in the event.
- 2.3 Yachts intending to race must submit a copy of their 2018 ECHO certificate to the Sailing Secretary with their entry.
- 2.4 IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight.
- 2.5 Each boat shall display the IC Flag appropriate to her class on her backstay.
- 2.6 The races are open to all types of Cruiser, Racer Cruiser Type Yachts as well as local traditional sailing crafts.
- 2.7 **Commercial Shipping:** 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. Yachts failing to comply with these regulations may be disqualified.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the event notice board located outside the Race Office in Kilrush Marina.
- 3.2 The Race Committee may draw attention to Race Signals given on the Committee Boat, and communicate other information on VHF at any time. The Race Committee will transmit on Channel 72 or other such channel as may be displayed on the Committee Boat. Failure to transmit or to receive such communication will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4. ADVERTISING

World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.



5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of Kilrush Marina.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 A Competitor's Briefing will take place at 1200hrs on Sunday 7th Oct at Kilrush Marina.

7.2 Schedule of Races:

Date	Warning Signal	Number of Races Scheduled		Low Water
		White Sails	IRC	
Sun 7 th Oct	1345	One Race	Two Races	1055 0.6m
Sun 14 th Oct	1100	One Race	Two Races	1526 1.2m
Sun 21 st Oct	1200	One Race	Two Races	1005 1.3m
Sat 27 th Oct	1100	Two Races	Three Races	1349 0.5m

7.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

8. CLASS FLAG

8.1 The classes will be Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.

8.2 Spinnaker Class Division 1: Numeral Pennant 1

Division 2: Numeral Pennant 2

Division 3: No Pennant

Non Spinnaker Class Division 1: Blue Ribbon (Will be provided at registration)

Division 2: Green Ribbon (Will be provided at registration)

9. RACING AREA:

The racing area will be the Shannon Estuary.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The course may be windward/leeward, olympic or round the cans type courses or as designated by the Race Committee on the day of racing and may be announced at the briefing or may be called on VHF Channel 72. Failure to receive the radio broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

10.2 Detailed Chartlets and Course Cards will be provided to all competing yachts during the event prior to departing the Marina.

10.3 Courses may be laid courses or fixed using a mix of temporary marks and Navigation buoys.

11. MARKS:

Marks 1, 2 and 3 may be Orange Inflatable Pyramid, Cylindrical and Round Buoys or RWYCI fixed marks and Navigation buoys.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.

12.2 The starting line may be between a red and white pole, or Main mast, on the Race Committee vessel and an inflatable buoy.



13. CHANGE OF COURSE

The change will be signalled in accordance with rule 33. Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the Race Committee.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between a red & white pole on the Race Committee Vessel (RCV) flying a blue flag and an Inflatable buoy at the pin end.
14.2 An alternative finishing line may be used; this will be advised by VHF.

15. PENALTIES:

RRS procedure applies, yachts should perform a two turn penalty for infringement of a rule of part 2 of the RRS and a one turn penalty for hitting a course mark.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 In Spinnaker Class the time limit shall be one and a half hours.
16.2 In Spinnaker Class boats finishing 30 MINUTES or more after the first finishing boat of their division will be deemed not to have finished.
16.3 In Non Spinnaker Class the time limit shall be two and a half hours.
16.4 In Non Spinnaker Class boats finishing 60 MINUTES or more after the first finishing boat of their division will be deemed not to have finished.

17. PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS, ARBITRATION

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
17.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board.

18. SCORING SYSTEM

- 18.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall be used in accordance with RRS Appendix A except a boat finishing first shall score 0.75 points.
18.2 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
18.3 When four (4) to six (6) races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.
18.4 When seven (7) or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worse scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Prize giving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing at selected Kilrush Hostelrys to be advised at the start of racing.
21.2 The final overall prize giving will take place on Saturday 27th October at the Galleon Bar in Cappa.



23. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

All competitors sailing in the October Series shall be honorary members of the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland during the event, and will be bound by the rules of the club. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, trailers and other equipment are their own responsibility and neither the Race Committee, nor the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage.

24. RISK STATEMENT: Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”

Sailing by its nature is 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 omissions;
- (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.

