



Round Ireland

Yacht Race

In Association With



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WSC Web: www.wicklowsailingclub.com

NOTICE OF RACE

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2014

- ORGANISATION** Wicklow Sailing Club (WSC) is the Organising Authority for **The Round Ireland Yacht Race** in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and administered by the Race Committee.
- Associate Dublin Club** The Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC), Dunlaoghaire will be the Dublin base for the associate Race activities.
- CONDITIONS** The race will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) and RORC Prescriptions and amendments and the additions detailed below:
1. This Notice of Race, the Entry Form and the Sailing Instructions.
 2. The Race is ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 2.
 3. IRC Rules Parts A, B, & C – 2014 Rules.
- In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- START** **The start will be at Wicklow at 14.00 on Saturday, 28th June 2014.**
- TIDES:** Wicklow Harbour, Saturday 28th June 2014 HW – 1250 hrs
Times are local and are approximate.
- COURSE** Leave Ireland and all its islands excluding Rockall to starboard. The distance is approximately 704 nm.
- ENTRIES** **ENTRY FORMS AND DETAILS OF ENTRY PROCEDURE WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THE ROUND IRELAND WEBSITE**
<http://www.roundirelandyachtrace.ie>
The closing date for entries is Noon on **24th May 2014**.
Late entries will be subject to the relevant fee above +50%. No entry will be accepted after Wednesday, 25th June 2014.
- ENTRY FEE (LOA)**
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| 30-39.9 feet | (9.10 – 12.10 meters) | €450 |
| 40-49.9 feet | (12.20 – 15.10 meters) | €500 |
| 50-59.9 feet | (15.20 – 18.20 meters) | €600 |
| 60 feet & over | (18.30 & over meters) | €750. |
- CANCELLATION POLICY** Cancellations can be accepted either:
- (1) before the closing date, when a refund minus €50 may be claimed or
 - (2) Between the closing date and the start, when 50% of the fee may be claimed.
- ENTRY** The Race Committee reserves the right to decline an entry.
- ENTRY LIMIT** The number of starters shall not exceed 100
- CLASSES** Racing will take place under IRC. Classes will be allocated according to the number and type of entry. Classes for classic and one design yachts will be subject to the number of entries. Yachts may enter as a team, but RRS Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will not apply. Details will be provided on application.

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CREW LIMITS: IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be as detailed below. (There is no weight limit)
Certificate number plus RORC Allowed Crew.
Up to 9 – Certificate number plus 1
10 – 13 – Certificate number plus 2
14 and Over – Certificate number plus 3
The above provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.2 in respect of One-Design classes. However a Class may wish for its own purposes to apply its own crew limits of less than the RORC scale shown here. It is recommended that the Person in Charge consult their Class Association.

Classes will be as follows:

IRC Class CK – 0.850 and greater	Class 5 – Cruisers, Hull factor 7.5 or less
IRC Class Z - 1.276 and greater	Class 6 – Classics Class (pre 1987)
IRC Class 1 - 1.275 – 1.101	Class 7 – Two handed class
IRC Class 2 - 1.100 – 1.051	Class 8 – TBA
IRC Class 3 - 1.050 – 1.007	
IRC Class 4 – 1.006 - 0.850	

RULES ALTERATION The Race Committee reserves the right to alter the rules and conditions of the race at any time. Changes will be posted on the WSC website at www.wicklowsailingclub.com. Yachts whose entries have been accepted will be advised directly.

EXPERIENCE QUALIFICATION: The Round Ireland Yacht Race is not a race for novices. Every crew member must have experience of sailing a yacht offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. Competitors may be required to provide evidence of offshore experience.

The qualifications under this heading are:-

1. The minimum experience requirement is 300 nautical miles of offshore racing* on the boat entered into the race, completed by a minimum of 50% of the crew (but not less than 2) including the Person in Charge.* **Or**
2. Non-stop passage of at least 300 miles.
3. Other qualifications similar to 2 above to be proposed to and agreed by WSC/RORC by 31st May 2014.
4. Qualification experience must be within 12 months prior to the start of the Race.

** To qualify as offshore racing a race must be at least 75 miles duration and include at least one night at sea.*

TRAINING

It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that the following criteria are met and that a certificate or letter of attendance from an establishment recognised by the ISA/RORC should be provided on completion of the following:

1. At least 30% of the crew, including the Skipper, shall have undertaken training to Section 6, (Appendix G) of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.
2. In the case of two-handed entries, both crew members must complete training to Section 6, (Appendix G) of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.
5. In addition at least one member of the crew shall hold a current Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent (in accordance with OSR 6.05.2) and should be familiar with the management of medical emergencies that may occur at sea, including hypothermia, and radio communications operations for obtaining medical advice by radio.
6. The above training must have been completed within five years of the start of the race. Copies of these certificates should be lodged with WSC prior to the start of the race.

SSS / STIX & AVS Entries will be from IRC (Endorsed) rated yachts of LOA 9.15m/30 feet and over, with a minimum SS of 28 or STIX of 32 combined with an AVS minimum of $130 - 0.002 \times M$ (where M is minimum sailing weight in kg). STIX and AVS data is required for boats with a series date of 1995 and later. In exceptional circumstances WSC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boats for a given category of the race.

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- CREW LIST** A full crew list with names, addresses and telephone numbers of competitors and their next of kin to be lodged with the Race Office on Registration at Wicklow Sailing Club.
- INSPECTIONS** Yachts shall assemble at either Wicklow Harbour or Dunlaoghaire Marina no later than 0900 hours on Thursday, 26th June 2014 for Special Regulations inspections. Entrants are required to give advance notice as to their choice of venue for SR inspections.
- RORC SPECIAL REGULATIONS CHECK-LIST** Each entrant must complete an ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Check List. The completed Check List must be submitted to Wicklow Sailing Club **prior** to the start of the race and a copy must also be retained -on board the yacht.
- ADVERTISING** Advertising will be acceptable under conditions to be provided on application. Yachts may carry advertising according to the Racing Rules of Sailing and their class or rating authority. Yachts will be required to fly a race flag and may be required to apply a race sticker to each side of the hull.
- TRACKING** It will be mandatory for yachts to carry a Tracker Unit for the duration of the race. A refundable deposit, which may be set against a credit card, will be required.
- AIS TRANSPONDER** All yachts must be equipped with an operational AIS Transponder. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) at all times for the entire duration of the race.
- RATING CERTIFICATES** All competitors must apply to the RORC Rating Office as early as possible prior to the race, in order to obtain their current **Endorsed** Certificates in good time. **Please note, STIX and AVS data is required for boats with a series date of 1995 and later.** The cut-off date for amended Rating Certificates shall be Wednesday the 25th June 2014. In very exceptional cases the Race Committee may grant a relaxation to this requirement.
- PUBLICITY** Entrants should include, with their entry, two recent photographs of the yacht for the programme and for publicity purposes.
- Disclaimer of Liability:** The Safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. He/She must ensure that the boat and her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the Round Ireland Yacht Race. Neither the establishment of the required safety regulations nor the inspection of any boat in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for their crew, boat and the management thereof.
- Insurance:** Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.
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