

ICRA CRUISER NATIONALS



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IRISH CRUISER RACING ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

FRIDAY 13TH, SATURDAY 14TH AND SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2014
ROYAL IRISH YACHT CLUB, DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA) National Championships 2014 (the Event) are organised by ICRA in association with the Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC), Dun Laoghaire, Co.Dublin.
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to The Sailing Manager, RIYC, Harbour Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co.Dublin.
Phone: 087 9481707 Email: mark@riyc.ie
- 1.3 Changes to this NOR will be posted on the Event website at <http://cruiserracing.ie/icranats> but no later than the 23rd May 2014.

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, the ISA ECHO Performance Handicap System, the rules of ICRA, class association rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 2.2 To be eligible to compete in the Event boats shall:
 - 2.2.1 comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA Constitution;
 - 2.2.2 have an IRC rating or ECHO standard within the range .800 to 1.250;
 - 2.2.3 comply with the relevant IRC rating and ECHO handicapping rules.

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the Event, if there is in its opinion, a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the Event sponsor.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

4 ISAF SAILOR CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code, will apply to all boats.
It is the personal responsibility of every sailor to determine their ISAF Regulation 22 status. Apart from the exceptions set out in the table below, ISAF Group 3 competitors, including competitors who are not classified but who satisfy the requirements of the Group 3 definition, are not permitted to sail in the Event.

Division	No. of Group 3 competitors permitted
Zero	2
One	1

- 4.2 Group 3 competitors are not permitted to helm except in an emergency.
- 4.3 Competitors who require an ISAF Classification should apply, in good time, on <http://www.sailing.org/sailors>

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight.

6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Entrants will be divided into DIVISIONS which will not be finalised until after the closing date of 30th May, 2014.
- 6.2 The composition of divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:
 - 6.2.1 the need for a reasonable number of boats in each division;
 - 6.2.2 having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division.
- 6.3 Extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different break-points, may be created.
- 6.4 The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

7 PROGRAMME OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing is scheduled to be held on **Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June 2014.**
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signals for each day is 1055.
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1630, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.4 The target will be to achieve a minimum of SEVEN races over the three days of the Event and the decision to sail more than the scheduled number of races per day will be at the discretion of each RO.
- 7.5 First two races on Saturday 14th will count as part of Royal Alfred Yacht Club Bloomsday Regatta.

8 SCORING & DISCARDS

- 8.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship.
- 8.3 If 6 or more races are completed 1 discard will apply.

9 FEES

- 9.1 Entry Fee is €200. The fee for entries received on or before 14th April 2014 is €150. **Closing Date for entries is 30th May 2014**
- 9.2 The entry fee includes craning in and out facilities for boats arriving by road.
- 9.3 Entry forms can be downloaded from <http://cruiserracing.ie/icranats> and can be posted to The Sailing Manager, RIYC, Harbour Rd., Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
- 9.4 Online Entry is available at <http://cruiserracing.ie/icranats>
- 9.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 9.6 Entries are accepted for the full Championship only - boats may not enter for individual races.
- 9.7 Entry Fee includes entry into Royal Alfred Yacht Club Bloomsday Regatta on Saturday 14th June.

10. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 10.1. **IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 30th May 2014.**
 - 10.1.1 No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.
 - 10.1.2 A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.
 - 10.1.3 The name/s of the equipment inspector/s and/or measurer/s shall be published on the official notice board for the duration of the event [RRS 78].
 - 10.1.4 The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.
- 10.2. A copy of the boat's current IRC **ENDORSED** certificate shall be included with the entry form or submitted at registration. This copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.
- 10.3 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.
- 10.4 A system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62).

11. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the series except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

12. PRIZES

Overall prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.

13 REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Event Office in RIYC. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the Event website no later than the 30th May 2014.

Registration will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 11th June 1800– 2100

Thursday 12th June 0930 - 1200 & 1800 – 2100

14 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 14.1. Races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay and surrounding areas - Admiralty Charts 1415 and 1468. Starts may be up to 4 miles from Dun Laoghaire Harbour.
- 14.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward or fixed mark courses.
- 14.3. Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat as the courses for the Round the Cans races will be announced on VHF.

15 ACCOMODATION & SOCIAL

- 15.1. Information on local accommodation will be available on the Event website (<http://cruiserracing.ie/icranats>)
- 15.2. Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.
- 15.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of Royal Irish Yacht Club for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

16 SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge (RRS 46) who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are fit to face the conditions encountered. The person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, sails, rigging and all gear. The person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and suitably stowed. The crew must be familiar with the use and position of such safety equipment. The person in charge accepts that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs alone. Neither these regulations nor any action of the OA in any way limits or reduces the exclusive responsibility of the owner or the person in charge.
- 16.2. The wearing of personal flotation devices is strongly recommended at all times.
- 16.3. Competitors participate in the championship at their own risk - see Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. ICRA, RIYC, their officers, servants 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 Event.

17. INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry for each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil liability to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Event.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1. The Royal Irish Yacht Club has arranged discounted berthing fees for visiting boats for the duration of the Event from Thursday 12th June to Monday 16th June.
- 18.2. These will be allocated on arrival and are subject to suitable space availability.
- 18.3. The provision of berths will be at the discretion of the OA and advanced booking is required. Requests for an advanced berth can be made by contacting Dun Laoghaire Marina, Phone: 01 2020040 Email: info@dlmarina.com

19. SPONSORSHIP

The Irish Cruiser Racing Association and Royal Irish Yacht Club are very pleased to welcome all our sponsors at this year's Event.

20. MEDIA WAIVER

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of cruiser racing. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recorded during the Event free of charge.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the Event website (<http://cruiserracing.ie/icranats>) or contact: Mark McGibney, Phone: 087 9481707, Email: mark@riyc.ie

OTHER HEADLINE REGATTA DATES

Round Ireland	28th June
Cork Week	05th – 11th July
WIORA	23rd - 26th July
Calves Week	05th – 08th August

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