



## **IRISH SEA OFFSHORE RACING ASSOCIATION 2010 SERIES**

### **NOTICE OF RACE & GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**The Organising Authority is the Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association in association with the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire and The Royal Alfred Yacht Club**

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS Extract for Race Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft JANUARY 2008 - DECEMBER 2009 will apply.
- 1.3 Between sunset and sunrise navigation lights must be lit. These, and any emergency navigation lights carried, must conform to Rule 22 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Boats which cannot comply with these Regulations must retire from the race.
- 1.4 RRS Part 2 (WHEN BOATS MEET) does not apply between sunset and sunrise, and is replaced by Part D (Steering and Sailing Rules) of the International Regulations For the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- 1.5 Any contravention of Rules, Regulations or Sailing Instructions must be reported in the Declaration.

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 The races are open to all boats that have a valid IRC Certificate with a minimum SSS base number of 20.
- 2.2 Boats entering a race must be entered in the race and owned by, or on charter to a member or members of a Sailing Club recognised by its National Authority.
- 2.3 Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft carried on the boat.
- 2.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:- **ISORA, c/o National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Phone: +353 1 2805725 Fax: +353 1 2807837 E-mail : [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie)**
- 2.5 A boat that has not formally entered by lodging a completed entry form and the declaration with the race fee at least 2 hours before the start of the race

with the Race Officer of the host club, shall not be considered a competitor in that race.

- 2.6 Skippers must have the written parental consent for all crew members under the age of 16.

### **3 CLASSES**

There will be racing for at least 2 classes - IRC & IRC (No Spinnaker) in the series. The number and break points of IRC Classes will be notified in the Sailing Instructions. The ISORA Committee shall at all times have discretion as to the classes and entries and the right to amend at any time.

### **4 FEES**

- 4.1 Requires fees are stated on the entry form. Entry to a race includes ISORA membership for the owner or skipper of the boat.
- 4.2 Race entry fees are NOT refundable following cancellation from a race.

### **5 RACE SCHEDULE**

Date	Start Time	Club	Race
24 April 2010	08.00	ISORA	Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead (75 miles)
8th May	10.00	ISORA / RAYC	Arklow Day Race
15th May	08.00	ISORA	Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire (75 miles)
5th June	07.00	ISORA	Pwllheli to Wicklow-- (75 miles)
13th June	10.00	ISORA	Sunday Day Race from Dun Laoghaire
20th June		Wicklow SC	Round Ireland Race*
23rd July	20.00	ISORA / RAYC	Night Race to Nt. India
17th July	TBA	ISORA	Day Race from Pwllheli
21st August	10.00	ISORA / RAYC	Day Race to M2
21st August	TBA	ISORA	Day Race from Pwllheli
11th September	08.00	ISORA	James Eadie Pwllheli to Howth

\*Round Ireland race not part of the ISORA/RAYC series

### **6 MEASUREMENT**

Each boat shall have a valid IRC Rating Certificate. Applications for IRC rating certificates should be made to the RORC Rating Office or to the Irish Sailing Association. The ISA/RORC Rating Office published lists, applicable at the start of a race, will be final for that race.

### **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be posted on [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie) at least 1 week before each race and distributed by email to race/series entrants.

### **8 SCORING**

The scoring system is as follows: The Low Point System in Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **9 ELECTRONIC AIDS, RADIO COMMUNICATION**

The use of electronic aids and linked electronic devices is permitted. VHF Transceivers are mandatory.

## **10 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: Series 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Overall and 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> positions per race.

**To win the Overall Series boats must complete 5 out of the 10 races. Three of the races MUST be passage races across the Irish Sea i.e. any 3 of Races 1, 3, 4 and 10. Points for the Overall Series will be taken from the best 5 results.**

## **11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, RORC, ISORA, the host clubs and sponsors of individual races will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.

## **12 INSURANCE**

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

## **13 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie).

## **14 GENERAL ISORA CONDITIONS**

### **14.1 SAILING COMMITTEE**

The Sailing Committee shall consist of three Officers from the following: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of ISORA.

### **14.2 RESPONSIBILITY UNDER IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker)**

The IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker) under which ISORA race, contain sections affecting owners, and through them crews. It is important that all those taking part in racing understand that breach of these rules mean that the Boat is either no longer eligible before the race even starts because the Rating Certificate is invalid, or is liable to disqualification if any contravention occurs during the race.

It is the Owner's responsibility for the presentation of his Boat for ashore and afloat measurement and the arrangement of the measurement of sails and spars.

It is the Owner's general responsibility after measurement to inform the Rating Office of changes to ballast, tankage, engine and propeller installations, change affecting trim and flotation, the movement of measurement bands and changes in spars including any renewals and any changes in hull shape.

It is the Owner's responsibility whilst racing to comply with any limitation on sail setting and sheeting, the securing of the propeller, devices to fix drop keels or moveable appendages. The shipping, unshipping or moving of ballast and moving from stowage of any equipment is FORBIDDEN. Anchor and chain shall be secure in clearly marked stowage

#### **14.3 WARNING ON MOVEMENT OF BALLAST**

The notice available on the ISORA website [www.isora.org](http://www.isora.org) "Warning on the movement of ballast" must be signed and displayed permanently on the main bulkhead adjacent to the mast.

#### **14.4 CLASS FLAGS**

IRC boats will display **Numeral Pennant 1** on their backstay.  
IRC (No Spinnaker) boats will fly **Numeral Pennant 2** on their backstay.

#### **14.5 RACES COMBINED WITH RAYC SERIES**

3 races in the 2010 schedule are run jointly with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club and are part of the 2010 RAYC series. To be eligible for RAYC prizes and count towards the RAYC 2010 overall series, boats must complete the separate RAYC entry form which is available on [www.rayc.org](http://www.rayc.org).

#### **14.6 RESPONSIBILITY**

All those taking part in these races does at their own risk and responsibility. ISORA, RAYC, the host Clubs and the Sponsors of individual races are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any Boat whose entry is accepted.

**THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO STARTING AND CONTINUING A RACE MUST LIE WITH THE SKIPPER OF EACH BOAT AS HE/SHE MUST AT ALL TIMES BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS/HER OWN CRAFT.**