

11. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out once launched and during the Event 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.

- 12.1 The Sovereign's Cup will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under IRC.
- 12.2 The Portcullis Trophy will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under ECHO.
- 12.3 A White Sail Trophy will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under white sail
- 12.4 The Irish Quarter Ton Championship Trophy will be presented to the Quarter Tonner with the lowest points score under IRC.
- 12.5 The Michelle Dunne Prix D'elegance Trophy will be presented to the boat and crew which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee is the best turned out at the regatta.
- 12.5 Final prize giving for the ICRA Nationals and Sovereigns Cup and Irish National Quarter Ton Cup Regatta will take place on Saturday 29th June in Kinsale Yacht club.

13. REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Event Office in the KYC. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the event website.

Registration will take place on the following days:

Monday 22nd June 1400 – 1700

Tuesday 23rd June 1000 – 1800

14. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 14.1. Races will be sailed in the waters off Kinsale 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 may be called out on VHF.**

15. ACCOMODATION & SOCIAL

- 15.1. Information on local accommodation is available on the Event website.
- 15.2. Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.
- 15.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of KYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.
- 15.4. On Friday 26th June KYC will host a Ladies lunch for the wives and partners of the competitors and their guests. Details will be available on the event web page. It is intended that all funds raised during this event will be presented to the Access Sailing Committee from KYC for the promotion of sailing amongst disabled youths at Kinsale yacht Club

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 and 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, KYC, 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. MARINA

- 18.1 Marina berths will be available, free of charge, from Tuesday 23rd June until 1200 on Sunday 28th June 2015. Berths will be allocated on arrival and are subject to suitable space availability.
- 18.2 A limited number of marina berths will also be available from Sunday 15th June 2015. The provision of berths will be at the discretion of the OA and advanced booking is required. Requests for an advanced berth should be made by contacting the KYC Marina Manager.

19. SPONSORSHIP

The Irish Cruiser Racing Association and Kinsale Yacht Club are very pleased to welcome Covestone Asset Management as our sponsor at this year's event.

20. MEDIA WAIVER

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or so 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. WHITE SAIL/NON-SPINNAKER

White sail/non-spinnaker boats please refer to addendum to this notice of race



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NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY [OA]

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Kinsale Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA)
- 1.2 The Event is the ICRA Nationals and Sovereign's Cup 2015 and incorporates the Irish 1/4 Ton Cup.
- 1.3 For more information contact regatta director on: +353 21 4773 433 email: info@kyc.ie

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

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, the Quarter Ton class rules

Safety: The regatta is an ISAF Category 5 event. The OA reminds all persons in charge of their obligations in this regard. Copies of the Special Regulations are available from the ISAF website at www.sailing.org

- 2.1 To be eligible to compete in the Event boats shall, except when sailing under Quarter Ton Class rules
 - 2.1.1 Comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA Constitution;
 - 2.1.2 Have an IRC rating or ECHO standard within the range .800 to 1.250;
 - 2.1.3 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 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code, will apply. Category 3 sailor allowance per class is set out in the table below.

Class	Cat 3 Sailor Allowance	Prize Eligibility
Class 0	2	All prizes
Class 1	1	All prizes
All other Classes		
except Quarter Tonners	None	All prizes
Quarter Tonners Corinthian	None	All prizes and Quarter Ton Cup
Quarter Tonners	Unlimited	Quarter Ton Cup only

It is the personal responsibility of every sailor to determine their ISAF Regulation 22 status. Apart from the exceptions set out in the table above, 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. The OA may request a competing boats crew list together with related ISAF sailor IDs

- 4.2 Group 3 competitors are not permitted to helm except in an emergency.
- 4.3 At the absolute discretion of the OA a Group 3 sailor may be permitted in any Division if such person can show to the reasonable satisfaction of the OA that he takes part in racing only as a pastime and not as part of his trade or business. Sailors in this category shall apply to the OA in good time in writing setting out the grounds of application but in any event application shall be made no later than the 12th June 2015. See: www.sailing.org/isafsailor

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight as required for boats rated as One Designs or restricted by Class Rules.

OTHER HEADLINE REGATTA DATES

Dun Laoghaire Dingle	12 June
Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta	9–12 July
WIORA	22–25 July
Calves Week	4–7 August

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6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Entrants will be divided into DIVISIONS which will not be finalised until after the closing date of 12th June, 2015.
- 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.
 - 6.2.3 Extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different breakpoints, may be created.
 - 6.2.4 It is the intention to include a division which will group all ¼ tonners
- 6.3 The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

7 PROGRAM OF RACES

- 7.1 **The Skippers Briefing will be held at 1800 Tuesday 23rd June 2015 in Kinsale Yacht Club.**
- 7.2 Racing is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 24th June to Saturday 27th June 2015.**
- 7.3 The scheduled times of the first warning signals for each days racing will be 1155
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1530, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.5 **Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of eight races maximum over the Event**

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 5 or more races are completed 1 discard shall apply.

9 FEES

- 9.1 The cut off criteria for Early Entry Fee is **14th February 2015**. Closing date for entries is 30th May, 2015 unless extended by the OA.

ENTRY FEE:	Early Entry	By 14th April	Thereafter
Over 45' to 50'	€390	€410	€470
Over 42' to 45'	€370	€385	€445
Over 38' to 42'	€330	€345	€395
Over 32' to 38	€290	€305	€350
Over 28' to 32'	€270	€285	€325
28' and under	€250	€260	€300

- 9.2 The entry fee includes marina berthing for the competing boat from Tuesday night 23rd June to Saturday night 27th June inclusive and **includes 5 additional nights that can be taken free of charge anytime during the summer of 2015.**
- 9.3 There will be an additional fee of €50 euros per boat per lift (payable on the pier) for craning in and out facilities for boats arriving by road by prior arrangement.
- 9.4 Entries may be made online through the event website
- 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.

10. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 10.1. **IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 12th June, 2015 and are required to race in all IRC Divisions with the exception of Class 5, White Sail IRC when an unendorsed IRC certificate will suffice.**
 - 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. If, for any reason, a boat's TCC is changed after the cut-off date above it shall be the duty of the boat's owner or any other person in charge to inform the OA of any change immediately and any increased TCC shall be applied to all races in calculating her series score. This provision is subject to 10.1.5
 - 10.1.4. 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]
 - 10.1.5. 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. Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap based on current ECHO Handicap data gathered from the various handicap authorities. 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)