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VOLVO DUN LAOGHAIRE REGATTA 2015 NOTICE OF RACE



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REGATTA
CHAIRMAN



On behalf of the "four Waterfront Clubs" I have great pleasure in inviting you to join us for the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015 for great racing and a lively social scene with a festival atmosphere and fun for all ashore. We are following our well proven format of four days of racing commencing on the afternoon of Thursday 9th, and finishing Sunday afternoon 12th July.

We appreciate the continuing sponsorship of our Title Sponsors Volvo Car Ireland and Spirit Motor Group, along with many "Premium" sponsors without whose support we could not run this regatta. The host clubs look forward to welcoming back many old friends from previous regattas as well as "first

timers" to Dun Laoghaire.

Our organising committee have taken on board the valuable feedback from our 2013 regatta and are working hard to ensure an even more successful event for 2015.

Feeder races will be organised from Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the West coast of England, with free berthing for the duration of the regatta. At this early stage we are hosting the following events which will be part of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015

- Royal Dee Irish Sea Offshore Challenge
- J109 Irish National Championship
- RS Elite Irish National Championship
- Beneteau First 21 Irish Championship
- Wayfarer Irish National Championship
- GP 14 Leinster Championship
- J24 Leinster Championship

We look forward to welcoming you, your crews and "camp followers" to Dun Laoghaire next July and we wish you a very enjoyable time.

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"Time and Tide wait for no man" Geoffrey Chaucer once wisely remarked. It's hard to fathom that two years have already passed since our last Notice of Race. Volvo Car Ireland, together with our dealer

partner Spirit Motor Group, is looking forward to welcoming many familiar faces back to Dun Laoghaire next July as well as saying "Ahoy" to new competitors and visitors alike. The Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta will be Ireland's premier sailing event in 2015 and commences just two weeks after the finish to the current Volvo Ocean Race. Sailing will therefore have centre-stage in Ireland and we are proud to be so closely involved in such prestigious sporting events. The Volvo Ocean Race is the world's leading offshore sailing event and is a truly global event, involving state-of-the-art boats and high-performance competition sailing on the world's roughest seas. There are clear points of connection with Volvo's image, including a long-term commitment to safety, a readiness for adventure and a deep passion for design. Closer to home, we believe that the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta also embodies these important Volvo brand qualities. We anticipate strong entries in all classes, close competition on the water and an onshore program that will be enjoyable and memorable for all.



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta is Dublin Bay Regattas Ltd, a not for profit company, which is beneficially owned by the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club (DMYC), the National Yacht Club (NYC), the Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC) and the Royal St George Yacht Club (RSGYC).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signals-(AP flown ashore), 27.1 – (time of display of course), 28.1-(sailing the course), 35 & A4-(race time limit), 62.1 (a)-(failure to receive radio signals of verbal changes to SIs), 63 & 64.1-(arrangements for Arbitration), A4-(score for late starting)

The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:

Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) See Note (a)	Glen	Mermaid
IRC Offshore Class – See Note (b)	RS Elite	Squib
Cruisers Non-spinnaker – See Note (c)	SB20	Fireball
Beneteau 31.7 (Scratch & ECHO) – See Note (d)	1720 Ensign – see Note (f)	IDRA 14
J109 – See Note (e)	Beneteau First 21	Water Wag
Sigma 33	Howth 17	GP 14
Shipman	Wayfarer	RS200/RS400
Ruffian 23	Dragon	Laser Standard Rig
J24	Flying 15	Moth

Notes:-

- (a) Racing will be provided for up to 5 separate Cruiser Classes with IRC and ECHO Handicaps - see Paragraph 6 below.
 - (b) The IRC Offshore Class will be scheduled a series of four offshore day races. Boats competing in the IRC Offshore Class series shall have a current valid IRC certificate with a minimum rating of 0.890, a minimum SSS numeral of 20 and shall be compliant with CAT 4 ISAF Offshore Regulations. (See www.isora.org for details of the associated Royal Dee Irish Sea Offshore Championship 2015)
 - (c) Non-spinnaker classes shall only sail with a mainsail and either a jib or genoa (whisker poles are allowed). Boats shall have a current valid ECHO Standard handicap and/or a valid IRC rating certificate with a TCC rating of .820 and above.
 - (d) Beneteau 31.7 for Scratch prizes shall conform to the rules of the Beneteau First 31.7 Ireland One Design Class Association, available from www.317.ie.
 - (e) J109 prizes shall be awarded to Class J109 boats and boats with a J109 Hull Identification Number which shall have been optimised for IRC sailing by use of non-overlapping jibs, modification of headsail foils and furling gear and addition of inhaulers and Rule 5.4 regarding headsails, the details of which are available on www.dlregatta.org. Scoring will be on a scratch (one design) basis, no handicaps will apply.
 - (f) 1720 Ensign – Locally modified 1720s equipped with the cut back main and furling/small hanked jib.
- 3.1.1 The Regatta will incorporate the following Championships:-
 Royal Dee Irish Sea Offshore Championship
(IRC Offshore Class races together with the Lyver Trophy Race from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire on 4 July, enter either or both – refer to www.isora.org)
 J109 Irish National Championship
 RS Elite National Championship
 Wayfarer National Championship
 Beneteau First 21 Irish Championship
 GP14 Leinster Championship
 J24 Leinster Championship
- 3.2 Boats for which one-design class races are provided shall not race in a Cruiser Class (IRC & ECHO).
- 3.3 The Organising Authority may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor at its discretion. See rule 76.1.
- 3.4 Depending on the number of entries, the Organising Authority reserves the right to, merge or subdivide any class, combine the starts of classes, or cancel racing for any class.
- 3.5 A minimum entry of eight boats per class is required for a start.
 Consideration will be given to entries from other classes to those listed above, subject to a minimum entry of 8 boats from such a class.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as per table below.
- 4.2 Entries of eligible boats shall be made online through the Regatta website www.dlregatta.org or by completing the official entry form also available from the Regatta website, paying any fees, and enclosing any requested documents to:
 The Regatta Secretary
 Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta
 93 Upper Georges Street
 Dun Laoghaire
 Co. Dublin, Ireland
- 4.3 Entries should be received by Tuesday 31 March, 2015 for the 'Early Bird' entry fee – see table above. Entries and the online entry system will close on Tuesday 30 June 2015.
- 4.4 Confirmed entries will be posted on the event website.
- 4.5 Where relevant, entry fee covers both IRC and Echo (see 4.1).
- 4.6 Payment shall be in Euro in the form of cash, a cheque or by debit / credit card. The entry fee is non-refundable.

5 Schedule

- 5.1 Registration:
 Tuesday 7 July 1500 to 2100
 Wednesday 8 July 1100 to 1900
 Thursday 9 July 0900 to 1300
- 5.2 Racing is scheduled to be held on:
 Thursday 9 July afternoon
 Friday 10 July
 Saturday 11 July
 Sunday 12 July morning
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start will be 1525 on Thursday 9 July and not earlier than 1055 on the other days and no later than 1355 on Sunday 12 July. Scheduled time for the IRC Offshore Class will be 1425 on Thursday 9 July and 0955 on the other days.

6 Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) - Ratings & Handicaps

- 6.1 IRC – A copy of the boat's current IRC certificate shall be emailed to the Regatta Secretary or submitted at registration (Endorsed for boats with a TCC Rating of .913 and above). This copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.
- 6.2 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.
- 6.3 The validity date for IRC ratings will be Thursday 2 July 2015. Changes to the rating of a boat will not be accepted after 1800 on Thursday 2 July 2015 unless:
 (a) The rating change is due to an error made by the rating authority. In such a case, the rating will be corrected for all races.
 (b) The rating change is the result of a rating protest, then rule 64.3 will apply together with the rules applicable to that rating system.

Class	€Entry Fee	€'Early Bird' Entry Fee Up to 31 March, 2015
Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) with a TCC rating of .980 and above, and greater than 12m LOA	525	360
Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) with a TCC rating of .980 and above, and less than 12m LOA	450	310
Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) with a TCC Rating between 0.913 and 0.979	375	260
Cruiser Classes (IRC & ECHO) with a TCC Rating between 0.820 and 0.912	330	225
IRC Offshore Class, greater than 12m LOA	475	325
IRC Offshore Class, less than 12m LOA	375	260
Cruiser Non-spinnaker Class (IRC & ECHO), greater than 12m LOA	475	325
Cruiser Non-spinnaker Class (IRC & ECHO), less than 12m LOA	375	260
J109	450	310
Beneteau 31.7 (Scratch & ECHO)	375	260
Sigma 33	300	205
Shipman, Ruffian 23, J24, SB20, Dragon, Beneteau First 21, RS Elite, Glen, 1720 Ensign	225	155
Howth 17, Flying Fifteen, Fireball, Mermaid, Wayfarer, Squib, GP14, IDRA 14, RS200/RS400	135	95
Laser Standard Rig, Water Wag, Moth	90	60

6.4 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).

7 Cruisers (IRC & ECHO) & Non Spinnaker Classes - Class Assignment Process

7.1 Handicap Cruiser Class assignments will be made according to entries received. The entries of the Cruiser IRC and Echo will be split into a minimum of four Classes named Cruisers 0,1,2,3. If entries warrant, the number of classes may be increased to five. Non-spinnaker entries may be split into two or three classes.

7.2 The composition of the classes will be determined by the Organising Authority on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

- i) the need for a reasonable number of boats in each class.
- ii) having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each class.

7.3 The allocation of entries into provisional classes will be posted on the event website by 1700 on Sunday 05 July 2015. The Organising Authority reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any class.

7.4 Boats rating 0.010 or less below the lower limit of the next class up may request permission to move up to the class above and race using the lower limit rating of that class. The decision of the Organising authority is final and not subject to appeal.

7.5 Boats shall display class numerals 0-4 as required by the Sailing Instructions.

8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and online at www.dlregatta.org

9 Venue and Courses

9.1 Racing is scheduled to be on several areas in Dublin Bay, Howth and the east coast of Ireland covered by Admiralty Charts Numbered 1411, 1415 and 1468.

9.2 The courses to be sailed may be as follows:

Fixed Mark Courses
Olympic Triangle
Trapezoid
Windward/Leeward
Day Inshore Courses
Offshore Day Races

10 Scoring

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 10.2 (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11 Berthing/Parking – Visiting Boats

11.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places.

11.2 A berth or parking fee for visiting boats is included in the entry for the duration of the Regatta from Wednesday 8 July to Monday 13 July 2015.

11.3 Visitors requiring a berth or platform parking must advise the Regatta Secretary (see entry form) as soon as possible and but no later than Thursday 2 July 2015.

11.4 If a berth is required outside the above dates, competitors must contact the Regatta Secretary who will advise on availability and cost.

11.5 Boats requiring lift-in/lift-out should notify the Regatta Secretary at time of entry, detailing their exact requirements.

12 Prizes

Overall prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class with 10 entries or more. Perpetual Trophies will be awarded to Boat of the Week, Best IRC, Best One Design Keelboat, Best Dinghy, Best Visiting Boat, Best ECHO.

Details of additional Prizes and Trophies shall be given in the Sailing Instructions.

13 Disclaimer of Liability/Risk Statement

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the regatta, 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 regatta.

(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 regatta and they are fit to participate.

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers 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.

(g) The wearing of personal flotation devices is strongly recommended at all times.

14 Media Waiver

Competitors give their consent to the Organising Authority to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta. The Organising Authority reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

15 Insurance

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

16 Temporary Membership

Helmsmen and crew competing in the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015 and their guests shall be Temporary Members of the Dun Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club, the National Yacht Club, the Royal Irish Yacht Club and the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Regatta and shall be bound by the rules of the Clubs. The Clubs reserve the right to withdraw Temporary Membership.

17 Social Programme

A social programme will be arranged by each of the four organising Yacht Clubs for the Regatta, details available at www.dlregatta.org

18 Further Information

For further information please contact:

The Regatta Secretary,
Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta,
93 Upper Georges Street
Dun Laoghaire
Co Dublin
Ireland

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