



IRISH SEA OFFSHORE RACING ASSOCIATION 2012 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 2010-2011 extract for Race Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft will apply for all cross channel races. Race Category 3 Monohulls will apply for Day races and the Night Race.
- 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 that 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**

- 2.5 A boat that has not formally entered by lodging a completed entry form and declaration together 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. In addition, there will be an IRC “No-Spinnaker” Division and a 2-handed Division (IRC Certificate with IRC “short-handed” sub-certificate as appropriate). If fleet numbers allow there will also be a Classic Division in each of the above Classes. Eligibility for the Classic Division will be determined by the ISORA Committee and based on the previous year’s results. 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 2012

Date	Start Time	Club	Race
28 th April	08.00	ISORA/RAYC	Arklow Day Race (50 miles)
5 th May	10.00	ISORA	Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead (60 miles)
19 th May	TBA	ISORA	Conwy to Howth (100 miles)
2 nd June	08.00	ISORA	Pwllheli to Wicklow – (100 miles)
27 th July	TBA	ISORA / RAYC	Night Race to Nt. India (35 Miles)
18 th August	TBA	ISORA	Dun Laoghaoire to Pwllheli – (80 miles)
1 st September	TBA	ISORA / RAYC	Day Race to M2 (50 miles)
8 th September	20.00	ISORA	Pwllheli to Howth (80 miles)
TBA	10.00	ISORA / PSC	Pwllheli Day Race – Start & Finish
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Qualifying Races shown in **RED**

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.isora.org and www.nyc.ie at least 1 week before each race and distributed by email to race/series entrants.

8 SCORING

The scoring system will be the *High Points System*. RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply. Points will be multiplied by the Weighting Factor as stated below to reflect the difficulty factor of the race. The results will also be adjusted for fleet size using the 'CHIPS 3' formula. A full explanation of this system can be found on the ISORA Web site.

A boat that is penalized under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

5th May	-	Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead - (57 miles) (Qualifying Race - Weighting 1.1)
19 th May	-	Conwy to Howth - (100 miles) (Qualifying Race - Weighting 1.3)
2 nd June	-	Pwllheli to Wicklow (100 miles) (Qualifying Race- Weighting 1.3)
27 th July	-	Dun Laoghaire to Nt. India Night Race - (35 miles) (Qualifying Race - Weighting 1.1)
18 th August	-	Dun Laoghaire to Pwllheli - (80 miles) (Qualifying Race - Weighting 1.2)
8 th September	-	Pwllheli to Howth. - (80 Miles) (Qualifying Race - Weighting 1.2)

All other races will be weighted at 0.9.

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 1st -5th Overall and 1st -3rd positions per Class / Division in each race. Trophies will be awarded for Series Overall and Overall Winner of each Race.

To win the overall ISORA series for the Wolf's Head Trophy boats must complete 2 of the 6 "Qualifying". Points for the overall series will then be taken from the best 5 results.

Prizes will be awarded for a separate series to include all races in the schedule.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race and General ISORA Condition 14.6. 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. Information will be posted on the ISORA website www.isora.org and the National Yacht Club website www.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) / IRC (Short Handed).

The IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker) / IRC (Short Handed) 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 “Warning on the movement of ballast” must be signed and displayed permanently on the main bulkhead adjacent to the mast.

14.4 CLASS FLAGS

Based on the break-points specified in the Sailing Instructions:
IRC Class 1 boats will display **Numeral Pennant 1** on their backstay.
IRC Class 2 boats will display **Numeral Pennant 2** on their backstay.

14.5 RACES COMBINED WITH RAYC / LEE OVERLAY OFFSHORE SERIES

Three races in the 2012 ISORA race schedule are run jointly with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club / Lee Overlay Offshore Series and are part of their 2012 RAYC / Lee Overlay Series. To be eligible for RAYC / Lee Overlay prizes and count towards the RAYC / Lee Overlay 2011 Overall Series, boats must complete the separate RAYC entry form for these races which is available on 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 AND CREW.