

Cruiser Regatta at Foynes Yacht Club 26th/27th September 2009

Racing rules and regulations

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority are Foynes Yacht Club (FYC)
- 1.2 The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), prescriptions of The Irish Sailing Association (ISA), these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.3 The event is designated Category B.

2. ELIGIBILITY / SAFETY / INSURANCE

- 2.1 Eligible boats are those which comply with the relevant Class Rules, Handicapping System Rules and entry requirements.
- 2.2 Sports/day boats where entries exceed three or more, shall have their own class. Where one or two sports boats enter, they shall race within class IIRC.
- 2.3 The Safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner(s) representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the Organising Authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner(s) representative.
- 2.4 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
- 2.5 Safety Equipment Requirements
All yachts should comply with R.O.R.C. special regulations as laid down in the I.S.A. Safety Instructions Category 4 normal Club Races.
- 2.6 Insurance
Every owner warrants the suitability of his yacht and equipment to compete in the Series. All competing yachts must be adequately insured for the event.
- 2.7 Waiver
FYC, or any sponsors associated with the Clubs accept no responsibility or liability for loss or injury to competitors or others or for the loss or damage to any boat. Competitors will themselves be responsible for their boats whether they are the owners, tenants, charterers, or borrowers and shall themselves be liable for all damage arising from breaches of the racing rules and sailing instructions.

3. HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 3.1 Boats will race in the following Classes
 - Class 1 IRC and Echo
 - Class 2 IRC and Echo
 - Class 3 White sails only Echo

The race committee reserve the right to cancel, combine, divide or alter the classes as it sees fit.

All classes may start together.

- 3.2 Yachts intending to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2009 certificate to the Racing Secretary with their entry
- 3.3 Yachts intending to race under ECHO must submit a copy of their 2009 certificate to the Secretary with their entry.
- 3.4 FYC reserve the right to change Echo handicaps prior to race brief. First brief will be at 1pm on Sat 26th in Foynes. The briefing for the Foynes to Cappa race will take place on Sunday 27th September at 11.00hrs in the clubhouse. Echo handicaps will available at race brief. Any objections must filed in writing to Ood before start of race.
- 3.5 Yachts competing under ECHO shall start with ECHO TCFs printed by FYC.
- 3.6 Each boat shall display the IC Flag appropriate to her class on her backstay.
- 3.7 Three boats constitute a class

4. LOCAL RIVER REGULATIONS

- 4.1 Competitors are advised that all commercial shipping has absolute right of way within the Shannon Estuary. All Yachts must keep away from any ship which is underway. Avoid crossing ahead of a vessel underway. Yachts failing to comply with these regulations may be disqualified.

5. RACING AREA AND DISCARDS

- 5.1 The Racing Area shall be the upper and lower Shannon Estuary.
- 5.2 Two races constitutes a series. It is intended to run three races over the weekend 26th/27th September. The three races sailed at Foynes are part of the Super league.

6. DESIGNATING THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course shall be designated by the Race Committee on the day of Racing and shall be announced at the brief and may be called on VHF Channel 72. Failure to receive the radio broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.
- 6.2 Courses will be laid courses or fixed using a mix of temporary marks and navigation boys.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The signals for starting each race will be made as per RRS 26 (5-4-1-GO)

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
Warning	Class Flag One sound	5 Minutes
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I	4 Minutes

or Black Flag
One Sound

One Minute Preparatory flag lowered 1 minute
One Sound

Start Class Flag lowered 0 minutes
One Long Sound

All classes may start together

- 7.2 The start may be a committee boat start and the start line will be the main Mast of the Committee Boat and the starting outer mark. Class 1 will be the first class to start, followed by class 2, followed by white sails
- 7.3 The Race Committee may place a distance mark close to the Committee Vessel. Any yacht sailing between this distance mark and the Committee Vessel after the preparatory signal will be disqualified.
- 7.4 A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal or at the discretion of the Ood.

8. RECALLS / STARTING PENALTIES.

- 8.1 RRS 29.2 (Individual Recalls) will apply
- 8.2 RRS 29.3 (General Recalls) will also apply
- 8.3 The Race Committee may announce individual recalls on VHF Channel 72. All boats accordingly will carry a suitable VHF. Failure to receive a radio call shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.4 Starting Penalties will be applied as per RRS 30

9. THE RACE

- 9.1 SHORTENING COURSE Any alterations to the course (shortening, mark missing, abandoning the race, etc) will be advised on Ch 72
- 9.2 TOUCHING A MARK (RRS 31.2 applies (360 turn))
- 9.3 RULES OF PART 2 (RRS 44.1, 44.2 & 44.4 shall apply (720 turn))
- 9.4 ABANDONMENT of the race will be advised on CH 72.
- 9.5 RETIRING. Yachts retiring shall advise the Committee boat on CH 72.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish will be between.
The main Mast of the Committee Boat and the pin end bouy.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Boats finishing 45 MINUTES or more after the first finishing boat of their class will be deemed not to have finished

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protesting boats shall inform the Committee Boat or the OOD before leaving the racing area, or at latest within ONE HOUR of the last boat of that class finishing. Protests shall be made in accordance with the the racing rules 60-71 inclusive. The protesting yacht must fly a protest flag. The notice/protest board will be in the club house in FYC and for that part of the event in Kilrush it will be the notice board in the marina centre.

14. SCORING SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Low Point Scoring System shall be used in accordance with RRS Appendix A.

15. PRIZES

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Overall prizes will be awarded 1st in each class for each handicap system in Kilrush on the 27th September. There will be daily prizes for first place only in each class. Daily prizes for first place only in each class. Overall prizes will be awarded on Sunday 27th September for 1st, in each class for each handicap system.

16. USE OF MAIN ENGINE.

Engine must be off ONE minute AFTER the Five minute signal.

17. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

The race committee reserve the right to make alterations or amendments to the sailing instructions or race program that is necessary. Notice of any alterations or amendments to the sailing instructions or race program may be given on VHF channel 72 or on the notice board in FYC or at the brief.