



## GALWAY BAY CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

### NOTICE OF RACE

(This NOR supercedes any previously issued NOR)

#### 1. ORGANISING CLUB & SPONSORS

1.1 Galway Bay Cruiser Championships 2009 (GB09) is organised by Galway Bay Sailing Club (GBSC) with the sponsorship, help and co-operation of a wide range of sub- and associate sponsors. The event will take place between the 3rd June and 6th June 2009 at Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway, Ireland.

1.2 All correspondence should be addressed to the GB09 Event Office, GBSC, Rinville, Oranmore, Co. Galway, Ireland. The Event Office can be contacted by email or phone as follows:  
Email [gb2009event@gbsc.ie](mailto:gb2009event@gbsc.ie)  
or phone +353 91 794527 or + 353 87 263 7030.  
Please visit [www.gb09.org](http://www.gb09.org) for info and for updates on the event.

#### 2. RULES

2.1 The event will be sailed under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IRC Handicap Rule sections 1, 2 and 5, the ECHO handicapping system, Class Association Rules as appropriate, ISA Safety Regulations for Day Racing (see NOR Section 6, Safety), the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's).

2.2 All boats in IRC and/or ECHO classes shall have a valid IRC and/or ECHO certificate. Any boat that intends competing under ECHO must provide a letter from their club authenticating their ECHO standard and ECHO handicap as it stands on 2nd June, 2009. Any changes to IRC handicaps, other than upwards, will not be allowed after this date.

2.3 Where appropriate, a separate NOR may be published for any one-design class participating in GB09. Any boats participating in a one-design class fleet shall have a valid Class or One Design Certificate.

2.4 ECHO handicaps may be revised during the Regatta by the handicapping authority for the event. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for redress. Revised ECHO handicaps will be published by 10:30 on the morning of implementation.

2.5 Competitors shall not display advertising that is believed to be in conflict with the event sponsors, and Owners wishing to display advertising are advised to obtain formal clearance from the GB09 Event Team prior to the 1st May, 2009.

#### 3. THE EVENT

3.1 GB09 will provide racing for IRC and ECHO rated boats, and One Design Classes (to be agreed with the GB09 Event Team).

3.2 The GB09 Event Team may, in their absolute discretion, assign any yacht to any class. Class divisions will depend on entries received, but we expect 3 or 4 IRC Classes, and 3 or 4 ECHO classes. Where there are 3 or more boats of IRC rating greater than 1.13, a Class Zero will be considered. There will be White-sails classes. Boats wishing to race in a White-sails class will require a valid ECHO certificate.

3.3 As a guide, a separate start for Classes that produce at least 15 entries will be considered. A Race within a Race will be considered for less than 15 entries. Please contact the Event Office before May 1st 2009.

3.4 The GB09 Event Team reserves the absolute right to refuse any entry and/or to ask entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting an entry.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY, SAILORS' CLASSIFICATION & CREW LIMITATIONS

4.1 The ISAF Sailors' Classification Code will be used for the event and all Competitors should apply for a Classification as soon as possible. This is a simple process that can be done online and involves no more than 5 to 10 minutes. Please access the ISAF Web site [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org) and enter the Classification Section.

4.2 GBSC has the view that the majority of Owners/Competitors want to race against their peers and as a result we are instigating the 'Eligibility Rule' as used in Cork Week 2008.  
Here is the eligibility position for GB09:  
A boat's Crew List and, while racing, her Crew shall conform to the following limitations:

- (i) No limitations for Class Zero or Class 1, refer also 7.2.
- (ii) No Group 3 sailors are eligible to compete in any other IRC or ECHO or One-design classes at GB09.
- (iii) One-Design Classes may apply for exemption to rule 4.2(ii) to the GB09 Event Team no later than 20:00 on 2nd June 2009.
- (iv) There are no limitations on Group 2 Sailors, except in accordance with the ECHO rules, for any class.

4.3 It is a condition of entry that the Crew List attached to the Entry Form is fully completed and submitted before the Entry Time Limit, which is 20:00 hours on 2nd June, 2009. The crew List may be subsequently adjusted, by filling in an updated form, showing changes in crew, up to 1800 hours on 3rd June, 2009. The Protest Time Limit for Crew Eligibility will be 1800 hours on 3rd June 2009.  
Changes in Crew after that time can only be made with the written permission of the GB09 Event Team.

#### 5. PROGRAMME OF RACES & FEEDER RACES

5.1 Racing may be held for all classes on each day from Wednesday 3rd June to Saturday 6th June inclusive, with a mixture of fixed and laid courses, including Windward/Leeward, Olympic Type, Round-the-Cans and Coastal. The first gun on the first day will be 13:00, and each day thereafter will be 1100 hours.

5.2 Feeder races may be organized. Any Club or Class that wishes to organise such a race should contact us as soon as possible before 1st May 2009. The details of these races, together with contacts, will be posted on our web site [www.gbsc.ie](http://www.gbsc.ie) when they are available.

5.3 For all classes, a minimum of 6 races are planned and will be run, weather permitting, from Wednesday 3rd June to Saturday 6th July inclusive. If races on any of these days are abandoned, the GB09 Event Team may run races on the Sunday to bring the total number of races finished to five. On Saturday 6th June, races may or may not be held in order to accommodate the start of the Volvo Ocean Race leg.

#### 6. SAFETY

6.1 All IRC boats shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 4 Races, except that any boats that do not

comply fully with the requirements may apply to the GB09 Event Team for written dispensation before 2nd June 2009. (Information on the ISAF website, [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).)

6.2 Sportsboats and One-Design's shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 5 Races, except that any boats that do not comply fully with the requirements may apply to the GB09 Event Team for written dispensation before 2nd June 2009. Where their class safety regulations, sail limitations and other regulations are more stringent, boats shall comply with their class rules.

6.3 No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part out-board.

6.4 It is expected that all boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

6.5 At registration, each entrant is required to supply the GB09 Event Office with the details of an emergency contact ashore who shall keep an accurate record of the details of all crew on the boat on each day during the regatta.

## 7. SCORING

7.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS, using the Low Point System and one discard will be allowed if 6 races are completed.

7.2 One Design Classes, in agreement with the GB09 Event Team, may alter para 7.1 and if so, a special Notice will be published before 20:00 on 2nd June 2009.

## 8. PRIZES

8.1 Prizes will be awarded for each Class and will consist of daily and overall trophies with the exception of NOR 8.2. Trophies will be as follows:

- \* Overall IRC: John Clarke trophy
- \* Overall ECHO: Rinville Bowl

8.2 Class 1 boats with Group 3 sailors will be eligible for daily prizes only. Results obtained with Group 3 sailors on board will be discarded in calculating the results for the overall trophies and these boats will be scored as DNC. The organizers will assume that the group 3 sailors crewed in all races unless otherwise clarified in writing by the relevant entrant.

8.3 Based on results achieved during the event, An Overall winner of GB09 will be selected by a Special Committee.

## 9. ENTRIES, LATE ENTRIES & REFUND

9.1 Entries can be made on the GB09 Entry Form.

9.2 The closing date for entries is 1st May 2009 and late entries may be accepted after this date at a surcharge of €100. Cancellations received prior to the closing date will be refunded less 20%.

9.3 A Special Discount of 15% is available to entries received and paid in full before 1st March, 2009.

9.4 Registration shall be completed by 20:00 on 2nd June 2009. Boats that fail to complete their Registration shall be scored DSQ, without a hearing, in all races until they comply with NOR 9.5 below.

9.5 Completion of Registration:

- i. The Entry Form has been submitted in full and the entry fee paid.
- ii. All required current valid certificates available.
- iii. Crew list completed and submitted, including classification and ID numbers declared in compliance with NOR Section 4.
- iv. Filing of Emergency contact name and telephone number in compliance with NOR 6.5.

## 10. SAIL NUMBERS & SPONSORS PENNANT OR DECAL

10.1 All boats shall display their correct sail number on the mainsail. Sail numbers displayed on any other sails must be the same as that displayed on the mainsail unless permission is otherwise obtained from the GB09 Event Team.

10.2 All competing boats may be supplied with a sponsor's pennant or decal, which they shall display.

## 11. SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS & ENTERTAINMENT/SECURITY TICKETS

11.1 A full and varied social and entertainment programme is being planned.

11.2 The GB09 Event Team reserves the right to refuse entry to GBSC club grounds and any other grounds, areas or facilities under the control of GBSC.

## 12. VOLVO OCEAN RACE

12.1 Owners and Competitors will appreciate that, due to the event coinciding with the Volvo Ocean Race's visit to Galway, security, crowd and traffic control may be a problem. With the huge level of water-based activity expected in the Galway and Oranmore area during the months of May and June 2009, you are well advised to contact the GB09 Event Office well in advance regarding moorings, shore facilities (e.g. RIB or boat launching, trailer parking, etc.) and other items. We will need your co-operation in providing as much information as possible in regard to the members of your party, including crew and supporters/family. You may be asked to give further details upon registration. We appreciate your help in this matter and it will, hopefully, enable us to ensure that your enjoyment of a totally competitor/family orientated event remains intact.

## 13. OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES, INSURANCE & WAIVERS

13.1 It is a condition of entry that owners have their boats adequately insured, including civil responsibilities to third parties.

13.2 Galway Bay Sailing Club, members thereof and its sponsors, are providing this series only on the understanding that the club, its representatives and/or members bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to the boats, vehicles, trailers or persons howsoever arising, directly or indirectly or associated with, by any accident or wrongful negligent act, default or omission of any member or any other person during GB09. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibility on the entry form and draw the attention of their skipper and crew to this disclaimer before the start of the event.

## 14. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

14.1 These will be available by 31st May 2009 and will be posted on the Web Site [www.gb09.org](http://www.gb09.org) as soon as they are available.

14.2 Where there is a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change or alter a class rule.



## GALWAY BAY CRUISER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 ENTRY FORM

### BOAT DETAILS

Please type or print all information.

BOAT NAME	<input type="text"/>	SAIL NUMBER	<input type="text"/>
YEAR BUILT	<input type="text"/>	COLOUR	<input type="text"/>
BUILDER	<input type="text"/>		
LOA	<input type="text"/>	BEAM	<input type="text"/>
DRAFT	<input type="text"/>		
RIG:	<input type="checkbox"/> M'HEAD	<input type="checkbox"/> FRACT	
DESIGN/CLASS NAME	<input type="text"/>	DESIGNER	<input type="text"/>
IRC TCC	<input type="text"/>	ECHO TCF (OCT08)	<input type="text"/>
CURRENT CERTS ENCLOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

### OWNER DETAILS

FIRST NAME(S)	<input type="text"/>	SURNAME	<input type="text"/>
ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	<input type="text"/>		
SKIPPER'S NAME (if different)	<input type="text"/>		
TEL HOME	<input type="text"/>	MOBILE	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		
HOME PORT	<input type="text"/>	YACHT OR SAILING CLUB	<input type="text"/>

### ENTRY DETAILS

I wish to enter in the following class:

- Class 1, one or more crewmember with ISAF Group 3 classification. IRC TCC  or  
Classes, dual IRC and ECHO. IRC TCC  ECHO TCF (Oct 2008)  or  
Class 3 ECHO ECHO TCF (Oct 2008)

Please give an ETA, Galway or Rinville, if arriving earlier than 30th May 2009.

### ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT

All Yachts: up to 9 metres, €150, 9.1-12 metres €180, larger than 12 metres €220, entry fee payable with submitted Entry Form.

For entries submitted after 1st May 2009, an additional late fee of €100 must be included.

Moorings: May be available from Galway Harbour Master ([www.galwayharbour.com](http://www.galwayharbour.com)) on a first-come first-serve basis. There may be a charge for the use of these moorings.

### OWNER'S DECLARATION

1. I confirm and acknowledge:-

- That the above boat is insured for third party claims in the sum of not less than €1.25million per claim.
- That I agree to be bound by the Galway Bay Cruiser Championships 2009 Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and Safety Requirements.

2. I accept that the safety of the above boat and her crew is my sole responsibility, and in particular, acknowledge that it is my sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue to race. I agree to indemnify Galway Bay Sailing Club, its members, employees, agents, representatives or any sponsors associated with the club against any claim arising out of my entry to or continuing in a race.

3. I confirm that I am a current member of an ISA category one yacht club.

4. I confirm that my eligibility complies with the "Competitors Eligibility Code" as prescribed by the ISA.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

