



ICRA CRUISER NATIONALS

21 - 23 MAY 2010

ROYAL ST. GEORGE YACHT CLUB DUN LAOGHAIRE
CRUISER CLASS RACING

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, DUN LAOGHAIRE
AND DUBARRY FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING





IRISH CRUISER RACING ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

ROYAL ST GEORGE YACHT CLUB
DUN LAOGHAIRE CO DUBLIN, IRELAND
FRIDAY 21ST, SATURDAY 22ND AND SUNDAY 23RD MAY 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA) Championships 2010 are organised by ICRA in association with the Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin, Ireland.
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to The Event Co-ordinator, ICRA 2010, c/o The Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.
Phone: +353 1 284 1180 Email: rsgycmajorevents@ciara.ie
- 1.3 Changes to this NoR will be posted on the event website <http://www.rsgyc.ie/ICRA2010> but no later than 1st May, 2010

2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Championships are 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 2010, the ISA ECHO Performance Handicap System, the rules of ICRA, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 2.2 To be eligible to compete in the Championships boats shall:
 - a) Comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA Constitution;
 - b) Have an IRC rating or ECHO standard within the range .800 to 1.250;
 - c) Comply with the relevant IRC rating and ECHO handicapping rules.

3 ADVERTISING

The Organising Authority reserves the right to refuse entry to the Championships, if there is in its opinion, a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the Championships sponsor.



4 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code, will apply to all divisions. It is the personal responsibility of every competitor to determine his ISAF Regulation 22 status. Apart from the exceptions set out in the table below, ISAF Group 3 competitors, including competitors who satisfy the requirements of the Group 3 definition, are not permitted to race in the event.

Division	Number of Group 3 competitors permitted
Zero	2
One	1

- 4.2 Group 3 competitors are not permitted to helm except in an emergency.
4.3 Competitors who require an ISAF Classification should apply, in good time, on <http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

Division 0, Division 1 and Division 2 crew numbers shall be as per IRC Certificate plus one. [This amends IRC Rule 22.4] Crew numbers in lower divisions shall be as per IRC Certificate.

6 FLEET & DIVISIONS

- 6.1 The Fleet will be divided into DIVISIONS, which may not be finalised until after the closing date of the 8th May, 2010.
6.2 The composition of divisions and division break points will be determined at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:
a) The need for a reasonable number of boats in each division;
b) Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division.
6.3 The Organising Authority reserves the absolute right, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Racing is scheduled to be held on Friday 21st May, Saturday 22nd May and Sunday 23rd May, 2010.
7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
7.3 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1530.
7.4 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of SEVEN races over the three days of the Championships.

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 6 or more races are sailed 1 discard will apply.

9 FEES

- 9.1 Entry fee is €175.00. The fee for Entries received on or before 31st March 2010 is €125. Closing date for entries is 8th May, 2010.
9.2 Entries may be made online through the Event Website: <http://www.rsgyc.ie/ICRA2010> or on the official entry form, also available on the event website.
9.3 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
9.4 Entries are accepted for the full series only; boats may not enter for individual races.

10 HANDICAPS

- 10.1 IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 14th May, 2010. This date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.
10.2 A copy of the boat's current IRC 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 Organising Authority 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 redress (Amends RRS 60.1)



11 PRIZES

Overall Prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO, depending on the number of entries in each Division.

12 REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Race Office in the Royal St George Yacht Club. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the event website.

Registration will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 19th May	1700 – 2000
Thursday 20th May	1500 – 2100
Friday 21st May	0800 – 0930

A Skippers Briefing will take place on Thursday 20th May at 2000.

13 RACING AREA & COURSES

13.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay – Admiralty Chart 1468. Starts may be up to 4 miles from Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

13.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward and/or fixed mark courses.

14 BERTHING

A limited number of berths will be available free of charge from Sunday 16th May 2010. The provision of berths will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee and will be allocated on receipt of entry.

15 SOCIAL

15.1 Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.

15.2 Competitors are granted temporary membership of the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Championships subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk; see Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for the safety of competing boats and their crews lies solely with the said competitors. The wearing of personal flotation devices is strongly recommended at all times.

16.2 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge [RRS 46] who must do his/her 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. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, sails, rigging and all gear. He/she 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.

16.3 Competitors participate in the championship at their own risk. ICRA, Royal St George Yacht Club, 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 championships.

17 INSURANCE

Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and howsoever occurring.



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OTHER HEADLINE REGATTA DATES

Round Ireland	Sunday 20th June
WIORA	30th June - 3rd July
Cork Week	10th - 16th July
Calves Week	30th July - 8th August



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