



West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association

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***ICRA National Cruiser Championships

Entry closes on the 29th May 2009! Enter online @ www.traleebaysailingclub.com

With just under three weeks to the first gun, its time to look forward to what promises to be a very memorial event on the West Coast, the Irish Cruiser Racing Association – ‘**National Cruiser Championships**’ being hosted by Tralee Bay Sailing from the 11th to the 13th June 2009.

This is a National premium sailing event attracting the who’s who of sailing, the entry list to date is looking very positive with some very well know names ~ National Champions ~ Regional Champions ~ sailors taking part at this level of racing for the first time ever and everyone in between!

Some entries to float a few – all the way from Dublin - Barry Cunningham’s ~ Contango, George Sisk’s ~WOW, Colwell & Murphy’s ~ Kinetic, Vincent Gaffney’s ~ Alliance, from Arklow S & J Tyrell’s J109 ~ Aquelina; from Cork some of the names include Eamon Rohan’s Blonde IV, Anthony O’Leary’s Antix Beg , Vincent O’Shea’s Yanks & ffrancs. Some local entries of which there are many include Finbarr O’ Connell’s Treyona, Thomas & Kieran Whelan’s Chaos, Ian Gaughan’s ~ Xena and Dan Counihan’s ~ Galileo.

For a full list of confirmed entrants please go to www.traleebaysailingclub.com

On the water Alan Crosibe is the principal race officer with his formidable team will ensure competitors exhilarating sailing over a variety of courses over the three day racing in this very scenic part of the world!

Tralee Bay Sailing Club has promised a very warm welcome and a fantastic party atmosphere ashore and safe berths in the recently upgraded marina.

Looking forward to seeing you there

Barry Rose
ICRA Commodore

***** WIORA West Coast Championships

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Looking forward to our West Coast regional event which starts a day earlier than the ICRA National Cruiser Championships on the 10th June and finishes a day before on the 12th June but runs alongside on the ICRA National Cruiser Championships Thursday & Friday!

Tralee Bay Sailing club has been working very hard over the winter months to make sure this is going to be an event not to be missed.

Included in the West Coast Championships there is a White Sail Division and Brian O Sullivan is testament of how enjoyable this division can be, Brian is from the host club and will be back again racing his Bavaria 46 Navillus II and defend his 2008 title. Some of the names confirmed to date are Conor Ronan on his Corby 26 Ruthless winner of Division 2 in 2008, Vince Gaffney Alliance Division 3 winner and overall West Coast Champion 2008 will also be back to hold off any attempt to take away his crown! Rob Allen & Co. will have out his new purchase from cork Mustang Sally and Cormac MacDonncha is travelling down from Galway with his Silver Shamrock Silver Foam and many more

For a full list of confirmed entrants please go to www.traleebaysailingclub.com

So it is shaping up to be an event not to be missed, it’s not too late to get your entry in!

Hope to see you there

Simon Mc Gibney
WIORA Commodore

****OSM 100 MILE RACE

Saturday 06th June 2009 Galway Bay to Tralee Bay

We would like to take this opportunity to invite YOU to take part in this Offshore 100 mile race that has been going from strength to strength

Start: Galway Bay Finish: Fenit Pier, Tralee Bay.

Briefing after departure of the "Volvo Ocean Race" Volvo '70

Course and sailing instructions given at briefing (To be at least 100 miles distance)

FEE – €50 PER BOAT

PRIZE – 'OSM 100 MILE RACE' PERPETUAL TROPHY

All crews must be members of the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association & All boats meeting ISA Safety Standards are very welcome.

For more information and entry form are available on www.wiora.org

All entries to Brian O'Sullivan, c/o O'Sullivan's Marine, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Race Director – Brian O' Sullivan brian@osullivansmarine.com 087 2600066

WIORA Commodore Simon Mc Gibney simonmcbibney@eircom.net

Hon. Secretary W.I.O.R.A – Thomas Whelan honsec@wiora.org

If you are taking part, can you please download the entry form from the WIORA website and return it to Brian O Sullivan as soon as possible to assist with the organizing of the event

****ONESAILS MCWILLIAM WEST COAST SUPER LEAGUE 2009

AMENDMENTS

Amendment No 1 ~ Change of event date:

Foynes Yacht Club Annual Cruiser Regatta originally was scheduled to take place on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st May 2009.

Foynes Yacht Club Annual Cruiser Regatta will NOW take place on **Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September 2009.**

Simon Mc Gibney
Commodore
12/03/2009

Amendment No 2 ~ To be eligible for an Overall Onesails Mc William West Coast Super League Prize:

IRC

2.1 You MUST WIN your class in IRC

2.2 There will be 1st 2nd and 3rd prize Overall in IRC (while we continue with three classes)

ECHO

2.3 You MUST WIN your class in ECHO

2.4 There will be 1st 2nd and 3rd prize Overall in ECHO (while we continue with three classes)

2.5 The winner will be the lowest points scored overall, 2nd will be the second lowest overall and 3rd will be the third lowest points overall on each of the two handicap systems.

Thomas Whealan,
WIORA Honsec
20/05/2009

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****New Sponsor – Our sincere thanks to Des McWilliam & his team****

Calendar of events for 2009

NORA & Cruiser Regatta 03rd – 06th June Galway Bay Sailing Club

OSM 100 Mile Race 06th June Galway Bay Sailing Club

West Coast Championship's 10th - 12th June Tralee Bay Sailing Club

Cruiser Regatta 08th & 09th August Clifden Boat Club

Cruiser Regatta 26th & 27th September Foynes Yacht Club

Shannon Ferry Cruiser Series 04th / 11th / 18th / 24th October Royal Western Yacht Club

For more information check out www.wiora.org/wiorasuperleague.html

******West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association Membership**

Membership for 2009 is now due, please download the form from www.wiora.org and return it with the appropriate fee to the Horary Secretary. Thank you

For more information check out www.wiora.org/wioramembership.html

******Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge – New York**

Eighteen teams have now confirmed their participation, one of which is the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland, and it appears this year regatta will be very special, the scenery & New York City is world class venue for staging this presidigious event. The purpose of the Dennis Conner International Yacht Club Challenge is to promote international goodwill through friendly competition. To help achieve this goal, yacht clubs are encouraged to bring a social team in addition to a race team. Teams confirmed entered are from Ireland, United States, Scotland, Holland, France, Mexico, Bermuda, Spain, Germany, Italy and Norway making it a truly international event

For more information – check out www.myc.org

Looking forward to a very exciting sailing season; keep yourself up-to-date, check out www.wiora.org for all the news

Safe Sailing

Simon Mc Gibney

Commodore

21st May 2009