



NORTH-WEST OFFSHORE RACING ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF RACE 28th-30th May 2010

The organising authority of NORA, North West Offshore Racing Association, Regatta, 2010 will be held at Mayo Sailing Club, Rosmoney, Westport, Co Mayo, from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th May 2010. There will be six races held over three days.

Entry forms and information may be obtained from

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Rules

The Race Series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 to 2012, the Prescriptions of the ISA, the IRC Handicap System, the ECHO Handicap System, Class Association Rules as appropriate, this Notice of Race, except as any of these rules are changed by the Sailing Instructions and any amendment hereto.

Eligibility & Classes

The Race Series is open to any boat, whether Cruisers, Race/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers, Sports/Day boats & also One Design Classes at the discretion of MSC, that holds a current valid IRC Certificate and / or has been given an ECHO Handicap by a handicapping committee, appointed by MSC, comprising a representative from each of the participating clubs. Boats shall belong to (or be chartered to) and be under the control of members of yacht clubs affiliated to the ISA, or other equivalent National Authority.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry and / or ask all or any boats to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting any entry.

Class Bands

Depending on the number of entries, boats will be divided into the following classes: Class 1/ Class 2 and White Sails. Class Bands will be announced as soon as possible after the 21st May 2010 when there is a clean indication of entries. The Organising committee may, at their discretion, assign a yacht to any class.

Entry Fees

Eligible boats may enter by fully completing the Entry Form together with the required entry fee & copies of valid IRC and ECHO Certificates and returning same to Cathal Geoghegan, Sailing Secretary - Mayo Sailing Club, Carraholly, Westport, Co Mayo to be received no later than 12:00 Noon on Friday 21st May 2010.

Entry fees: Boats up to 30" LOA = €100, 30"LOA & over = €110. White sails only = €80

Late Entry

Late entries may be accepted by MSC on payment of a Late Entry surcharge of €30

Programme of Races

Thursday	27 th May	8 pm to 10 pm	Registration	All Classes
Friday	28 th May	9 am to 11 am	Registration	All Classes
		1 pm	Races 1 and 2 (Back to Back)	Class 1 and 2 only
Saturday	29 th May	11 am	Races 3 and 4 (Back to Back)	All Classes
Sunday	30 th May	11 am	Races 5 and 6 (Back to Back)	All Classes

Race Area

The course shall be set in Clew Bay.

Courses

Course with beating, running, and/or reaching legs will be selected by the Race Committee to suit the prevailing wind and sea state conditions around fixed or movable race marks and also, possibly navigation marks. The course length shall generally be set with the aim of having the first boat finish within 90 minutes, only if time permits in the event of postponements etc.

Registration & Sailing Instructions

Entry Forms available on MSC Website, www.mayosailingclub.com - Entry Fee for boats up to 30" LOA = €100, 30"LOA & over = €110, White Sails only= €80, which includes NORA registration fee. Latest time for receipt of completed entry forms and fee will be 11:00 am, Friday 21st May 2010 (Late Entry surcharge of €30 will apply). Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration. Registration shall take place at the Race Office in the MSC Clubhouse from 8pm to 10pm on Thursday 27th May 2010 and from 9am to 11am on Friday 28th May 2010. Details of the Social Programme which will include entertainment each night after racing will be available at registration and will be posted at the website mayosailingclub.com. MSC reserve the right to refuse any entry and/or ask all or any of the competitors to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting any entry

Responsibility and Insurance

The safety of a boat and its entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner / skipper. The organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner, his skipper, or his crew as a result of their taking part in the Series. Every owner warrants the suitability of his boat for the series.

Minimum Equipment Regulations

All competing boats in all races must have a working VHF, compass, 3 in-date flares, anchor and warp, two buckets or bailers, and life jackets for all on board. Safety checks will be carried out each day at the discretion of the committee.

Scoring

The low-point scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except that the first placed finisher will score 0.75 points. Three races will constitute a series. One discard will be allowed for every four races completed.

Prizes & Presentation

Prizes & presentation Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd overall for each competing class will be awarded at the presentation in MSC Clubhouse on the evening of Sunday, May 30th. Prizes for 1st in each race for each class will be presented in the clubhouse at the end of each days racing.

The NORA TROPHY will be awarded to the lowest scoring boat from Classes 1 & 2 under the IRC handicapping system.

Moorings

There are a limited number of moorings available. While these moorings are checked and serviced by a professional marine company usage of these is entirely at the risk of the Skipper. If the Skipper has any doubts they are advised to deploy an anchor. Mayo Sailing Club takes no responsibility for the integrity of these moorings.

It is intended to run water taxi ribs for crews before and after racing.