

MURPHY MARINE SERVICES WEST COAST SUPER LEAGUE

RULES & PROGRAMME 2010

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authorities for the Murphy Marine Service West Coast Super League 2010 are the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association in association with the Northwest Offshore Racing Association, O'Sullivan's Marine, Clifden Boat Club, Galway Bay Sailing Club, Mayo Sailing Club, Tralee Bay Sailing Club, Foynes Yacht Club, Sligo Yacht Club and the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland.

1.2 All enquiries should be addressed to the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association,

Email: honsec@wiora.org

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2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Murphy Marine Services West Coast Super League is open to all boats that hold a current Echo Certificate.

2.2 Yachts must comply with the relevant handicapping system

2.3 There shall be No Entry Fee.

2.4 A boat must complete a minimum of three events including the West Coast Championship to be eligible for a League result

3. RACING RULES

3.1 Races will be governed by the RRS and the ISA prescriptions thereto, ECHO and IRC rules, the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association rules and the Sailing Instructions for each event.

4. EXTRACTED SERIES

4.1 The Murphy Marine Services West Coast Super League will consist of SEVEN EVENTS throughout the season at various venues along the West Coast, as set out in the programme in Section 8.

5. HANDICAP CERTIFICATES

5.1 All boats must hold a current ECHO Certificate issued by the Irish Sailing Association

5.2 IRC Certificates must be valid for the current season.

6. ECHO HANDICAPS

6.1 Current ECHO handicaps will be advised to the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association and to the Clubs by the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association Echo Handicap Sub-Committee.

6.2 Progressive Echo Handicapping will be used at each event, updated with no limits after each race (or as otherwise prescribed by the WIORA Echo subcommittee).

7. SCORING SYSTEM AND DISCARDS

7.1. Each Club organising a Super League event shall calculate the results for the event using the Sail100 results program and use the progressive handicap system provided by this program to update echo handicaps with no limits after each race (or as otherwise prescribed by the WIORA Echo subcommittee).

7.2. DNC will be scored as the total number of boats entered for that EVENT under that handicapping system +2.

7.3. A boat entering a Super League event, turning up and subsequently not racing will be scored as DNC for that event. The entry fee shall not be refunded.

7.4. A boat's overall placing at an event shall be that boat's Super League score for that event

7.5. A boat competing in a class not her normal class (because of lack of entries in her own class), shall carry her points scored in that other class to her own class in the Super League series.

I.e. - A Class 2 boat competes in an event where there are insufficient numbers to make a class 2. She competes in Class 1 and finishes 4th. She therefore scores 4 points in Class 2 in the Super League series.

7.6. The scoring system shall be the low points system in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modification 1st place = .75 points.

7.7. Ties will be decided on count back by events completed and if there is a tie remaining it will be decided by count back of races completed.

7.8. The West Coast Championship cannot be discarded.

7.9. After four events one discard will be allowed. After five events, two discards will be allowed. After six events, three discards will be allowed. After seven events, four discards will be allowed.

7.10. No races and no events shall be weighted.

7.11. Depending on the number of entries; minimum requirement of three entries per classes 1, 2, 3 the event/race may be run as an "all-in" race. In this case Echo handicaps of participating boats may be further adjusted. Boats competing shall carry their finishing place score directly to the Super League series (Ref 7.5).