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# IRISH CRUISER RACING ASSOCIATION

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

FRIDAY 25TH, SATURDAY 26TH AND SUNDAY 27TH MAY 2012  
HOWTH YACHT CLUB, CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY [OA]

- 1.1 The Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA) National Championships 2012 [the Event] are organised by ICRA in conjunction with Howth Yacht Club [HYC], Howth, Co Dublin, Ireland.
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to The Event Co-Ordinator, ICRA 2012, c/o Howth Yacht Club Ltd., Howth, Co Dublin, Ireland. **Phone:** +353 1 8322141 **Email:** office@hyc.ie
- 1.3 Changes to this NoR will be posted on the event website on [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) but no later than 11th May, 2012.

#### 2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1.1 The Event is 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 parts A-C, the ISA ECHO Performance Handicap System, the rules of ICRA, class association rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 2.2 To be eligible to compete in the Event boats shall:
  - 2.2.1 Comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA Constitution;
  - 2.2.2 Have an IRC rating or ECHO standard within the range .800 to 1.250;
  - 2.2.3 Comply with the relevant IRC rating and ECHO handicapping rules.

#### 3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the Event, if there is in its opinion, a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the Event sponsor.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

#### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code, will apply to all boats.  
It is the personal responsibility of every sailor to determine their ISAF Regulation 22 status. Apart from the exceptions set out in the table below, ISAF Group 3 competitors, including competitors who are not classified but who satisfy the requirements of the Group 3 definition, are not permitted to sail in the event.

Division	No. 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 [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor)

## 5 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight.

## 6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Entrants will be divided into DIVISIONS which will not be finalised until after the closing date of 15th May, 2012.
- 6.2 The composition of divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:
  - 6.2.1 The need for a reasonable number of boats in each division;
  - 6.2.2 Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division.
- 6.3 The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

## 7 PROGRAM OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing is scheduled to be held on Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May 2012.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signals are as follows:
  - Friday 25th May : 1555
  - Saturday 26th May : 1055
  - Sunday 27th May : 1055
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1630, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.4 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of SEVEN races over the three days of the Event.

## 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 completed 1 discard will apply.
- 8.4 The last race shall be non-discardable.

## 9 FEES

- 9.1 Entry fee is €175.00. The fee for Entries received on or **before 14th April 2012** is €125. Closing date for entries is 15th May, 2012.
- 9.2 The entry fee includes marina berthing for the duration of the event (and at the discretion of the OA, for a reasonable time before and after the event). It also includes craning in and out facilities for boats arriving by land.
- 9.3 Entries may be made online through the event website or on the official entry form also available from the event website.
- 9.4 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 9.5 Entries are accepted for the full Championship only - boats may not enter for individual races.

## 10. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 10.1. **IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 15th May, 2012.**
  - 10.1.1. No downward alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.
  - 10.1.2. A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.
  - 10.1.3. If, for any reason, a boat's TCC is increased after the cut-off date above it shall be the duty of the boat's owner or any other person in charge to inform the OA of the increase immediately and the increased TCC shall be applied to all races in calculating her series score.
  - 10.1.4. The name/s of the equipment inspector/s and/or measurer/s shall be published on the official notice board for the duration of the event [RRS 78]
  - 10.1.5. The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.
- 10.2. A copy of the boat's current **IRC Endorsed** 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 OA 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 a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62)

## 11. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the series except with and according to the terms of prior written Permission of the OA.

## 12. PRIZES

12. Overall Prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.

## 13. REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Event Office in the HYC. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the event website.

Registration will take place on the following days:

Wednesday 23rd May 2000 – 2200

Thursday 24th May 1800 – 2000

Friday 25th May 1000 – 1430

## 14. RACING AREA & COURSES

- 14.1. Races will be sailed in the waters North of Howth Harbour. Starts may be up to five miles from Howth Harbour.  
14.2. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward or fixed mark courses.  
14.3. **Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat as the courses for the Round the Cans races will be called out on VHF.**

## 15. ACCOMODATION & SOCIAL

- 15.1. Information on local accommodation is available on [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie)  
15.2. Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.  
15.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of HYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

## 16. SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge [RRS 46] who must do their 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. The person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, sails, rigging and all gear. The person in charge 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. The person in charge accepts that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is their's alone. Neither these regulations nor any action of the OA in any way limits or reduces the exclusive responsibility of the owner or the person in charge.  
16.2. The wearing of personal flotation devices is strongly recommended at all times  
16.3. Competitors participate in the championship at their own risk - see Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. ICRA, HYC, 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 event.

## 17. INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry for each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil liability to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

## 18. MARINA

- 18.1. Marina berths will be available, free of charge, from Thursday 24th May until 1200 on Monday 28th May 2012. These will be allocated on arrival and are subject to suitable space availability.  
18.2. A limited number of marina berths will also be available from Sunday 20th May 2012. These berths will be free of charge. The provision of berths will be at the discretion of the OA and advanced booking is required. Requests for an advanced berth can be made by contacting the HYC Marina Manager or by emailing [marina@hyc.ie](mailto:marina@hyc.ie)

## 19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) or contact :  
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### OTHER HEADLINE REGATTA DATES 2012

Round Ireland	Sunday 24th June
Cork Week	7th – 13th July
WIORA	11th – 14th July
Calves Week	4th – 12th August

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