



COVE SAILING CLUB

CORK HARBOUR

May League 2014

Sundays 4th - 25th May

FG: 12:00 hrs

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Cruisers Classes 1,2,3,4 and White Sail

Start Area: Eastern Bank / Committee Boat

VHF Channel 69

Please see www.covesailingclub.ie for details.

Email: info@covesailingclub.ie.

All Welcome

A1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1. The Organising Authority [OA] is COVE SAILING CLUB

A2 RULES & ADVERTISING

1. The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), IRC and ECHO handicapping system Rules, the Rules of SCORA, Class Association Rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
2. ECHO handicaps will be initially taken from the current SCORA handicap lists. The Progressive Handicap system will be used through the series.
3. The WhiteSail classes will be scored under ECHO only.
4. This is a CATEGORY C event [ISAF REG 20]. Competitors may be required to carry advertising for Event Sponsors.

A3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

1. Entrants must hold a valid ECHO and/or IRC Certificate.

A4 SAFETY

1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do his best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit and properly clothed to face bad weather.
2. The person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, steering equipment, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. The person in charge accepts that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is his alone.
3. These regulations nor any action of the organizing authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or the person in charge. Competitors are reminded that all Commercial Shipping has absolute right of way within the harbour area. All boats must keep a safe distance away from any shipping, and at least 50 metres in all circumstances, and at least 50 meters from the refinery jetty.
4. No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard whilst racing.

A5 HINDERING BOATS AT START LINE

1. Boats not in their starting sequence shall avoid the area of the start line and shall not hinder boats preparing to start. The Protest Committee may penalise a boat for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction with a score of its discretion, including DNC.

A6 CLASSES and CLASS FLAGS

1. A boat shall prominently display its correct class flag (as shown below) from its backstay at all times while racing. A boat not doing so may be scored DNF, this changes RRS A5.

Class	Band/Parameter	Class Flag
1 IRC/ECHO	TCF 0.975 and above	Numeral Pennant 1
2 IRC/ECHO	TCC 0.974 to 0.916	Numeral Pennant 2
3 IRC/ECHO	TCC 0.915 to 0.865	Numeral Pennant 3
4 IRC/ECHO	TCC 0.864 and below	Numeral Pennant 4
White Sail Echo	No Spinnaker	White with W

Class 0 1.050 and above

Class 1 1.049 to 0.975

Class 2 0.974 to 0.916

Class 3 0.915 to 0.865
Class 4 0.864 and below

2. The OA reserves the right to place any boat in any class it deems appropriate. The OA also reserves the right to combine classes if numbers of entries does not justify separate classes.

A7 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1. Changes in Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Cove Sailing Club website www.covesailingclub.ie
2. Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 11.30 on the day of the race.

A9 MARKS AND COURSES.

1. Courses will be "around the cans" and may be taken from Cove Sailing Club's Course Card.
2. Courses will be given on CH 69.

A10 START LINE & FINISH LINE

3. The START line shall be formed by the committee boat and a navigation buoy or a yellow mark.
4. The committee boat is a mark of the course at the start and finish of the race.
5. A buoy may be laid off the committee boat; no boat shall pass between this buoy and the committee boat at any time

A11 ORDER OF STARTS

1. Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26.
2. The order of starts will be:
- 3.

CLASS	Order	First Gun
Cruisers Class 1 and 2	1 st	12.00
Cruisers Class 3 and 4	2nd	asap
White Sail	3rd	asap

1. In the event of a general recall the class/es recalled will be the last class to start.
2. Depending on numbers classes may be started separately or in any combination up to "all-in". This will be announced on VHF CH 69

A12 LATE STARTING

1. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS; this changes RRS A4.1

A13 TIME LIMITS

2. The time limit shall be 15.00 hrs. Any boat that finishes after the time limit will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

A14 SCORING AND DISCARDS

1. The scoring system shall be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modifications for SCORA Cruiser classes:
2. OCS, RNF, DNF, DSQ, = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.

3. DNS & DNC = 2 points plus number of finishers for the race.
4. There will be one discard if 4 or more races are run.

A15 NOTIFICATION OF TAKING ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES AND INTENTION TO PROTEST

1. Competitors are reminded of the requirement under RRS 44.3 to notify the committee boat of having taken an alternative penalty before leaving the finish area.
2. In addition to the requirements under RRS 61 yachts must draw the attention of the Committee Boat to an intention to protest before leaving the finish area.

A16 PROTESTS

1. All protests shall be lodged only on official Protest Forms, which can be found on the ISA website.
2. Protests shall be lodged to the OD as soon as possible and in any case not later than 30 minutes after the last yacht in the class finishes its race unless the Protest Committee has reason to extend this time. This changes RRS 61.3
3. It is the responsibility of the PROTESTOR to inform the PROTESTEE of the lodging of the protest, the likely time and place of the hearing and to supply him with a copy thereof. It is the responsibility of all parties thereafter to attend at the time and place of any hearing with their witnesses.

A17 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

1. Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 69 where information relevant to racing may be broadcast. Should this information be broadcast, it shall not constitute outside assistance and shall not be the subject of any protest. Failure to broadcast this information shall not be the basis for any claim for redress.
2. Competitors who retire from a race shall inform the Race Committee promptly by radio on VHF Channel 69.

A18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. No responsibility will be accepted by COVE SAILING CLUB, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in, this event.

A19 INSURANCE

1. 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 however occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

A20 PRIZEGIVING

1. There will be a prizegiving after the last race of the series on Sunday 25th May. Details will be posted on the Cove Sailing Club website.