

SCORA CLASS 3 & 4 CHAMPIONSHIPS 23RD AND 24TH AUGUST

A1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1 The Organising Authority [OA] is SCORA in association with COVE SAILING CLUB [CSC].

A2 RACE OFFICE, CONTACT DETAILS AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 1 The Race Office will be located in the [The Quays Bar](#)
- 2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to e-mail: info@covesailingclub.ie Web site: <http://www.covesailingclub.ie/>
- 3 Changes in this Notice and Sailing Instructions and/or notices to competitors will be posted on the **Official Notice Board** which shall be **ONLINE** at the event website <http://www.covesailingclub.ie/> .
- 4 SCORA and CSC gratefully acknowledge the support of OneSails McWilliam

A3 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, Class association rules where applicable, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 2 Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap based on the current SCORA Handicap lists and 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 redress (This changes RRS 60.1)
- 3 **IRC certificates** shall be **ENDORSED** and have a **VALIDITY DATE not later than Friday 22nd August, 2014.**
- 4 Competitors must have available for inspection by the OA or any other competitor a valid copy of their IRC certificates.
- 5 This is a CATEGORY C event [ISAF REG 20]. Competitors may be required to carry advertising for Event Sponsors.
- 6 Boats shall prominently display their correct class flags from their backstay at all times while racing. Any boat not doing so shall be scored DNF, this changes RRS A5.

A4 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 1 The class 3 & 4 SCORA Championships are open to all class 3 and 4 Cruisers who are members of SCORA and who hold a current IRC and/or Echo Certificate. SCORA events are open to Cruisers as defined by the Irish Cruiser Racing Association [ICRA]. The current definition provides that: -
 - A Cruiser shall be a mono-hull yacht fitted with lying down bunks for two people and adequate sitting-down accommodation for four people.
 - She shall further be capable of satisfying, without the necessity for modifications, ISAF category 4 safety regulations. This provision does not preclude more stringent safety measures being required for particular races or events by race organisers.
- 2 **Classes** will be based on current SCORA classes as set out in the current SCORA master handicap list.
- 3 **Sports boats** are not eligible for SCORA events.

A5 SAFETY

The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge [RRS 46] who must do his/her 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. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, sails, rigging and all gear. He 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 his alone. Neither these regulations nor any action of the organizing authority in any way limits or reduces the exclusive responsibility of the owner or the person in charge.

A6 HINDERING BOATS AT START LINE

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

A7 START & FINISH LINE

- 1 The start area shall be announced on VHF approximately 1 hour prior to the first warning signal each day. It is expected to be in the vicinity of the refinery area (Bouy 9, 11, 14). The start/finish line shall be between a red and white pole on the committee boat and an outer distance mark [ODM] which may be a laid mark or a navigation bouy.
- 2 A buoy may be laid off the committee boat; Boats shall not sail between this buoy and the committee boat at any time.
- 3 The committee boat is a mark of the course at the start and finish of the race.

A8 ORDER OF STARTS

- 1 First gun 12.00hrs.
- 2 The order of starts will be at the discretion of the RO. This will be announced on VHF and indicated by the relevant class flags.
- 3 It is the intention to give separate starts to each individual class but at the discretion of the Race Officer class starts may be combined depending on the number of entrants/conditions etc..

A9 LATE STARTING

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS; this changes RRS A4.1

A10 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 1 RRS 31 and 44.1 - The one turn penalty, including one tack and one gybe, for touching a mark applies.
- 2 RRS 44.1 - the Two Turns penalty shall **NOT** apply.
- 3 RRS 44.3 - the scoring penalty shall apply.

Boats should note their obligation to fly a **YELLOW flag** under RRS 44.3 (a) when taking a scoring penalty.

A11 SHORTEN COURSE - RRS 32

The course may be shortened by the race officer signaling a shortened course (displaying flag S with two sounds), in which case the finishing line shall be a line between the Finish Boat and a navigation bouy or laid mark.

A12 TIME LIMITS

- 1 The time limit for a boat shall be 30 minutes after the second boat in her class finishes.
- 2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished within the time limit.
- 3 A boat may, without infringing RRS 41 (Outside Help), request and receive details of the finish time of the second boat in class.
- 4 This changes RRS 35, RRS 41, RRS A4 and RRS A5.

A13 SCORING AND DISCARDS

1. Results will be given in ECHO and IRC. The scoring system is as follows:

The Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modifications:

OCS, RAF, DNF, DSQ, = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.

DNS & DNC = 2 points plus number of finishers for the race.

When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

A14 NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO PROTEST

In addition to the requirements under RRS 61 **boats shall draw the attention of the Committee Boat to an intention to protest before leaving the finish area.**

A15 PROTESTS

- 1 All protests shall be lodged only on **official Protest Forms**, which will be **available at the Race Office**.
- 2 Protests shall be lodged at the Race Office as soon as possible and in any case **not later than 60 minutes after the last boat in the class** finishes its last race of the day 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.**

A16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch on VHF Channel **69** as appropriate where information relevant to racing will be broadcast. Should this information be broadcast, it shall not constitute outside assistance and shall not be the subject of any protest.
- 2 Boats shall not receive information (other than that publicly available to all) which might help them in the race. Boats may not transmit except as required by Sailing Instructions, or in an emergency, or (without it being an infringement of RRS41, Outside Help) to request and receive repetition of information previously broadcast on VHF by the RO, or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made on a particular subject.
- 3 Competitors who retire from a race shall inform the Race Committee promptly by VHF.

A17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

No responsibility will be accepted by SCORA or Cove Sailing Club, their 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. Owner's shall acknowledge their responsibility and draw attention to their crew and associates to this disclaimer.

A18 INSURANCE

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.