

Cobh to Blackrock Race 2017

Saturday 9th September

FG: 14:00 hrs
Mixed Dinghies / Dayboats

Followed by:
White Sail/Standard Sail

Followed by:
Cruisers 1/2/3 & Sports Boats

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

“Any yacht which would like to sail in the race and has no ECHO / IRC or Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap will be allocated a Handicap by the race officer and will race in the Standard Sail Fleet provided they have entered”

Start Area: Cobh Promenade / Committee Boat

VHF Channel 69

Sponsored by
Port of Cork, Union Chandlery and The Sextant Bar

A club representative at the city quays will be assisting with berthing and boats should comply with any instructions they are given to ensure all boats are able to berth safely.

A1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1 The Organising Authority [OA] is COVE SAILING CLUB in association with Port of Cork, Union Chandlery, The Sextant Bar & SCORA.

A2 RULES & ADVERTISING

1 The race 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 the SCORA class. The Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) scoring system

- 2 ECHO handicaps will be taken from the current SCORA handicap lists.

3 The White Sail classes will be scored under ECHO ONLY for the White sail class, but may be eligible for the overall IRC trophy in the event their cert is endorsed and they start with the IRC 1/2/3 classes. The main IRC trophy shall not be subject to protest by any White Sail Yacht.

- 4 IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED for 2017.

5 All IRC / ECHO / WHITE SAIL / STANDARD SAIL / DAY BOATS / SPORTS BOATS / MIXED DINGHIES Final Handicaps will be posted on the C.S.C. website no later than 20:00 on Friday the 8th of September. In the event you feel your handicap is wrong please contact the race office between 9am and 11am on Saturday 9th September on 086 3484254.

6. In the event your HANDICAP is wrong and you have not informed the race officer this shall not be grounds for redress or protest.

A3 ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 1 The race is an OPEN event.

2 The race is part of CSC September League and SCORA League

3 Sportsboats and Dayboats must satisfy class association rules where relevant.

- 4 Sports Boats may be eligible for the overall IRC trophy in the event their cert is endorsed.

Boats MUST enter by completing an ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM - www.covesailingclub.ie on or before Tuesday 5th September at 23:59

5 Late entries may be accepted after this time at the discretion of the race committee

6 Entrants must hold a valid ECHO and/ or IRC Cert (endorsed) and or a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap

7 Any yacht which would like to sail in the race and has no ECHO / IRC or Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap will be allocated a Handicap by the race officer and will race in the Standard Sail Fleet.

8 All competitors are reminded that no anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard whilst racing.

A4 SAFETY

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.

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. Neither 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.

No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part outboard whilst racing.

A5 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 Protest Committee may penalise a boat for failing to comply with this Sailing Instruction with a score of its discretion, including DNC.

A6 CLASSES

A6.1 A boat shall prominently display its correct class flag from its backstay at all times while racing.

A boat not doing so may be scored DNF, this changes RRS A5.

Any Boat Entering the STANDARD SAIL Class must fly any flag of their choosing from their Backstay with the exception of the following flags.

Flag Numeral 1/2/3, White Sail Flag and Club Ensigns.

The Race Committee reserve the right to place yachts in different Classes at their discretion and with reference to the speed of the boats and to the number of entries in any Class.

Classes may be combined, if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the number of entries does not warrant a class

A7 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

1 Changes in Sailing Instructions and/or Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Blackrock Race page of Cove SC website <www.covesailingclub.ie>

2 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 11:00hrs on the day of the race.

A8 MARKS AND COURSES.

1 The course is upriver from the START LINE at Cobh to the FINISH LINE at Blackrock Castle.

2 There are no marks on the course but competitors are advised to familiarize themselves with the navigation marks in the Lee channel.

3 Depending on weather conditions an extra leg may be included for certain specified classes.

A9 LOCAL HARBOUR REGULATIONS

Competitors are reminded that all commercial shipping has absolute right of way within the Harbour area. All boats shall keep at least 50 meters away from commercial vessels that are maneuvering at all times, but shall in any event maintain a safe distance from any shipping, which may exceed 50 metres in certain circumstances

A10 START LINE & FINISH LINE

1 The START line shall be laid off the promenade in Cobh and shall be between The Main Mast of the committee boat [identified by a sponsors flag or Large Orange Flag] and an outer distance mark or transit point on the land to be announced on the day.

2 The committee boat is a mark of the course at the start and finish of the race.

3 A buoy may be laid off the committee boat; no boat shall pass between this buoy and the committee boat at any time.

4 The FINISH line shall be between a pole on the finish boat [identified by a BLUE flag] and BLACKROCK CASTLE.

A11 ORDER OF STARTS

1 Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26.

2 The order of starts will be:

FG: 14:00 hrs

First Start: Mixed Dinghies / Dayboats

Second Start: White Sail / Standard Fleet

Third Start: Cruisers 1/2/3 & Sports Boats

A11 LATE STARTING

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

A12 RECALLS

12.1 Individual Recall

12.1.1 The Race Committee may broadcast on VHF Channel 69 sail numbers of boats that were OCS and have failed to start correctly. The broadcast will be made as soon as possible after checking but not before one minute after the start. Any failure to broadcast, or delay in so doing, shall not be grounds for redress.

This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12.1.2 RRS is changed in that a boat that is OCS will be scored with a time penalty of 5% of the boat's elapsed time rounded to the nearest second, unless the Race Committee decides that the boat has gained a significant advantage in the Race, in which case she will be scored as OCS.

12.1.3 A boat that is scored with an OCS time penalty will not be eligible for any 'Line Honor prizes, and a boat which is scored as OCS will be ineligible to receive a finishing position.

A13 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

1 RRS 31.2 – penalty will not apply [one turn including one tack and one gybe for touching a mark]

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.

A14 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 flying a blue flag and an outer Limit mark laid across the channel of the river.

A15 TIME LIMITS

The time limit shall be 17.00 hrs. Any boat that finishes after the time limit will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

A16 SCORING AND DISCARDS

The scoring system shall be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modifications for SCORA Cruiser classes:

- 1.1 OCS, RNF, DNF, DSQ, = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.
- 1.2 DNS & DNC = 2 points plus number of finishers for the race.

A17 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.

A18 PROTESTS

- 1 All protests shall be lodged only on official Protest Forms, which will be available at the Cove SC OFFICIAL DESK in Port of Cork
- 2 Protests shall be lodged at the Race desk 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.

A19 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.

A20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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. Owner's shall acknowledge their responsibility on the official Entry Form and draw attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer.

A21 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.

A22 PRIZEGIVING

There will be a prize giving in the Sextant Bar after the race. Berths will be available at Port of Cork Pontoon.