



“The Fastnet 450”

The Organising Authority (“OA”) is SCORA in association with The National Yacht Club & The Royal Cork Yacht Club. The Fastnet 450 Race has been designed to celebrate and mark their anniversary celebrations, it being the 150th anniversary of the National Yacht Club and 300th (Tricentenary) of the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

Saturday 22nd August 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (a) The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- (b) The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.
- (c) The 2020 - 2021 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) will apply. Where Offshore Special Regulations cannot be met, the committee may accept an alternative.
- (d) Except when changed in Sailing Instructions, the Rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise and shall be replaced with the right-of-way Rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea). Between the times of local sunset and sunrise a boat shall take a scoring penalty as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- (e) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- (f) The race will be governed by the COVID-19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Sailing (www.sailing.ie). Given the restrictions due to current COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no social activities following the race. Participants are welcome to use the Royal Cork club facilities on arrival and for the duration of their stay.
- (g) IRC rule 22.4 is amended to read “There is no limit on the number of crew or crew weight. This is subject to the number of crew aboard the competing yacht being limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft(s) carried on the boat.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the Rules and Regulations described in this Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather and which: -

- i) are of monohull construction with a minimum length overall of 30ft;
- ii) have a valid 2020 IRC Rating certificate issued no later than 1700hrs on Saturday 15th August 2020;
- iii) have a minimum SSS Numeral of 15 or STIX of 23;
- iv) comply with the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2020-21 for races of OSR Category 3 Monohulls with a Category 2 compliant life raft and AIS Transponder;

There will be IRC/ECHO and Two-Handed divisions within the Race. IRC/ECHO and Two-handed boats will be eligible for their division prizes, IRC & ECHO rating band and IRC/ECHO overall prizes.

Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted (changes RRS 52) in the Two-Handed Class. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing.

Prior to close of registration, every boat shall provide the OA with a completed Crew List. A boat shall not sail with a crew member who has not provided their personal and emergency contact details.

All participating boats are required to present at Dun Laoghaire Marina /Dun Laoghaire Clubs yacht club(s) from 09.00 on Saturday 22nd August and be ready for a safety inspection should it be requested.

3. OSR COMPLIANCE

Responsibility for compliance of vessel and crew rests with the Person in Charge of the competing vessel. The NYC/RCYC will endeavor to help Competitors to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any boat at any time. The entrant shall complete an OSR Category 3 Checklist and declaration stating that the boat complies with the World Sailing Special Offshore Regulations and return to keelboats@royalcork.com by Saturday 15th August 2020.

4. ENTRY

A maximum entry of 25 boats shall apply.

Entries of eligible boats shall be made online www.royalcork.com/the-fastnet-450/ paying the entry fee of €175, and uploading any requested documents.

The closing date for entries is Friday 21st August 2020.

Cancellations before the 21st August 2020 will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations after 21st August 2020 will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the standard race entry fee.

The Person in Charge will be required to file a crew list and emergency shore contact details at registration. A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose personal details and emergency contact details are not filed at the race office.

5. SCHEDULE

Saturday 22 August – 9.00-11.00 Registration - National YC
11.15 Briefing
12.55 Race Warning Signal
Tuesday 25 August Prizegiving – ZOOM Prizegiving 19.00

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82115274254?pwd=SzNLR2NpVFZheXdBcks4Zll5QTV5dz09>

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be emailed to all participating boats by Monday the 17th August 2020.

7. Course

The Course will pass the Muglin, Tusker, Conningbeg and Fastnet lighthouses to Starboard before returning to Cork Harbour and passing the Cork Buoy to Port, finishing when Roches's Point bears due East.

8. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;

d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

e) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

9. COMMUNICATION, TRACKERS, AIS

Mandatory reporting procedures during the race will be given in the Sailing Instructions.

Boats shall carry a YB Tracker Unit supplied by the organising authority for the duration of the race. The cost of the tracker is included in the entry fee, but a refundable deposit, which will be set against a credit card, shall be payable prior at registration. Trackers must be turned on at all times for the duration of the race.

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder. Competitors shall ensure that the racing name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number. AIS Transponders to be transmitted for the full duration of the race.

10. RRS 41 – OUTSIDE HELP

Rule 41(c) is replaced by:-

“A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.”

By way of example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

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12. SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions." Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

However, in the Fastnet 450 race, a combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

See also Special Regulation 5.02. 2020-2021 Offshore Special

Regulations are available for downloading at:

[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR20202021-\[25845\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/OSR20202021-[25845].pdf)

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3m or the equivalent during the race.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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