



Blackrock Race 2020 Notice of Race

**Cruisers: Saturday 12th September
FG 1130**

Start Area: Cobh Road
VHF Channel 69

Prizes for IRC and Standard Class
Moonduster Trophy for IRC overall

Online entry (free) at www.covesailingclub.ie
Results only given to registered entries

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Sailing Instructions

A1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority [OA] is COVE SAILING CLUB.

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.
2. Standard handicaps will be based on the ISA handicaps where possible.
3. The White Sail classes will be scored under Standard. The main IRC trophy shall not be subject to protest by any White Sail Yacht.
4. IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED for 2020.
5. All IRC /STANDARD SAIL Final Handicaps will be posted on the C.S.C. website no later than 20:00 on Friday the 11th of September. In the event you feel your handicap is wrong please contact the race office between 0800hrs and 1000hrs on Saturday 12th September on 087 057 4481.
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. Boats MUST enter by completing an ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM on or before Thursday 10th September at 2359hrs.
3. Due to COVID19 entries are limited to 30 boats.
4. Class 1/2 entrants must hold a valid IRC Cert (endorsed).
5. Any yacht which would like to sail in the race and has no ECHO / IRC handicap will be allocated a "Standard" Handicap by the race officer and will race the in the Standard Whitesail Fleet.
6. 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.

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

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 WHITESAIL Class must fly White Sail Flag from their Backstay.
2. 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.
3. 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 1000hrs 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 50m 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 50m in certain circumstances

A10 START LINE & FINISH LINE

1. The START line shall be in the Cobh Road vicinity 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 Blackrock Castle and a pole on the finish boat [identified by a BLUE flag] OR a buoy.

A11 ORDER OF STARTS

1. Starts will be in accordance with RRS 26.
2. The order of starts may be:
First Start: IRC Spinnaker Cruisers 1/2
Second Start: WhiteSail Standard Fleet
3. An All-in start may be used at the discretion of the OD.

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

1. Individual Recall

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).

A13 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.

A14 TIME LIMITS

The time limit shall be 1430 hrs. Any boat that finishes after the time limit will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

A15 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. OCS, RNF, DNF, DSQ, = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.
2. DNS & DNC = 2 points plus number of finishers for the race.

A16 NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO PROTEST

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.

A17 PROTESTS

1. All protests shall be lodged only on official World Sailing Protest Forms, which can be downloaded from the ISA website; it is advised that skippers have blank copies on board.
2. Protests shall be lodged with the Race Officer 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.

A18 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.

A19 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.

A20 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. Boat owners shall maintain adequate Third Party insurance cover and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

A21 PRIZEGIVING

There will be NO prizegiving after the race. There will be NO free berthing in the Port of Cork City Marina after the race. Results will be posted online at www.covesailingclub.ie as soon as possible after the event and trophies will be delivered to the winning boats in due course.