FASTNET RACE

FRIDAY 08th JUNE 2012

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

1.1 The organising authority for the Fastnet Race 2012 is Kinsale Yacht Club.

1.2 This Race will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club on Friday 08th June.

1.3 Race Headquarters will be located on the ground floor of Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, Co. Cork.

1.4 The Official regatta Notice Board will be situated on the window outside of the race office on the ground floor of the club house.

2. RULES

2.1 The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the Rules of the ECHO and IRC Handicapping Systems, The Rules of SCORA, ISAF Offshore special regulations cat 3 with life raft, Cruiser Class Sailing Instructions of Kinsale Yacht Club, (except as any of those are altered by these Sailing Instructions) and these Sailing Instructions. The event is open to all Class 0, 1, 2, 3 & 4 cruisers and racer/cruisers.

2.2 Each boat must have a minimum of two crew to qualify for entry. (Skipper and one other)

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration on the Entry Form provided by KYC.

3.2 The Organising authority reserves the absolute right to accept or refuse entries

3.3 Competitors will be Honorary Members of KYC during the event.

4. SAFETY

4.1 This is a monohull Category 3 race as per the 'ISAF Offshore Special Regulations '. Each yacht is also required to have onboard a life raft of sufficient size to cater for the total number of crew onboard and hold a valid in-date service certificate for the raft.

4.2 A safety inspection may take place of all competing boats at the marina or before the start at the discretion of the safety inspection officer. Competitors are asked to present their boats for inspection not later than 1830 hrs on the 08th June.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 The OD will operate on Channel 69 at the start and finish of the Fastnet race.

5.2 Each competing yacht must report to Bantry Radio on Channel 23 on rounding the Fastnet Rock.

5.3 If a boat retires – He must report in to Bantry Radio on 23 or Cork Radio on 26 or Mizen Head on 04 (Depending on which area the boat is in). If your radio fails, you can report to Valentia Coast guard at 066-9476109. If all of the above cannot be effected, a KYC shore-based contact no. (021-4772784, 086 3883337 or 087-9481576) will be monitored throughout the race.

Valentia Radio will have a complete list of boats entered.

5.4 On approaching the finish line, competitors are asked to inform the OD when they are approximately one hour from the finish-line. This communication is to be made on either VHF Channel 69 or by calling 087 9481476 or 086 3883337.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Championship/Regatta Section of the Notice Board located in the main hallway of KYC.

7. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Briefing to be held in KYC on Friday 08th June at 18.00hrs.

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Clubhouse

8.2 Code flag 'AP'. Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means 'The race is postponed.' The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after 'AP' is lowered.

9. START

9.1 First Gun 1955 hrs. All in start.

10. CLASS FLAGS

10.1 Each yacht is asked to fly their Class Pennant while racing.

10.2 Yachts may be required to display sponsor decals.

11. THE COURSE

11.1 Start Kinsale – Round Fastnet Rock to Port. The finish line is the Charles Fort Light and the Bostoon buoy to port.

12. THE START

12.1 There will be an all in start with the first gun at 1955 hrs.

12.2 The Race will be started in accordance with KYC Sailing Instructions.

12.3 The starting line will be between the red and white pole on the Committee Boat and an outer distance mark. The exact location of the committee boat will be broadcast by the OD on VHF channel 69.

12.4 An inner limit mark may be laid which is not part of the starting line. Any yacht sailing between the inner limit mark and the Committee Boat after the preparatory signal will be disqualified.

12.5 A yacht shall not start later than 20 minutes after her starting signal.

11. RECALLS

11.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2

11.2 A general recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.3

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between Charles Fort Lighthouse and Bostoon Buoy.

13.2 Competors are requested to contact the OD as per paragraph 5.4 of these instructions.

13.3 All yachts should take their own finishing times (Local Time) regardless of whether the line is manned or not. This time must be declared to the Race Office together with the name of the yachts finishing ahead and behind (if possible). The time taken must only be taken from a GPS operating instrument.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 Latest finishing time 16.00hrs on Sunday 10th June 2012.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at KYC and lodged there as soon as is practical.

14.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

15. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

15.1 The percentage penalty (20%) under RRS 44.3 will apply.

15.2 The 360-degree turns penalty for touching a mark will continue to apply. See RRS 31.2

16. PRIZES

ECHO	Overall Winner	Minihan Trophy (confined to KYC members)
IRC	Overall Winner	Fastnet Trophy

The results of this race will be scored as part of the SCORA Super League.

17. PRIZEGIVING

17.1 The prizes will be presented on Sunday 10th June at 18.00hrs.

18. DISCLAIMER OR LIABILITY:

T**he safety of a yacht 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 to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.**

Decision to race -The responsibility for a yacht's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone – RRS Fundamental Rule 4**.**

The organizing authority and regatta sponsors do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

I hereby certify that my yacht is compliant with the conditions as laid out in these sailing instructions and fully understand it is my sole and inescapeable responsibility to deciside to race or continue to race.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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FINISH DECLARATION FORM:

Name of Yacht: _____

Sail Number: _____

GPS Time Around the Fastnet: _____

GPS Finishing Time: _____

Name of Yacht which finished in front: _____

Name of Yacht which finished behind: _____

I certify that the details I have outlined above are correct.

Signed: _____

Contact Number: _____

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