



**ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB**  
(Incorporating Royal Munster Yacht Club)

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**Gas Rigs Race/ Jim Donegan Trophy 2012**  
**Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2012**

**1. The Organising Authority**

- a. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC).

**2. Rules**

- a. The Races will be sailed under the RRS (2009-2012), the ISA prescriptions thereto, the IRC Rules, part 1, 2 and 3, the ECHO Handicapping System, the relevant class rules where applicable, the General Conditions and Sailing Instructions of the RCYC except where any of those are amended by this program, and by these Sailing Instructions. If there is any conflict, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

**3. Insurance**

- a. By participating in the race the skipper/helm declares that he/she holds a valid and current Certificate of Insurance which covers his/her boat and crew while racing with adequate cover for any eventuality, and has made their crew fully aware of these undertakings.
- b. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €2,000,000.00 per event, or equivalent.

**4. Eligibility and Entry**

- a. Current valid IRC and/or ECHO certificates must be submitted to the Race Office before racing in order for a boat to be eligible for a result.

**5. Classification**

- a. Results shall be awarded on an “all-in” basis under IRC, and ECHO.
- b. White Sail shall be scored under IRC and ECHO.
- c. All boats shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 4 Races.

**6. Schedule**

- a. First Gun shall be at 0855 on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 2012.

## **7. Local Regulations**

- a. Competitors are reminded that all Commercial Shipping has absolute right of way. All boats must keep a safe distance away from any shipping.
- a. No boat is permitted to sail between Kinsale A East and Kinsale B West in the Kinsale Head Gas Field.
- b. Competitors should pay particular attention to the Notes indicated on Admiralty Charts for the area, particularly:

“Production platforms and associated structures, including tanker moorings, storage tankers and platforms on pipelines, generally exhibit Mo(U) lights, aircraft obstruction lights, and audible fog signals. Unauthorised navigation is prohibited within 500 metres of all such structures including storage tankers, which can swing about their moorings. Tankers manoeuvring in the vicinity of platforms and moorings should be given a wide berth. For further information see The Mariner’s Handbook, NP100.

## **8. Start and Finish lines**

- a. The start line will be in the vicinity of the Grassy Walk Line. The line is formed by a transit of a white pole and a red and white pole in front of the hut at the Grassy Walk (on Camden shore). Buoy C1(Cage) Green Conical is the O.D.M. Adreille may be used as a Start Vessel in this area.
- b. The Finish line is a line running 270 degrees magnetic from Roches Point across the mouth of Cork Harbour. Boats shall finish when Roches Point bears 090 degrees magnetic.

## **9. Finishing Times and Declaration**

- a. Boats shall record their times at the Finish as per the GPS clock, BST format.
- b. Boats shall complete the Time Recorder Sheet and sign the attached Declaration within 2 hours of that boat’s finish time.
- c. The Time Recorder Sheet and attached Declaration must be placed in a box in the bar in the RCYC not later than 1200 on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2012, or within 2 hours of that boat’s finish time, whichever is the later.

## **10. Marks and Courses**

- a. The course will be announced on VHF Channel 71.
- b. The course may or may not include Mark 1 as specified below.
- c. Mark 1 is a GPS position 051 24 00 N, 007 58 00 W, approximately 2 miles north of a line between Kinsale A East and Kinsale B West in the Kinsale Head Gas Field. This is GPS position only; there will be no physical mark.

**11. Time Limit**

- a. There shall be no time limit for this race. This amends the General Conditions and Sailing Instructions of the RCYC and RRS 35.

**12. Retirals**

- a. Competitors who retire shall notify the Sailing Co-ordinator of the RCYC, or, in his absence, the RCYC bar-staff, as soon as possible after retiring.

**13. Prizes**

- a. Prizes will be awarded to the following Categories on a one boat one prize basis:

IRC All-in	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>
ECHO All-in	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>
White Sail IRC	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>
White Sail ECHO	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>

- b. Prize giving for the race will take place before the prize giving for the RCYC July August September League on Thursday July 26th.

**14. Disclaimer, Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk**

- a. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Skippers and crew should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crew should be aware of particular risks of racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions or inactions of the organisers, including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.
- b. The safety of the yacht and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the event. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event.