



ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB
(Incorporating Royal Munster Yacht Club)

Sovereign Islands – Shorthanded Race
Saturday September 1st 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 Sailing Instructions of the RCYC except where any of those are amended by this program, and by this Notice. If there is any conflict, this Notice shall prevail.
- b. This is a Short Handed Race and the following crew limitations are applied:
 - i. Boats of 30 feet or less - Maximum crew of 2.
 - ii. Boats of over 30 feet and less than 40 feet - Maximum crew of 3.
 - iii. Boats of 40 feet and over - Maximum crew of 4.

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. A completed signed Race Entry Declaration 2012 and current valid ECHO and /or IRC certificates must be submitted before racing in order for a boat to be eligible for a result. Boats that have not submitted a valid Race Entry Declaration for 2012 and Certificate(s) may not be given 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 5 Races.

6. Schedule

- a. First Gun shall be at 1055 on Saturday September 1st 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.

8. Start and Finish lines

- a. The Start line shall be formed between a Red and White staff on a Committee Vessel (CV) and an Inflatable Buoy or Navigation Buoy as indicated by the CV.
- b. The Finish line is a line running from Roches Point across to navigation mark E2. Boats shall finish when they cross an imaginary line between Roches Point lighthouse and mark E2. Boats shall record their own times

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 2nd of September 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 Big Sovereign at the entrance to Oysterhaven.

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 st , 2 nd
ECHO All-in	1 st , 2 nd
White Sail IRC	1 st , 2 nd
White Sail ECHO	1 st , 2 nd

- b. Prize giving for the race will take place before the prize giving for the RCYC July August September League on Thursday September 6th.

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.

15. Radio Communication

- a. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all competing boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b. VHF Channel 71 will be used for race management.

16. Sailing Instructions

- a. The event will be sailed under the General Sailing Instructions of the RCYC