



1720 Female Team Racing Invitational

“Gennaker Cup”

Royal Cork Yacht Club, Saturday 20th October 2012



Four teams, two from the UK and two from Ireland will be competing in the waters of Cork Harbour for a new challenge, The Gennaker Cup. A two versus two team racing format will provide extremely close racing on a short race course that will be situated below Crosshaven’s iconic Camden Fort.

This is the first time the 1720 class has run a team racing event for ladies and it will be a hotly contested competition as top female sailors including past, present and future Olympians battle it out on Saturday 20th October.

Representing Irelands Munster region shall be the talented helms of Maria Coleman and Emma Geary and ably crewed by Nicola Kiely, Kate Nagle, Niamh Connolly and Fiona Young. The Leinster Ladies shall be captained by Ireland's latest Olympic campaigner Diana Kissane who has recently entered the female 470 dinghy in preparation to qualify for the Brazilian Olympics in Rio.

A number of berths will be made available for travelling sailors to compete the following day in the 1720 October League Racing alongside owners and regular crew. This will allow all newcomers to the fleet to experience the close racing and exhilarating speeds that the 1720 has to offer.



1720 Sportsboats information

This Tony Castro designed sportsboat was originally designed and created by Cork keel boat sailors who were looking for a modern faster alternative to the older design of a J24 of it's time. The name "1720" was in recognition of the Royal Cork Yacht Club, the oldest Yacht Club in the world. The 1720 Sportsboat is a pedigree 8 metre racing keelboat, providing safe and exhilarating one design fleet racing. The boat can achieve speeds in excess of 20 knots, and also provides the basis for a stable, controlled one design class, which allows close boat on boat racing. The yacht boasts a large sail area, the gennaker being in excess of 70m² along with a large mainsail of 25m².

This provides an extra challenge for a light all-girl team with only a ratchet block and halyard winch to hold the gennaker but these problems have been successfully overcome in the past and all-female crews have gone on to win races against male crews.

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