



The Portsmouth Yardstick 500 NOTICE OF RACE

Race day: 14th of March 2015

Organised by
The Royal Cork Yacht Club

1 INTRODUCTION

The event shall consist of a mixed dinghy race for vessels holding a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap of 700-1385

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

3 RULES

- 3.1 The event will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 3.2 The Sailing Instructions will apply. These may change some rules in the RRS; they will be available at registration.
- 3.3 In accordance with rule 70.4(a) the right of appeal will be denied.

4 ENTRIES AND LIMITATION

- 4.1 Entries shall be limited to the first 50 dinghies to register their entry to the organising authority at Miriam@royalcork.com
- 4.2 The closing date for receipt of entries and payment of the entry fee is the 13th of March 2015
- 4.3 The entry fee will be €20 per boat.

5 EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The Race will consist of a single mixed dinghy endurance race within the Owenabue River. Marks shall be laid within the river to be rounded to port. Results will be calculated by using the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap system.
- 5.2 Registration will take place in the event office on Saturday the 14th of March from 08.00 at the Royal Cork Yacht Club Event office.
- 5.3 There will be a briefing on the morning of the race day at the Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven, Co. Cork at 09.30hrs on Saturday the 14th of March 2015
- 5.4 The first warning signal will be at 10.00am on Saturday the 14th of March.

6 BUOYANCY AND CLOTHING

Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat; competitors shall be afloat for a long period of time and should wear either a full length Wetsuit or Dry suit for the duration of the days race.

7 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, INSURANCE

- 7.1 A skipper is entirely responsible for the boat being sailed, their own safety together with the safety of their crew, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.



- 7.2 It is for the Skipper to decide whether their vessel & crew are fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find themselves. By launching or going afloat, the crew confirms that they are fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them.
- 7.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the skipper nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, host club, the race committee, the race officer, umpires, patrol boats and beachmasters.
- 7.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the skipper of her responsibilities.

8 PRIZES

- 8.1 Prize giving will be held in the Royal Cork Main dining area shortly after racing on the day
- 8.2 The overall race winner shall receive €500 in prize money. With some spot prizes for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
- 8.3 There will also be prizes for youngest sailor, youngest combine crew age and oldest combine crew age.

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ENTRY FORM

Competitors Name (s)

Vessel Type

Sail Number

Address

Phone Number

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular I have read paragraph 7 of the notice of race and confirm that I agree to its provisions and that my team will conform to its requirements throughout the event.

Skippers Signature

Date

NOTES All helms will be required to sign a copy of this declaration at registration.
An additional disclaimer may be required at registration from a parent or guardian of any competitor that is under 18 years of age. This is available in advance on request.