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NOTICE OF RACE

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ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB
Sunday 2nd August to Friday 7th August 2020
Cork300 Event for National18' Class

Welcome to the Royal Cork Yacht Club in Crosshaven, the oldest yacht club in the world on our 300th anniversary, known as Cork300.

Cork300 is the umbrella title for a series of events which will be held in Cork harbour and further afield in 2020, including the National 18 UK and IRL Championships. 300 years ago, 25 individuals came together and created what is now the oldest yacht club in the world. Cork, its harbour and its communities proudly celebrate all that is on offer to visitors to Ireland's Maritime Paradise with a series of events throughout the year. For more information visit www.cork300.com

We are delighted to welcome you and trust you will have a safe trip and enjoy the week of sailing and entertainment planned. In addition to the regatta plan there are many things to do here in this historic harbour and the wider region. Be sure to plan a visit to Camden Fort Meagher www.camdenfortmeagher.ie and Fortress Spike Island www.spikeislandcork.ie

ACCOMMODATION

It is essential to plan ahead. There are local house rentals and B&B available both privately and via Airbnb, etc. For additional information, please contact Peter O'Donovan at peter@odk.ie or April at cork300accommodation@gmail.com

Camper van and camping facilities are all available on site at the RCYC. For further information please visit www.cork300.com

TRAVEL

There is a discount rate for Cork300 participants with Irish Ferries. Details and verification cert will be made available by registering your requirement and details at cork2020@national18.ie

We look forward to seeing you all here in August 2020.

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the following rules:
1.1 The rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
1.2 This Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the latter will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING & IDENTIFICATION

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Advertising not supplied by the organizing authority is prohibited.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all National 18ft class and dinghies. Entries may be made from the following fleets;

- **(a)** Ultra: Morrison designed hull
- **(b)** Ultimate: GRP hull built to 200kg hull weight rule or built to 250kg hull weight rule and lightened to below 250kg
- **(c)** Penultimate: GRP hull built and still conforming to the 250kg rule.
- **(d)** Classic: Wooden/GRP boats and such other boats as the organising authority may designate; in particular, the Chichester Harbour 18s

3.2 The Boat Owners of National 18ft class dinghies shall be members of the National 18ft Class Association
3.3 Entrants in the Ultra fleet (Morrison designed hull) are required to hold a valid RYA National 18 Class Measurement Certificate
3.4 Eligible boats may enter online using the link **www.national18.ie**. Entries and the website will go live on the first of March 2020. Entries will close at the end of 19th July 2020. Late entries up to 10 am on Sunday 02nd Aug 2020 will be subject to a surcharge of €40.

4. CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will not apply.

5. FEE

The entry fee per boat will be €180 for Ultras and €160 for Classics, Penultimates and Ultimates. Payment to be made in accordance with instructions on the entry form.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 There will be a briefing for competitors at 10.30am on Sunday 02nd Aug.
6.2 It is not intended to schedule a lay day. Championship races will be scheduled from 3rd to 7th Aug.
6.3 It is intended to run up to 14 races for the Ultra fleet.
6.4 The number of races for Ultimates, Penultimates and Classics may be lower depending on final agreed regatta format with those fleets. This may include a separate race area.
6.5 An all fleets practice race will be held on Sunday 02nd Aug.
6.6 A second, follow on all fleets race will be scheduled on Wed 05th Aug. Race format will be declared in the Sailing Instructions.

This will not count as part of the regatta series but will be awarded a trophy.
6.7 Races not sailed as scheduled, or anticipated to be affected by poor weather/unsuitable sailing conditions, may be rescheduled at the discretion of the race committee. The procedure of rescheduling will be detailed in the sailing instructions.
6.8 It is intended to apply a minimum 5 knot wind limit for a race start unless agreed in advance between the organizing authority and the race committee.

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

There will be a formal inspection process to ensure all boats are seaworthy and meet the minimum safety and measurement requirements as specified in the class rules. Boats may be further inspected by the Technical Committee at any time for compliance with class rules in accordance with RRS 92.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online from 1st July 2020.

9. LOCATION

Two race areas may be utilized. Outside Cork Harbour south of Roches Point and in several locations in the lower Cork Harbour. These will be specified in detail in the sailing instructions and course card.

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be a mixture of windward-leeward, Triangular courses and potentially harbour courses for the Classic fleet. Details will be in the Sailing Instructions.
10.2 The race target times will be 45 minutes for all classes. Harbour courses may be longer.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply.
11.2 Four races are required to constitute a Regatta.
11.3 When fewer than eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
11.4 When eight to ten races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
11.5 When eleven or more races have been completed a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst score.
11.6 The discards for the Classic fleet may be different and will be determined by the regatta format as published in the Sailing Instructions.
11.7 RRS 44.3 will not apply

12. BERTHING

Boats are to be stored ashore in the dinghy park location for the duration of the event except for the Classic boats, which may remain afloat and shall use the marina berth they have been assigned.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall register at the Race Office during the registration period.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

15. TROPHIES

Details of the trophies to be awarded will be published in the Event Brochure issued on registration.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
16.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- **(a)** They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- **(b)** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- **(c)** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- **(d)** Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- **(e)** The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- **(f)** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- **(g)** It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 or €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

18.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as provided by the organizing authority

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact:
Cork2020@national18.ie