2021 Round the Island Race
Notice of Race for Keelboats & Dinghies

Race day: Sunday 18th July 2021
First Gun: Keelboats 11.55hrs
Dinghies 12.00hrs
HW Cobh 12:24 @ 3.59m
VHF Chanel 71

1 INTRODUCTION The event shall consist of a) a keelboat race subject to The Low Point scoring system, with results being provided based on 2021 IRC & Club Echo and b) mixed Dinghy race for vessels holding a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap of 700-1385

2 ORGANISING AUTHORITY The organizing authority is the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

3 RULES

3.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) governs the sport of sailboat and sailboard racing. It is revised and published every four years by World Sailing. The current edition is the RRS 2021-2024.

3.2 Dinghies: The Sailing Instructions will apply. These may change some rules in the RRS; they will be available online www.royalcork.com
3.3 **Keelboats**: These leagues are governed by the Club's General Sailing Instructions 2021 which are available on the club website [click here](https://www.royalcork.com/round-the-island-race-will-take-place-on-sunday-18th-july/)

4 **ENTRIES**

4.1 The entry is open to all RCYC members. All competing boats are required to complete the below form.

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5 **EVENT FORMAT AND SCHEDULE**

5.1 **Keelboats**: The race will consist of a single race using the Low Point scoring system will apply. Results will be provided based on IRC & Club Echo. Depending on the number of keelboats racing, separate starts may be provided for Spin 1/2 & White Sail. This will be communicated via VHF 71 on the day.

5.2 **Dinghies**: The race will consist of a single all in mixed dinghy race using the Portsmouth Yardstick scoring system.

5.3 Racing will take place in Cork Harbour with the start in the vicinity of Cage. The course and finish line will be noted on the blackboard to the port hand side of the committee vessel and will also be called using VHF 71.

5.4 The first warning signal will be at 11:55 on Sunday 18th of July 2021 for Keelboats followed by Dinghies at 12:00. All boats are asked to keep clear of the starting area until the keelboats have started.

6 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, INSURANCE DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, INSURANCE**

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

6.3 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 beach masters.
6.4 It is the duty of each boat owner to have his boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid.

7 PRIZES

Prize giving will be held on the lawn in the Royal Cork area shortly after racing on the day. This will adhere to the COVID guidelines of the time. The overall trophy will be awarded to the winner across dinghies and keelboats based on the boat furthest ahead of the average corrected time in dinghies/keelboats.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course will be signalled via blackboard on the committee boat. The race will consist of a race from the start line (committee vessel in the vicinity of Grassy), around Spike Island (being passed to port) and back to the finish line. The OA may lay a weather mark or use navigational marks within Cork Harbour. The Course will be presented on a blackboard on the port side of the committee vessel prior to start.

9 COVID-19 STATEMENT

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID19 and for complying with the OA’s COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This amends rule 60.1(a)