



NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Cork Yacht Club Sunday Sept 26th - Oct 24th AIB Autumn Series 2021





The Autumn Series will be hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club and will be sailed in the waters of Cork Harbour and its approaches.

Coronavirus COVID-19



This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions are changing as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be sailed under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the IS prescriptions thereto, the IRC Rules, part 1, 2 and 3, the Club ECHO handicapping System, class rules where applicable, by this Notice of Race and by the Sailing Instructions for the Regatta.
- 1.2 IRC Crew limitation: No Crew limit shall apply

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 This Regatta is an open event and is open to all boats that hold a current 2021 IRC or ECHO handicap certificate. Unendorsed certificates are acceptable in all Classes. Sports boats/dayboats and other one design classes shall comply with their class rules.
- 3.2 The Race Committee reserve the right to place yachts in different Classes at their discretion and with reference to the speed of the boats and to the number of entries in any Class.
- 3.3 Classes may be combined, if, in the opinion of the Race Committee, the number of entries does not warrant a Class.
- 3.4 Entry Forms must be received before **Friday September 24th 2021 which is cut off for the event.** Entry Forms per link below:

[ONLINE ENTRY CLICK HERE](#)

- 3.5 The number of classes will be finalised after the closing date of entries on Friday September 24th 2021.
- 3.6 The fleets will be split into the following groupings: The OA may combine groups depending on fleet sizes
 1. Class 0, Class 1 & Class 2 Group A
 2. 1720's / Sports boats / Dayboats Group B
 3. White Sail 1 and 2 Group C





CLASIFICATION

- 4.1 All boats in Class 0, Class 1, Class 2, and White Sail 1 & 2 shall be capable of satisfying, without the necessity for modifications, OSR Category 4 safety regulations governing Offshore Racing. Sports boats/Dayboats and other one design classes shall comply with their Class rules.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for this Regatta shall be €100. All payments via royalcork.com Royal Cork Yacht Club. A late entry fee of €130 will be applied.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Races will be sailed in the the waters of Cork Harbour and its approaches.
6.2 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Group A & B	A mixture of Coastal (group A), Winward/Leeward or Round the Cans	FG 11.25	Sundays September: 26 th October: 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th & 24 th
Group C	A mixture of Coastal, Winward/Leeward or Round the Cans	FG 11.55	

6.3 Number of Races:

We will aim for 2 races per day (one race per day for coastal race) for the regatta but may need to change this depending on weather conditions during the Regatta. Course type on each day is at the discretion of the Race Officer.

7 RATING CERTIFICATES

Valid 2021 IRC and/or ECHO rating certificates are required. Sports boats/Dayboats and other one design classes shall comply with their Class rules.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted to www.royalcork.com/noticeboard before Friday 24th September 2021.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point System will apply.
9.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
9.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.





- (b) When 4 or more but less than 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- (d) Fleet B will be provided with one extra discard. The reason for this is given the 1720 Europeans are being sailed in Dunmore on the first weekend of the Autumn League and a number of boats will be racing AIB Autumn league from week 2.

9.4 A boat's combined score each day will be used as the basis for daily prizes throughout the Regatta.

9.5 All races of the Regatta will be scored as part of the SCORA league.

10 BERTHING

Subject to availability, complimentary berths or swinging moorings will be provided to visiting boats to Crosshaven from Friday September 24th 2021 to Monday October 25th 2021. For berthing arrangements please contact our Marina Manager Mark Ring at the RCYC office Mark@royalcork.com 021 4831023

11 PRIZES

11.1 Overall prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class.

11.2 Final prize giving for the Regatta will be held on the evening of the 24th October. Further information will be posted on www.royalcork.com/noticeboard

11.3 Daily prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing each day. Daily prizes will be given on a one boat - one prize per boats basis, for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class.

12 DISCLAIMERS OF LIABILITY

The Safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat. He/She must ensure that the boat and her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the Regatta. Neither the establishment of the required safety regulations nor the inspection of any boat in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for their crew, boat and the management thereof.

13 INSURANCE

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 for the entirety of the Regatta.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information please contact

E-mail: keelboats@royalcork.com





15 COVID – Statement

- 15.1 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)

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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.

(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 by the event organiser 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 familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event

(h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience, and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

Safe sailing and we are really looking forward to seeing you all this Autumn.

Kind Regards

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Rear Admiral Keelboats Royal Cork Yacht Club

