



Quarter Ton Cup 2023 13th – 15th July

Organising Authority Royal Cork Yacht Club

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing (Appendix B) shall apply.
- 1.3 Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules shall apply.
- 1.4 For breaches of any rule, other than a rule of RRS Parts 1 and 2, the protest committee may decide the penalty which may be less than DSQ.
- 1.5 Notices to Mariners for the Port of Cork.
- 1.6 Quarter Ton Class Rules.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available on the Royal Cork website by 30th June 2023. www.royalcork.com

3. Communication

- 3.1 The event Notice Board shall be located at the event office and on the Royal Cork website at: www.royalcork.com.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving all normal international VHF channels. All VHF communication shall be on international VHF channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee shall make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio.
- 3.4 From the first Warning Signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 In addition to VHF communication, the race committee intends using a "WhatsApp" group to communicate with competitors. Failure to receive information broadcast using "WhatsApp" will not be grounds for redress.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Quarter Ton Class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on the Royal Cork website and paying the entry fee. www.royalcork.com.
- 4.3 Any boat that wishes to be eligible for the Corinthian Prize shall submit a written statement to the Race Committee no later than 1800 on 12th July that all participating crew are amateurs.
- 4.4 For the purposes of clarification, they should conform to the World Sailing Competitor Categorisation description for Group 1. If no such statement is received, the boat shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Prize.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee is €400 per boat and must be received before 30th June 2023.
- 5.2 The fee includes for three days of racing and berthing on the club marina only.

6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1 There are no World Sailing Sailor Classification restrictions.

7. Advertising

- 7.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series

Not Applicable

9. Schedule of Racing

	Thursday 13 th July	Friday 14 th July	Saturday 15 th July
HW Cobh	1459	1558	1650
Briefing	1000	0900	0900
First warning signal	1155	1025	1025
Races per day Scheduled	3	3	2
Races per day Maximum	4	4	3
Prizegiving			ASAP after racing

- 9.1 An additional race may be sailed each day in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons. Additional races will be advised in the briefing on the affected day.
- 9.2 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 1400.

10. Equipment Inspection

- 10.1 Each boat shall be in possession of a valid endorsed IRC Rating Certificate (to be presented to the event race office no later than 1700 Friday 30th June 2023).
- 10.2 There will be no official crew weigh-in. This changes Class Rule 5.
- 10.3 Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. Clothing and Equipment

Not Applicable.

12. Venue

- 12.1 Racing will take place from a committee vessel in the inner and or outer harbour of Cork.
- 12.2 The approximate position of the Committee Vessel will be announced by VHF radio.

13. Courses

- 13.1 The format for racing shall be windward/leeward courses.
- 13.2 Target time for each race is 60 minutes.
- 13.3 The race committee intend to run the race courses using laid marks.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1 RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. Support Person Vessels

- 16.1 All support vessels must carry a marine VHF radio and comply with RRS 37 'Search and rescue Instructions'.
- 16.2 Support vessels shall stay outside areas (minimum 100m) where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement or abandonment.

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats

- 17.1 Class rules – Item 6 (*ref owner helm*) shall apply.

18. Berthing

- 18.1 Berthing shall be available on the Royal Cork Yacht Club marina for the duration of the event.

19. Haul Out Restrictions

- 19.1 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 the day before the first series race.
- 19.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 20.2 Competitors may, at any time, scrub the hull using flossing, sponging or mechanical devices, provided that no person enters the water.

21. Data Protection

- 21.1 The Royal Cork Yacht Club, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), will use information provided by competitors for the purposes of Royal Cork event management only. This data will be held in compliance with the GDPR and will not be shared with any third parties or used for marketing purposes other than contacting competitors by email, post, SMS and telephone with information regarding this event or future events. Competitors will be required to provide their specific consent to this on their entry form.
- 21.2 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event provided that they do not infringe the privacy rights of participants.

22. Risk Statement

- 22.1 RRS3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 22.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk.
- 22.3 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 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 competitor or 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.

23. Insurance

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3.5 million per incident or the equivalent.

24. Prizes

- (a) The Quarter Ton Cup to the winner of the Open Division.
- (b) The Corinthian Trophy to the winner of the Corinthian Division.

Other trophies include the Roger Swinney Trophy, the Kemp Plate, the Walking Stick, the Coutts Cup and the Concours d'Elegance. The SIs shall provide further details.

25. Further Information

- 25.1 Further information requests or completed entries should be sent to the address below.

26. Social Arrangements

Further details regarding social arrangements will be posted on the [Royal Cork website](#) as soon as they are confirmed. www.royalcork.com