VOLVO CORK WEEK

2024

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JULY 15TH - 19TH 2024
ROYAL CORK YACHT CLUB
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NOTICE OF REGATTA

Volvo Cork Week 2024 will be hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club and sailed in the waters of, and adjacent to, Cork Harbour from July 15th to July 19th 2024. The Organising Authority (OA) for the event shall be the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024 (RRS), the Irish Sailing Prescriptions, the IRC Rating Rule, the Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap rule, Class Rules for One Design classes (including their crew/weight limits), and other rating rules, as appropriate.

1.2 Where there is a conflict with the Notice of Regatta the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta is open to all boats holding a valid IRC certificate or a valid ECHO certificate. One Design classes and other entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

3.2 All boats shall comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Appendix B (except One Design classes).
In addition, the following must be carried aboard and be in working order:
- Permanently installed manual bilge pump
- A handheld waterproof marine VHF radio
- A second marine VHF (which may also be a handheld VHF)
- A first-aid kit and manual
- Two orange smoke flares
- An effective means to quickly disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the boat

One Design classes must carry a VHF Radio Transceiver and comply with the safety requirements of their respective Class Rules.

3.3 The acceptance of any yacht to enter the Regatta, or to sail in any particular event, class, or rating band shall be at the discretion of the OA.

3.4 IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted and is replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be equal to the crew number shown on her certificate plus one. There is no weight limit."

3.5 Boats may enter by completing the official Entry Form online at www.corkweek.ie
All entries to be received by 12pm on June 28th 2024, entries received after this point will be deemed 'Late Entries'. Late Entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA and may be subject to a late entry fee (not more than 125% of the relevant standard entry fee).

3.6 The OA can be contacted at:
Volvo Cork Week 2024
Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven, Co Cork,
Phone **+353 (0)21 4831179**
Email: **info@corkweek.ie**

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4. FEES

4.1 Entry fees for Volvo Cork Week 2024 are as follows:

Boat	Crew Tickets	Early Entry Fee	Standard Entry Fee
Less than 21 feet LOA	4	€290	€310
21 feet to less than 27 feet LOA	5	€360	€390
27 feet to less than 34 feet LOA	6	€420	€450
34 feet to less than 40 feet LOA	8	€540	€580
40 feet to less than 45 feet LOA	10	€660	€710
45 feet to less than 50 feet LOA	12	€780	€840
50 feet LOA and above	15	€1080	€1170

Early Entry Fees are applicable to entries received before 1 Feb 2024.

4.2 The quoted entry fee includes 8 nights free berthage from 1800hrs Saturday July 13th to 1200hrs Saturday July 20th, and the indicated number of crew tickets providing access to the Royal Cork Yacht Club site and entertainment events. Boats seeking additional crew tickets or extended berthage should contact the OA.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 **Registration:**
Competitors shall register at the Regatta Race Office from 1430hrs on Saturday July 13th 2024.
To comply with registration requirements, competitors must ensure;
(a) An entry form has been completed and submitted, and the entry fee is fully paid.
(b) Emergency contact names and telephone numbers have been provided to the OA.
(c) All requested measurement and safety checks have been complied with and passed.
(d) Any requested insurance documents have been provided to the OA.

5.2 Boats that fail to complete their registration shall be scored DSQ, without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1.

5.3 **Competitor Briefings**
A competitors briefing may be held for each class on the evening preceding the first race of their series. Further details will be provided on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which shall be located at the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

5.4 **Dates and times of racing:**
Volvo Cork Week races are scheduled from Monday 15th July 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024. The warning signal for the first race of each day will be at 10:55hrs, unless otherwise advised.

The dates and times of One Design series races may vary from this schedule.

5.5 **Number of races:**
Up to three races per day may be scheduled for each class. This limit does not apply to One Design classes.

5.6 **Social Program**
All competitors at Volvo Cork Week 2024 are invited to attend the official event opening at the Royal Cork Yacht Club at 1900hrs on Sunday 14th July 2024.

A comprehensive social program, including daily prizegivings, will be available to competitors at the Royal Cork Yacht Club. Further details, and tickets for individual class or championship social events, will be available at www.corkweek.ie.

The overall prizegiving will take place at the Royal Cork Yacht Club on Friday 19th July 2024.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall produce an applicable rating certificate, valid for the duration of the Regatta.

6.2 Changes to the IRC rating of a boat, other than upwards, will not be allowed after 1900hrs on Wednesday July 10th 2024 unless the rating change is:

(a) Due to an error made by RORC or UNCL. In such a case, the rating shall be corrected for all races.

(b) The result of a rating protest, when RRS 64.3 will apply together with the rules applicable to that rating system.

(c) At the discretion of RORC or UNCL as appropriate. Downward changes will generally only be permitted following measurements for endorsement required by either the RORC or UNCL.

6.3 The Technical Committee may conduct equipment inspection or event measurement of any boat on the water or ashore at any time from 2 days prior to the event until the end of the final day of racing. A boat identified for an on-the-water equipment inspection will be signalled from a Technical Committee Vessel by an equipment inspector and the boat shall follow their instructions.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available online at www.corkweek.ie no later than June 28th 2024.

8. VENUE

Racing will take place in Cork Harbour and its surrounding waters. Refer to Admiralty charts 1777 and 1765.

9. COURSES

The regatta will include a variety of course types, including but not limited to; Windward/Leeward, Olympic, Coastal/Offshore and 'Round-The-Cans' style racing, as well as the renowned Cork Harbour Race.

10. PENALTIES

10.1 Enquiries and hearings will be managed using
www.racingrulesofsailing.org
https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7085

11. SCORING

11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 Discards

(a) When 4 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When more than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. BERTHING

Complimentary berthage will be provided to competitors for the duration of the event. To facilitate event management, boats not sailing shall be kept in their assigned places. Competitors seeking berthage for additional dates should contact the OA.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to the terms of, the prior written permission of the Jury.

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14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

15. PRIZES

The Volvo Cup will be awarded to the best performing boat under IRC, and will be presented to the boat having the lowest number calculated according to the following formula:
Series score / (Number of races in series) * (Number of class entries + 2)

Other trophies to be awarded during the week include:
- The Corinthian Cup
- The Kinsale Kettle
- The Hugh Coveney Trophy
- The RCYC Prix d'Elegance

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
See RRS Rule 3, Decision to Race.
The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and 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 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 the venue and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
h. For offshore races, 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.

17. INSURANCE

It is the duty of each boat owner to have their 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 boats attendance in Cork.

18. MEDIA WAIVER

Competitors give their consent to the Organising Authority and its sponsors, and to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote Volvo Cork Week and similar events at the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

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