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NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

1.1 The Irish Cruiser Racing Association National Championships 2017 (the Event) are organised by Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC) in association with the Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA).

1.2 Entries can be made online on the Event website at <http://cruiserracing.ie/icranats/> All enquiries should be addressed to

The Event Co-Ordinator, ICRA 2017, c/o Royal Cork Yacht Club Phone: **+353 21 4831023**
Crosshaven, Co. Cork Email: **office@royalcork.com**

1.3 Changes to this NOR will be posted on the Event website at cruiserracing.ie/icranats/ but no later than 12th May 2017.

2 RULES, SAFETY AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, the ISA ECHO Performance Handicap System, the ICRA Constitution, class association rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.

2.2 Safety:

Responsibility of Person in Charge: The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge (RRS 46) who must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. He/she shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his/her incapacitation.

The OA strongly recommends that boats comply with ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS CATEGORY 4. Copies of the Special Regulations are available from the ISAF website at www.sailing.org

The OA strongly recommends the wearing of personal flotation devices at all times.

2.3 To be eligible to compete in the Event boats shall:

- (a) comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA Constitution cruiserracing.ie
- (b) have an IRC rating or ECHO standard within the range .800 to 1.250;
- (c) comply with the relevant IRC rating and ECHO handicapping rules.

3 ADVERTISING

3.1. The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the Event, if there is in its opinion, a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the Event sponsor.

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

4 CLASSIFICATION

4.1 ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code, will apply to all boats.

It is the personal responsibility of every sailor to determine their ISAF Regulation 22 status. Apart from the exceptions set out in the table below, ISAF Group 3 competitors, including competitors who are not classified but who satisfy the requirements of the Group 3 definition, are not permitted to sail in the event. The OA may request a competing boat's crew list together with related ISAF sailor IDs.

Division	No. of Group 3 competitors permitted
Zero	2
One	1
All other Divisions	None

4.2 Group 3 competitors are not permitted to helm except in an emergency.

4.3 At the absolute discretion of the OA a Group 3 sailor may be permitted in any Division if such person can show to the satisfaction of the OA that he/she takes part in racing only as a pastime and not as part of his/her trade or business. Sailors in this category shall apply to the OA in good time in writing setting out the grounds of application but in any event application shall be made no later than 26th May 2017. See www.sailing.org/isafsailor

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no crew number limitation. There is no crew weight limitation.



6 DIVISIONS

- 6.1 Entrants will be divided into DIVISIONS which will not be finalised until after the closing date of 26th May, 2017.
- 6.2 The composition of divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:
- (a) the need for a reasonable number of boats in each division;
 - (b) having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division.
 - (c) extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different break-points, may be created.
 - (d) A separate Coastal Division will be established for 2017.
- 6.3 The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

7 PROGRAMME OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing is scheduled to be held on **Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11^h June 2017.**
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for Friday 9th is 1400 and for Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th is 1055. For the Coastal Division, first warning signal for Friday 9th is 1350 and for Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th is 1045.
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1630, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.4 The target will be to achieve a minimum of SIX races over the three days of the Event and the decision to sail more than the scheduled number of races per day will be at the discretion of each RO. The Coastal Course target will be a minimum of THREE races over the three days.

8 SCORING & DISCARDS

- 8.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship. Two races for Coastal Championship.
- 8.3 If 5 or more races are completed 1 discard will apply. There will be no discard in the Coastal Division.

9 FEES

- 9.1 Entry Fee is €150. The fee for entries received after 12th May 2017 is €200. **Closing Date for entries is 26th May 2017.**
- 9.2 The entry fee includes marina berthing for the duration of the Event (and at discretion of the OA, for a reasonable time before and after the event).
- 9.3 Online Entry is available at cruiserracing.ie/icranats/
- 9.4 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 9.5 Entries are accepted for the full Championship only - boats may not enter for individual races.

10 RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 10.1 **IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 2nd June 2017 and are required to race in all IRC Divisions with the exception of Non-Spinnaker IRC, where an unendorsed certificate will suffice. Also**
- (a) No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.
 - (b) A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.
 - (c) If, for any reason, a boat's TCC is changed after the cut-off date above it shall be the duty of the boat's owner or any other person in charge to inform the OA of any change immediately and any increased TCC shall be applied to all races in calculating her series score. This provision is subject to 10.1(e)
 - (d) The name/s of the equipment inspector/s and/or measurer/s shall be published on the official notice board for the duration of the event [RRS 78].
 - (e) The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.
- 10.2 A copy of the boat's current IRC **ENDORSED** certificate shall be forwarded to the Event Coordinator in advance of the Event or submitted at registration. **This copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.**
- 10.3 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.
- 10.4 Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap. A system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62).

11 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out once launched and during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

12 PRIZES

Overall prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.

13 REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Race Office in RCYC. The Race Office will be on the ground floor of Royal Cork Yacht Club. Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the event website no later than 2nd June 2017.



Registration will take place on the following days:

Thursday 8th June 1800 - 2200
Friday 9th June 0800 - 1100

14 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 14.1 In general all races shall be sailed in the inner and outer waters of Cork Harbour.
- 14.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward or fixed mark courses.
- 14.3 Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat as all courses may be transmitted via the selected VHF channels.

15 ACCOMMODATION & SOCIAL

- 15.1 Information on local accommodation will be available on the Event website (cruiserracing.ie/icranats/)
- 15.2 Competitors are granted temporary membership of RCYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the championship at their own risk - see Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. ICRA, RCYC, their officers, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

17 INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry for each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil liability to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

18 MARINA

- 18.1 Marina berths will be available for the duration of the Event. There will be no marina berth fee for boats that are competing in the Event.
- 18.2 The free berthage facility shall be available from Saturday 3rd June until Wednesday 14th June 2017. Berths shall be allocated to each boat by the OA on arrival and are subject to suitable space availability. The provision of berths will be at the discretion of the OA and advanced booking is required. Requests for an advanced berth should be made by confirming with the Marina Manager.

19 SPONSORSHIP

The Irish Cruiser Racing Association and Royal Cork Yacht Club are very pleased to welcome all our sponsors at this year's event.

20 MEDIA WAIVER

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of cruiser racing. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.

21 NON-SPINNAKER

Non-Spinnaker boats please refer to addendum to this Notice of Race.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit the event website (cruiserracing.ie/icranats/) or contact:

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OTHER HEADLINE REGATTA DATES	
Sovereigns Cup	21 st – 24 th June
WIORA (Aran Islands)	5 th – 8 th July
Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta	6 th – 9 th July
Calves Week	1 st – 4 th August