

Notice of Race

Greystones Sailing Club

Inaugural Cruiser Regatta

September 1st 2013

The Inaugural Cruiser Regatta will be held at Greystones Sailing Club, Sunday September 1st 2013.

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Regatta is organised by Greystones Sailing Club

All entries and enquiries should be addressed to:

Rear Commodore Sail,
Greystones Sailing Club,
Greystones,
Co. Wicklow
Or emailed to sailing@gsc.ie

2.0 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the ISA ECHO Performance Handicap System, the ISAF/ORC Safety Regulations Category 4, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2.2 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.

3.0 DIVISIONS/CLASSES

3.1 Boats will be divided as follows on the basis of their ISA Current ECHO at Aug 25th (subject to the Race Committee's right to allocate a boat to any Class).

ECHO Class I Ratings of 0.900 and above

ECHO Class II Ratings of 0.899 and below

ECHO Class White Sails Fleet – No Spinnaker

Principle class prizes will be awarded on Echo handicap system but an overall

IRC prize will be awarded for those boats wishing to enter under IRC

concurrently.

One design classes will be scored for both echo and class where 4 or more boats from that class are entered.

The Handicap Bands for the Classes are provisional, and may be subject to change by the Race Committee up to 2 hours before Race 1, to provide an even spread of boats in the Classes.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The starting sequence for races will be:

5 minute gun, 4 minute gun, 1 minute gun, start gun

ECHO Class II

White Sails

ECHO Class I

Racing channel 73

4.2 The schedule of races will be as follows:

Race 1 Sunday September 1st 2013 at 10.30am

Warning signal (5 minute gun) for Cruiser Class II will be at 10.25am

The start gun for one class will be the 5 minute gun for the next class.

Two races will be held on Sunday September 1st 2013

A target time of 2.30pm for completion of two race series has been set and prize giving is targeted for 3.30pm to allow visiting boats reasonable departure time. The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend the Schedule of Races and starting sequence.

5.0 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. When all races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her 2 race scores.

In the event of a points tie the winner will be determined by the combined difference in lapsed time for the two races .

6.0 ENTRIES

Entries shall be made by completing the entry form and returning the form to Greystones Sailing Club. Email sailing@gsc.ie or post to GSC, Greystones harbour, Co Wicklow . Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

Entry Fees: €30 all classes

7.0 SAIL NUMBERS

Each boat shall show a distinguishing number on each side of its mainsail, which shall be the same number as declared on the Entry Form.

8.0 HANDICAPS

ECHO handicaps will be published on the official notice board outside the race office not later than 09.00 Hrs. on Sunday September 1st. Subsequent revisions following

Races 1 may be displayed on the official notice board.to be deleted

9.0 PRIZES/TROPHIES

Prizes will be awarded in each Class for 1st , 2nd 3rd where 5 or more boats are entered , One design classes will be awarded a 1st prize where 4 or more boats are entered

10.0 REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Race Office in Greystones Sailing Club upon arrival. Sailing Instructions will be available on registration and may be posted on the website prior to the event. The Pre-Event Race Office hours are:

Saturday August 31st 16.00hrs – 19.00 hrs

Sunday September 1st 08.30 hrs - 10.00 hrs

11.0 RACING AREA

Races will be sailed in Greystones area, South of Bray Head and North of Breeches Mark. Race card, mark co-ordinates, tidal information will be available on registration.

12.0 BERTHING

Entry includes free overnight berth in Greystones marina Saturday August 31st. or Sunday Sept 1st Please radio Marina ch 37 or call Marina office on 086 2718161

13.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Greystones Sailing Club Inaugural Cruiser Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. Greystones Sailing Club and 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 Regatta. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibility on the official Entry Form and draw attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer. Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring.