



# **Sovereign's Cup 2019**

incorporating

**1720 European Championships  
Dragon Irish National Championships**

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**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019**



# **NOTICE OF RACE**

## **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY [OA]**

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Kinsale Yacht Club.
2. The Event is the Sovereign's Cup 2019 incorporating the 1720 European Championships & Dragon Irish National Championships.

## **2 RULES AND ELIGIBILITY**

2. The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, the ISA ECHO Performance Handicap System, the 1720 & Dragon Class Association rules
- 2.2 The Sovereign's Cup 2019 (with the exception of the 1720 & Dragon classes) is a **World Sailing OSR Category 4 event** with the following exceptions of paragraphs 3.27, 4.07, 4.17, 4.18, 4.26.
- 2.3 **The 1720 European & Dragon Irish National Championships are a World Sailing OSR Appendix B event** and will be sailed under the current respective Class Association Rules.
- 2.4 The OA reminds all persons in charge of their obligations in regard to these Regulations. Copies of the Special Regulations are available from the World Sailing website at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)
- 2.5 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

## **3 ADVERTISING**

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

## **4 SAILOR CLASSIFICATION**

- 4.1 There are no sailor classification restrictions applicable to the Sovereign's Cup 2019 except as required for boats racing in a One Design class and / or restricted by Class Rules.

## **5 CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 5.1 IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight except as required for boats rated as One Designs or restricted by Class Rules.

## **6 DIVISIONS**

1. Entrants will be divided into DIVISIONS which will not be finalised until after the closing date of **14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**.
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:
  - 2.1. The need for a reasonable number of boats in each division;
  - 2.2. Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division.
  - 2.3. Extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different breakpoints, may be created.
  - 2.4. It is the intention of the OA to have a Coastal Division for Cruisers.
- 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 PROGRAM OF RACES**

- 7.1 The **Skippers Briefing will be held at 1800 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019** in Kinsale Yacht Club.
- 7.2 Racing is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.
- 7.3 The scheduled times of the first warning signals for each days racing will be 11.55am except the Coastal division which will be 10.30am
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 15.30pm, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.5 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of **Eight** races maximum over the Event with the exception of the Coastal Division for Cruisers where the program will consist of four races maximum. The 1720 European championships and Dragon National Championships will be governed by their respective event rules.

## **8 SCORING & DISCARDS**

- 8.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2 The 1720 European championships and Dragon National Championships will be governed by their respective event rules.
- 8.3 If 5 or more races are completed 1 discard shall apply excluding Coastal. Coastal , 1 discard if 4 races sailed.

## 9 FEES

9.1 The cut off criteria for Early Entry Fee is **15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. Closing date for entries is **14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019** unless extended by the OA. All entries received by Feb 15 the will be entered for a draw : €200 voucher for Kinsale Good Food Circle.

<b>ENTRY FEE:</b>	<b>By 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>By 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>
<i>length in feet</i>			
45'-50'	€450	€500	€550
42'-45'	€400	€425	€500
38'-42'	€350	€380	€420
32'-38'	€310	€325	€370
28'-32'	€290	€310	€350
Under 28'	€250	€270	€300
1720 Fleet	€180.00	€190.00	€220.00
Dragon Fleet	€180.00	€190.00	€220.00

9.2 The entry fee includes marina berthing for the competing boat from Tuesday night 25<sup>th</sup> June to Saturday night 29<sup>th</sup> June inclusive

9.3 There will be an additional fee for craning in and out facilities from the pier for boats arriving by road by prior arrangement.

9.4 Entries may be made online through the event website

9.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

9.6 Entries are accepted for the full Regatta 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 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 and are required to race in all IRC Divisions with the exception of Class 5 White Sail IRC when an unendorsed IRC certificate will suffice.**

10.1.1. 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.

- 10.1.2. 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.
- 10.1.3. 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 para 10.1.5
- 10.1.4. 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]
- 10.1.5. 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 included with the entry form 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 based on current ECHO handicap standard as administered by the ISA. 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.

## **PRIZES**

- 12.** Overall Prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.
- 12.1 *The Sovereign's Cup* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under IRC.
- 12.2 *The Portcullis Trophy* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under ECHO.
- 12.3 *The 1720 European Championship & Dragon National Championships* will be presented to the boats with the lowest points scored.
- 12.4 *A White Sail Trophy* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under white sail
- 12.5 *The Michelle Dunne Prix d'Elegance Trophy* will be presented to the boat and crew which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee is the best turned out at the regatta.
- 12.6 Final prize giving for the Sovereigns Cup 2019 and will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June in Kinsale Yacht club.
- 12.7 Other prizes may be assigned at the discretion of the OA

### **13 REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

All entrants shall register with the Event Office in the KYC. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the event website.

#### **Registration will take place on the following days:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1400 – 1700

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1000 – 1800

#### **13.1 ONE Design Weigh in**

Weigh in for one design will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1700-2000

### **14 RACING AREA & COURSES**

1. Races will be sailed in the waters off Kinsale Harbour.
2. The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward or fixed mark courses.
3. **Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat as the courses for the Round the Cans races may be called out on VHF.**

### **15. ACCOMODATION & SOCIAL**

- 15.1. Information on local accommodation will be available on the Event website.
- 15.2. Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.
- 15.3. Competitors are granted temporary membership of KYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.
- 15.4. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June KYC will host a Ladies lunch for the wives and partners of the competitors and their guests. Details will be available on the event web page. It is intended that all funds raised during this event will be presented to a Charity to be announced

### **16. SAFETY & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge [RRS 46] who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are fit to face the conditions encountered. The person in charge must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, sails, rigging and all gear. The person in charge must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and suitably stowed. The crew must be familiar with the use and position of such safety equipment. The person in charge accepts that the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is theirs and theirs alone. Neither these regulations nor any action of the OA in any way limits or reduces the exclusive responsibility of the owner or the person in charge.
- 16.2. The wearing of personal flotation devices is a statutory requirement in Ireland for anyone on board a boat under 7 meters in length and by anyone under the age of 16 on the deck of a boat and is strongly recommended on all boats at all times.

- 16.3. Competitors participate in the championship at their own risk - see Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. KYC, 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**

1. Marina berths will be available, **free of charge, from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June until 1200 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**. Each entry will be allocated a unique sequential number upon receipt of payment to KYC. Marina berths will be allocated in accordance with the best management of the space available combined with this unique sequential number. If a large number of entries is received an overflow Marina may be used. All Marina berths will be allocated at the discretion of the OA and are subject to suitable space availability.

**19. SPONSORSHIP**

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**20. MEDIA WAIVER**

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or so 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. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please visit [www.kyc.ie](http://www.kyc.ie) [www.sovereignscup.com](http://www.sovereignscup.com) or contact:  
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