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NOTICE OF RACE

Irish Cruiser Racing National Championship

Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Saturday 18
August 2018

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) of the National Championships (the Event) are the Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA) in association with the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association (WIORA) and Galway Bay Sailing Club (GBSC), Renville, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to
Rory Carberry,
c/o Galway Bay Sailing Club, Renville, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
Phone: 087 9215843
Email: icrawiora2018@cruiserracing.ie
- 1.3 The West Coast Championships which will be held from Wednesday 15th August to Friday 17th August are organised by the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association and Galway Bay Sailing Club and will be held under this Notice of Race subject to the exceptions contained in the separate Notice of Racing published by the OA.
- 1.4 Changes to the NOR will be posted on the event website on cruiserracing.ie/icranats no later than the 13th July, 2018.

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap System, the rules of ICRA, class association rules where applicable, this Notice of Racing and the Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 2.2 To be eligible to compete in the Event boats shall:
- 2.2.1 Comply with the definition of a cruiser in the ICRA Constitution.
- 2.2.2 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, 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.

Division	No. of Group 3 competitors permitted
0 and 1	2
All Other Divisions	1

- 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 13th July, 2018. 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 13th July, 2018.



- 6.2 The composition of divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of entries, having regard to the following criteria:
- 6.3 The need for a reasonable minimum number of boats in each division.
- 6.4 Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division.
- 6.5 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 Racing is scheduled to be held on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th August, 2018.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signals are as follows:
Thursday 16th August: 1255hrs
Friday 17th August: 1055hrs
Saturday 18th August: 1055hrs
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.4 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of SEVEN races.

8. SCORING AND 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.
- 8.3 If six or more races are completed one discard will apply.

9. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

FEES & DATES	NATIONAL C'SHIPS & Corinthian Cup	WEST COAST & W'Sail	COMBINED
EARLY BIRD Before Feb 1 st	€125	€125	€175
Feb 1st to May 31st	€175	€175	€225
June 1st to July 20th	€225	€225	€275
CLOSING DATE: Friday 20th July, 2018			



- 9.1 Entries received after the Closing Date may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 9.2 Entry forms can be downloaded from cruiserracing.ie/icranats and can be posted to Rory Carberry c/o Galway Bay Sailing Club, Renville, Oranmore, Galway.
- 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 Championships only, boats may not enter for individual races.

10. RATING AND HANDICAPS

10.1 IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 13th July, 2018 and are required to race in all IRC Divisions with the exception of Non-Spinnaker IRC, where an unendorsed certificate will suffice. Also;

- (i) 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.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iii) 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 10.1.5.
 - (iv) 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].
 - (v) 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 its IRC cert.
- 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 during the series except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 Daily prizes will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.
- 12.2 Overall prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.



13. REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 All entrants shall register with the Event Office. The Race Office will be situated at the Harbour Hotel (New Dock Road, Glaway). Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the Event website. Registration will take place on:
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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 14 th August | 1900hrs - 2200hrs |
| Wednesday 15 th August | 0900hrs – 1100hrs & 2000hrs – 2200hrs |
| Thursday 16 th August | 0900hrs – 1100hrs |

14. RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 14.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Galway Bay.
- 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. ACCOMODATION AND SOCIAL

- 15.1 Information on local accommodation will be available on the Event website (cruiserracing.ie/wioraicra2018/).
- 15.2 Entertainment will be provided after racing each day.
- 15.3 Competitors are granted temporary membership of GBSC 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, GBSC, 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. PORT OF GALWAY

- 18.1 Cranage will be available at the Port of Galway, free of charge.
- 18.2 Berthage will be available, free of charge, for the duration of event.
- 18.3 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 contacting Galway Port Harbour Authority.



19. SPONSORSHIP

The Irish Cruiser Racing Association, The West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association and Galway Bay Sailing 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:
Rory Carberry,
c/o Galway Bay Sailing Club, Renville, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
Phone: 087 9215843,
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OTHER HEADLINE REGATTA DATES	
Round Ireland Yacht Race	18 th to 24 th June
Cork Week	16 th to 21 st July
Calves Week	7 th to 10 th August



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NOTICE OF RACE

Corinthian Cups for Non-Spinnaker Boats

Thursday 16, Friday 17 and Saturday 18
August 2018

This Notice of Race for the Irish Cruiser Racing Association Corinthian Cups for non-spinnaker boats is to be read as part of the Notice of Race for the Irish Cruiser Racing Association National Championships 2018 with the following additions and changes:

5. CREW LIMITATIONS

Crew numbers in non-spinnaker divisions shall be a minimum of two with no maximum.

6. DIVISIONS

6.2 The non-spinnaker fleet may be divided into divisions depending on the range and number of entries. A number of factors will be taken into account with the object of providing fair sailing and in particular of separating the more race oriented boats from the more cruiser type boats. The factors which will be used for this purpose will include:

- (i) ECHO Standard or IRC Non-Spinnaker TCC
- (ii) Displacement Length Ratio [DLR]
- (iii) Hull Factor [HF]
- (iv) Hull length

7. PROGRAM OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing is scheduled to be held on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th August, 2018.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signals are as follows:
 - Thursday 16th August: 1255hrs
 - Friday 17th August: 1055hrs
 - Saturday 18th August: 1055hrs
- 7.3 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 1630hrs, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signalled.
- 7.4 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of SIX races.

8. SCORING & DISCARDS

- 8.1 If five or more races are completed one discard will apply.

10. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 10.4 Non-endorsed IRC certificates are permitted for competitors in the non-spinnaker fleet.

12. PRIZES

- 12.4 Overall ICRA Corinthian Cups will be presented for both IRC and ECHO systems.



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NOTICE OF RACE

West of Ireland Offshore
Racing Association
West Coast
Championships

Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Friday 17
August 2018

This Notice of Race for the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association West Coast Championships is to be read as part of the Notice of Race for the Irish Cruiser Racing Association National Championships 2018 with the following additions and changes:

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The Organising Authority (OA) of the West Coast Championships (the Event) are the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association (WIORA) in association with Galway Bay Sailing Club (GBSC), Renville, Oranmore, Galway.

6. DIVISIONS

6.3 There will be a White Sails (non-spinnaker) division.

7. PROGRAM OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing is scheduled for Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th & Friday 17th August, 2018.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signals are as follows:
 - Wednesday 15th August 1255hrs
 - Thursday 16th August: 1255hrs
 - Friday 17th August: 1055hrs
- 7.4 Races for White Sails Division will be scheduled to achieve a program of SIX races.

8. SCORING & DISCARDS

- 8.4 For White Sails Division if five or more races are completed one discard will apply.

10. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 10.5 For White Sails Division only ECHO handicap system will be used.
- 10.6 For White Sails Division ECHO certificate valid for 2018 is required.





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