

FASTNET RACE

Saturday 25th May 2019

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority for the Fastnet Race 2019 is Kinsale Yacht Club.
- 1.2 This Race will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club on Saturday 25th May 2019.
- 1.3 Race Headquarters will be located on the ground floor of Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, Co. Cork.
- 1.4 The Official regatta Notice Board will be situated on the window outside of the race office on the ground floor of the club house.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS) the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Rules of the ECHO and IRC Handicapping Systems, The Rules of SCORA, World Sailing Offshore special regulations cat 3 with life raft, Cruiser Class Sailing Instructions of Kinsale Yacht Club, (except as any of those are altered by these Sailing Instructions) and these Sailing Instructions. The event is open to all Class 0, 1, 2 & 3 cruisers and racer/cruisers.
- 2.2 Each boat must have a minimum of two crew to qualify for entry. (Skipper and one other)

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration on the Entry Form provided by KYC.
- 3.2 The Organising authority reserves the absolute right to accept or refuse entries
- 3.3 Competitors will be Honorary Members of KYC during the event.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1 This is a mono hull Category 3 race as per the 'World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations'. Each yacht is also required to have onboard a life raft of sufficient size to cater for the total number of crew onboard and hold a valid in-date service certificate for the raft.
- 4.2 A safety inspection may take place of all competing boats at the marina or before the start at the discretion of the safety inspection officer. Competitors are asked to present their boats for inspection not later than 1000 hrs on the 25th May 2019.

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 The Race Officer will operate on Channel 69 at the start of the Fastnet race.
- 5.2 If a boat retires it must be reported to the lead yacht on CH 69 and failing this to Dave Cullinane by mobile phone (086 2210385) and the KYC Cruisers Whats App.
- 5.3 Each boat shall notify Valentia Radio Control (VHF CH 04 Mizen Head) immediately after rounding the Fastnet Rock and via the KYC cruisers WhatsApp.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the window outside of the main office on the ground floor of the club house
- 6.2 Briefing for skippers of all competing boats will take place in KYC bar area @ 1230 hrs on Saturday 25th May.

7. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00hrs on the 25th May 2019.

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Clubhouse
- 8.2 Code flag 'AP'. Answering Pennant, with two sound signals, (one sound signal when lowered) means 'The race is postponed.' The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after 'AP' is lowered.

9. START

- 9.1 First Gun 1355 hrs and will be an All-in start at the Charles Fort Line (See Appendix 2).

10. CLASS FLAGS

- 10.1 Each yacht is asked to fly their Class Pennant while racing.
- 10.2 Yachts may be required to display sponsor decals.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 Start KYC Charles Fort Line – Round Fastnet Rock to Port – Finish KYC Charles Fort Line. (See Appendix 2).
- 11.2 Competitors must sail to the south of the Kowloon Bridge south cardinal mark.

12. THE START

- 12.1 There will be an all-in start with the first gun at 1355 HRS.
- 12.2 The Race will be started in accordance with KYC Cruiser Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3 The start will be at the Charles Fort Line (See Appendix 2)
- 12.4 A yacht shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

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13. RECALLS

- 13.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2
- 13.2 A general recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.3

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 Competitors shall finish at the Charles Fort Line (See Appendix 2 Charles Fort Start/Finish Line). Competitors shall note the correct time in Irish Summer Time (GMT/ZULU + 1) in the twenty four hour format HR:MIN:SEC from a GPS device. The finishing time shall be declared together with a note of the boat in front and behind. The correct forum for declaring the finishing time shall be the KYC Cruisers Whatsapp. The finishing time shall be declared within 24 hours of the time limit.

Competitors who are not members of the KYC Cruisers WhatsApp and visiting competitors are asked to send their finish time and the names of boats ahead and behind by text to Dave Cullinane (086 2210385).

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1 Latest finishing time 20.00hrs on Sunday 26th May 2019.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms and lodged as soon as is practical after finishing the race.
- 16.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

17. PRIZES

The Minihan Trophy shall be awarded to the competitor with the lowest corrected time in IRC. The Fastnet trophy shall be awarded to the visiting boat with the lowest corrected time in IRC.

In the event that the competitor with the lowest corrected time in IRC is a visiting boat then the Fastnet Trophy will be awarded to the boat that scored second in IRC (i.e. a competitor cannot win both the Fastnet and Minihan Trophies).

18. PRIZEGIVING

- 18.1 The prizes will be presented on Wednesday 29th May after racing (21.30 HRS).