



KINSALE YACHT CLUB



Sailing Instructions

Kinsale Inishtearaght Race

20th May 2022

Sponsored by Matthews of Cork

1. Organising Authority. The Organising Authority (OA) is Kinsale Yacht Club.

2. Rules

2.1 Cruiser Class Racing will be governed by World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 ("RRS"), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association ("ISA"), the IRC Rating Rule 2022, the rules of SCORA, the rules of ECHO, the Sailing Instructions ("SIs") of this race and any amendments thereto. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 Each boat must have a minimum of two crew to qualify for entry (skipper and one other).

2.3 This is a mono hull Category 3 with liferaft race as per the 'World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)' and any amendments thereto for 2022 will apply. Each yacht is also required to have on-board a life raft of sufficient size to cater for the total number of crew on-board and hold a valid in-date service certificate for the raft. Where Offshore Special Regulations cannot be met, the OA may accept an alternative. Please note amendments to the regulations that are effective from 15th February 2022.

2.4 The rules of ECHO that apply shall be the Echo Class Rules 10th January 2021.

Under these Class Rules :

Echo 8.3 Classification clause is deleted in full - as permitted in the rules under the Echo Part 3 clause when Dual Scored.

3. Eligibility

3.1 To be eligible to enter Kinsale Yacht Club ("KYC" or the "Club") Inishtearaght Race 2022, the owner and/or helm must be a member of a Yacht Club and the ISA. This amends RRS Appendix 2. All competitors shall be temporary members of Kinsale Yacht Club for the duration of the race.

3.2 All yachts shall complete the Registration Form and hand it in to the Race Office ashore prior to competing in this race. The Registration Form will be available in Kinsale Yacht Club prior to racing.



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3.3 The Inishtearaght Race is an All In IRC and ECHO race – no class divisions apply.

3.4 Briefing for skippers of all competing boats will take place in KYC @ 20:00 hrs on Thursday 19th May 2022.

3.5 A safety inspection may take place of all competing boats at the marina or before the start at the discretion of the Organising Authority. Competitors are asked to present their boats for inspection not later than 18:00 hrs on Thursday 19th May 2022.

3.6 The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the Rules and Regulations described in this Sailing Instructions and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather and which: -

- i) are of monohull construction with a minimum length overall of 30ft;
- ii) have a valid 2022 IRC Rating certificate issued no later than 1700hrs on Wednesday 18th May 2022;
- iii) have a minimum SSS Numeral of 15 or STIX of 23;
- iv) comply with the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2022 for races of OSR Category 3 Monohulls with a Category 2 life raft and AIS Transponder

3.7 Number of crew and Weight

IRC Rule 22.4 is amended to read “There are no limits on the number of crew and crew weight. This is subject to the number of crew being limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft(s) carried on the boat.

3.8 Automatic Steering – Double Handed.

Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted (changes RRS 52) for competitors sailing double handed. Entries must satisfy the OA that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing.

3.9 Rating Deadline

Changes to IRC ratings certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline (1800hrs on Thursday 19th May 2022) in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the OA.

3.10 OSR Compliance.

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge, however Kinsale Yacht Club will endeavour to help Competitors to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any boat at any time. The entrant shall complete an OSR Category 3 Checklist (available on [OSR Checklist template.xlsx \(rorc.org\)](#)) and declaration stating that the boat complies with the World Sailing Special Offshore Regulations and return to sailingsecretary@kyc.ie by Thursday 19th May 2022.



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3.11 IRPCAS.

Between sunset and sunrise RRS 10 to 19 shall cease to be applicable and shall be replaced by Part D (Steering and Sailing Rules) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

3.12 Advertising

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

3.13 Crew List

The Person in Charge will be required to file a crew list and emergency shore contact details at registration[DP]. A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose personal details and emergency contact details are not filed at the race office.

3.14 Communication with competitors.

3.14.1 Notices to competitors and results will be posted on the event website www.kyc.ie.

3.14.2 On the water, the Start Flagship call sign "Fiona" will broadcast on VHF Ch.69.

3.14.3 Boats are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16.

3.14.4 Boats are required to have their onboard mobile phone switched on at all times.

3.14.5 Inter-boat communication calls should when possible be on DSC or, VHF Ch.16 as a calling channel and VHF Ch.72 as a working channel.

3.14.6 Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder in the Race. See OSR 3.29.13.

3.14.7 A boat's AIS must transmit the boat's MMSI number and the racing name of the boat.

3.14.8 Competitors shall ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on and capable of transmitting and receiving at all times during the Race.

3.14.9 Boats unable to meet these requirements shall submit comprehensive details in writing of the reason to the Organising Authority. If the Organising Authority is satisfied with the reason declared it may at its sole discretion grant an exemption to all or part of the requirements in section 3.14.6, 3.14.7 or 3.14.8 of these Sailing Instructions.

3.14.10 In the event the Race Committee asks a boat to report (i.e. AIS failure), reporting should be done by SMS (+353 85 8143084), or email (sailingsecretary@kyc.ie) or any other means possible. Reports shall include:

- Name of boat,
- Date/time (BST)/position,
- Course and Speed over the Ground,
- Names of any Boats nearby,
- The circumstances of a AIS failure or any delay, or failure to report, shall be detailed with the finish time declaration.



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4. Start

4.1 First Gun is at 08:55 hrs on Friday 20th May 2022 and it will be an All-in start in or outside Kinsale harbour. The start line to be used will be advised at the skippers briefing.

4.2 Code Flag "C" may be used. (This changes the normal meaning of Code Flag 'C').

5.The course.

5.1

- Start Kinsale,
- Stags (Kowloon Bridge) Cardinal mark – passing mark to starboard,
- Cape Clear Island - passing mark to starboard,
- Bull Rock and Gull Rock (170m west of Bull Rock) – passing mark to starboard,
- Washerwoman Rock (off Great Skellig) – passing mark to starboard,
- Tearaght Rock – passing mark to starboard,
- Inistearaght Island – rounding mark to starboard,
- Washerwoman Rock (off Great Skellig) – passing mark to port,
- Bull Rock and Gull Rock (170m west of Bull Rock) – passing mark to port,
- Cape Clear Island – passing mark to port,
- Stags (Kowloon Bridge) Cardinal mark – passing mark to port,
- Finish Kinsale Bostoon line (see Appendix A).

6. Time Limit

6.1 Latest finishing time 18.00hrs on Sunday 22nd May 2022. This time limit may be extended by the Organising Authority.



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7. RRS 41 – Outside Help.

Rule 41(c) is replaced by:-

“A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.” By way of example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

8. Prizes and Trophies.

8.1 The prizes will be presented in Kinsale Yacht Club on Sunday 22nd May 2022 at 19.00hrs or any alternative time as advised by the Organising Authority.

Trophies will be awarded to the following;

- Line honours.
- First placed in IRC.
- First placed boat in ECHO.

Where a boat is scored first in both IRC and ECHO the ECHO trophy will be awarded to the boat that scored second in ECHO.

9. Safety and Life Saving Equipment.

Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: “Each Competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.”

However, in the Inishtearaght race, a combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile



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10. Disclaimer of Liability/Risk Statement.

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event,
- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew

11. Insurance.

It is the duty of each boat owner to have his/her boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the Inishtearaght Race..

12. Protests.

12.1 Protests shall be written on forms or online on www.kyc.ie and lodged as soon as is practical after finishing the race but no later than 18.00hrs on Sunday 22nd May 2022.

12.2 The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

12.3 The level of penalties for infringements of the rules shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be disqualification, a points penalty or no penalty. This changes RRS 64.1.

13. Penalty.



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The Two-Turns Penalty, RRS 44, will apply. A yacht having taken a penalty shall report the incident(s) while declaring the finish time (14.2).

14. The Finish.

14.1 Competitors shall finish at the Boston Line (Appendix A). 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 by text or WhatsApp to KYC Sailing Secretary (085 8143084). The finishing time shall be declared as soon as possible after finishing and no later than the time limit.

14.2 Upon finishing please also inform KYC Sailing Secretary (text or WhatsApp, 085 8143084) if you intent to lodge a protest or if you have taken a Two-Turns penalty.

15. COVID Statement

By taking part in the race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Kinsale Yacht Club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

APPENDIX A – INISHTEARAGHT RACE – BOSTOON LINE (FINISH)

Finish Line -

The finish line shall be a transit between the lighthouse on Charles Fort and the Boston Bouy (FI(2)R6s on the chart below).

