Simply Blue Group
Sovereign's Cup 2023

Wednesday 21st - Saturday 24th June 2023

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Please see separate NOR for the 1720 Sportsboat European Championships.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY [OA]

1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Kinsale Yacht Club.

1.2. The event is the Simply Blue Group Sovereign' s Cup 2023 (Event).

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing (2021 – 2024), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing (IS), the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, the IS ECHO Performance Handicap System.

2.2. 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. COVID-19.

3.1 After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event the OA will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the Event, may at its sole discretion;

a) Cancel the Event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion,
b) Limit the number of classes or entries per class,
c) Restrict the entries from a region,
d) Use the date order of receipt of entry to determine the cancelled entries if limiting class entries,
e) Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances,
f) Refund the entry fee in full should the OA cancel a class or reject an entry.

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 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.

4.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, WS Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP].

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight.

6 DIVISIONS

6.1 Entrants will be divided into divisions which will not be finalized until after the closing date of 16th June 2023.

6.2 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;

a) The need for a reasonable number of boats in each division,

b) Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division,
c) Extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different breakpoints, may be created,
d) 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 PROGRAMME OF RACES

7.1 The **Skippers Briefing will be held at 1800 Tuesday 20th June 2023** in Kinsale Yacht Club.

7.2 Racing is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 21st June to Saturday 24th June 2023.**

7.3 The scheduled times of the first warning signals for each day's racing will be 11:55 except the Coastal division which will be 10:30

7.4 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 15:30, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signaled.

7.5 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of races over the Event as detailed here:
Spinnaker Divisions – 8 races maximum
Coastal Division Cruisers - 4 races maximum
White Sail Divisions – 6 races maximum

8 SCORING & DISCARDS

8.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

8.2 Discards will apply as follows:

Spinnaker and White Sail Divisions - If 5 or more races are completed 1 discard shall apply.

Coastal Division - 1 discard if 4 races sailed.

9 FEES & ENTRY.

9.1 The cut off criteria for Early Entry Fee is **15th March 2023.** Closing date for entries is **16th June 2023** unless extended by the OA.

Entry Fee length in feet	By 15th Mar	Thereafter
45' – 50'	**€520**	**€600**
42' – 45'	**€470**	**€550**
38' – 42'	**€400**	**€470**
32' – 38'	**€360**	**€420**
28' – 32'	**€330**	**€380**
Under 28'	**€280**	**€330**

9.2 The entry fee includes marina berthing for the competing boat from Tuesday night 20th June to Saturday night 24th June inclusive

9.3 Entries are accepted for the full Regatta only - boats may not enter for individual races.

9.4 Entries may be made online through the event website

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

10 RATINGS & HANDICAPS

10.1 IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 16th June 2023 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. The OA may accept later dated certificates in exceptional circumstances.

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.

10.1.4 The name/s of the equipment inspector/s and/or measurer/s shall be published on the official online notice board.

10.2 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.

10.3 Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap

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 [DP].

12 PRIZES

Overall Prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.

12.1 *The Sovereign's C*up 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.

12.4 *The Axiom Trophy* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard in the Coastal Division.

12.3 *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

12.4 *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.

12.5 Final prize giving for the Simply Blue Group Sovereign' s Cup 2023 will take place on Saturday 24th June in Kinsale Yacht club.

12.6 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 KYC. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the event website.

Registration will take place on the following day:

- Tuesday 20th June 12:00 – 20:00

14 RACING AREA & COURSES

14.1 Races will be sailed in the waters off Kinsale Harbour.

14.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward, coastal or fixed mark courses.

14.3 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 The Social Program will be on the event website closer to the event.

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.

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. The wearing of personal flotation devices is 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

18.1 Marina berths will be available**, free of charge, from Tuesday 20th June until 12:00 on Sunday 25th June 2023**. 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 and/or moorings may be used. All Marina berths will be allocated at the discretion of the OA and are subject to suitable space availability.

19 SPONSORSHIP

The Sovereign's Cup 2023 is proudly sponsored by Simply Blue Group.

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

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