



KINSALE YACHT CLUB



NOTICE OF RACE

Kinsale Inishtearaght Race

24th May 2024

Sponsored by Matthews of Cork



Photo by Dave Cullinane

1. Organising Authority. The Organising Authority 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 2024, the



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rules of SCORA, the rules of ECHO, the Sailing Instructions (“SIs”) of this race and any amendments thereto.

2.3 Echo 8.3 Classification clause is deleted in full - as permitted in the rules of ECHO.

2.4 Each boat must have a minimum of three crew to qualify for entry (skipper and two others) apart from boats entered in the Double Handed Class.

2.5 This is a mono hull Category 3 race as per the ‘World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)’ and any amendments thereto for 2024 will apply. Each yacht is also required to have on-board a Category 2 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.

3. Eligibility

3.1 To be eligible to enter Kinsale Yacht Club (“KYC” or the “Club”) Inishtearaght Race 2024, 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.

3.3 All yachts shall complete the online Registration Form which will be available on the Kinsale Yacht Club website prior to racing.

3.4 The Inishtearaght Race is an All In IRC and ECHO race – no class divisions apply. The Organising Authority shall assign initial ECHO handicaps for each boat. Such handicaps shall not be subject to protest or request for redress.

3.5 Briefing for skippers of all competing boats will take place in KYC @ 20:00 hrs on Thursday 23rd May 2024.

3.6 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 18:00 hrs on Thursday 23rd May 2024.

3.7 The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the Rules and Regulations described in this Notice of Race 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 2024 IRC Rating certificate issued no later than 1700hrs on Wednesday 22nd May 2024;
- 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) 2024 for races of OSR Category 3 Monohulls with a Category 2 life raft and AIS Transponder

3.8 Crew.

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”.



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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.

3.9 Automatic Steering – Double Handed.

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

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 <http://www.rorc.org/>) and declaration stating that the boat complies with the World Sailing Special Offshore Regulations and return to sailingsecretary@kyc.ie by Wednesday 22nd May 2024.

3.11 IRPCAS.

Between local sunset and sunrise, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall cease to be applicable and shall be replaced by IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea). Between the times of local sunset and sunrise a boat shall take a scoring penalty as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

3.12 Advertising

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

4. Sailing Instruction.

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Event website prior to registration

5. Start

5.1 First Gun is at 08:55 hrs on Friday 24th May 2024 and it will be an All-in start in or outside Kinsale harbour. The start line to be used will be advised in the Sailing Instructions and at the skippers briefing.

6.The course.

6.1

- Start Kinsale, round Inishtearaght and finish in Kinsale.
- Details of any passing marks or virtual marks on the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- The approximate position of Inishtearaght is 52°04.541' North 010°39.677' West.



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7. Time Limit

7.1 Latest finishing time 18.00hrs on Sunday 26th May 2024. This time limit may be extended by the Organising Authority.

8. 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.

9. Prizes and Trophies.

9.1 The prizes will be presented in Kinsale Yacht Club on Sunday 26th May 2024 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 double handed boat in IRC.
- First placed in Echo. Where a boat is placed first in both IRC and Echo then the Echo trophy shall be awarded to the second placed boat in Echo.

10. 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



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- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

See also Special Regulation 5.02. 2020-2021

11. 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

12. 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.



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13. Further Information.

For further information please contact
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