KYC SCORA FASTNET RACE Sponsored by UK Sailmakers Ireland

Friday 23rd May 2025

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority for the Fastnet Race 2025 is Kinsale Yacht Club.
1.2 This Race will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club on Friday 23rd May 2025.
1.3 Race Headquarters will be in Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, Co. Cork.
1.4 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be online at kyc.ie.

2. RULES

2.1 The Race will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rules 2025, the ICRA ECHO Class Rules 2021, the Rules of SCORA, World Sailing Offshore special regulations Category 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 cruisers and racer/cruisers.
2.2 Each boat must have a minimum of two crew to qualify for entry. (Skipper and one other)

Kinsale Yacht Club Fastnet Race Sailing Instructions

3 ENTRIES

3.1 Eligible yachts should enter online at UK Sailmakers Ireland Kinsale Fastnet Race 2025 - Kinsale Yacht Club.

3.2 The Crew List must be submitted online before 17.00hrs Fri 23rd May. See UK Sailmakers Ireland Kinsale Fastnet Race 2025 - Kinsale Yacht Club. 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 + Life raft race as per the 'World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations, see World Sailing - Offshore Special Regulations. Each yacht is 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 1530 hrs on Friday 23rd May 2025.

4.3 As per OSR 3.29.7 each yacht is required to have an AIS Transponder which either: a) shares the masthead VHF antenna via a low loss AIS antenna splitter, or b) has a dedicated AIS antenna not less than 38 cm (15") in length mounted with its base not less than 3 m (10') above the waterline and co-axial feeder cable with not more than 40% power loss.

4.4 The attention of every competitor is drawn to RRS 1.2 which states "each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

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 Michele Kennelly by mobile phone (085 8143084), text message or WhatsApp and, where possible, to the lead yacht on CH 69.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event website and on the event WhatsApp.

.2 Briefing for skippers of all competing boats will take place in KYC @ 17.00 hrs on Friday 23rd May 2025.

7. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event Official Notice Board online at UK Sailmakers Ireland Kinsale Fastnet Race 2025 - Kinsale Yacht Club.

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. ADVERTISING

9.2 Yachts may be required to display sponsor decals.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 Start KYC Charles Fort Line – Round Fastnet Rock to Port – Finish KYC Bostoon Line.

10.2 Competitors must sail to the south of the Kowloon Bridge south cardinal mark.

11. THE START

11.1 There will be an all-in start with the first gun at 18.55hrs Friday 23rd May 2025.

11.2 The start shall be either at the Charles Fort Line (Appendix A) or any alternative line as advised at the skippers briefing.

11.3 A yacht shall start not later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 Competitors shall finish at the Bostoon Line (Appendix B). Competitors shall note the correct time in Irish Summertime (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 Michele Kennelly (085 8143084). The finishing time shall be declared as soon as possible after finishing and no later than the time limit.

12.2 Upon finishing please also inform Michele Kennelly (text or WhatsApp) if you intend to lodge a protest.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 Latest finishing time 12.00hrs on Sunday 25th May 2025.

14 PROTESTS

14.1 Protest forms should be completed online as soon as is practical after finishing the race but no later than 12.30hrs on Sunday 25th May 2025. See UK Sailmakers Ireland Kinsale Fastnet Race 2025 - Kinsale Yacht Club.

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

15 PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING.

15.1 Sponsors prizes and trophies will be presented on Sunday 25th May at 13:00 Hrs. The following trophies shall apply.

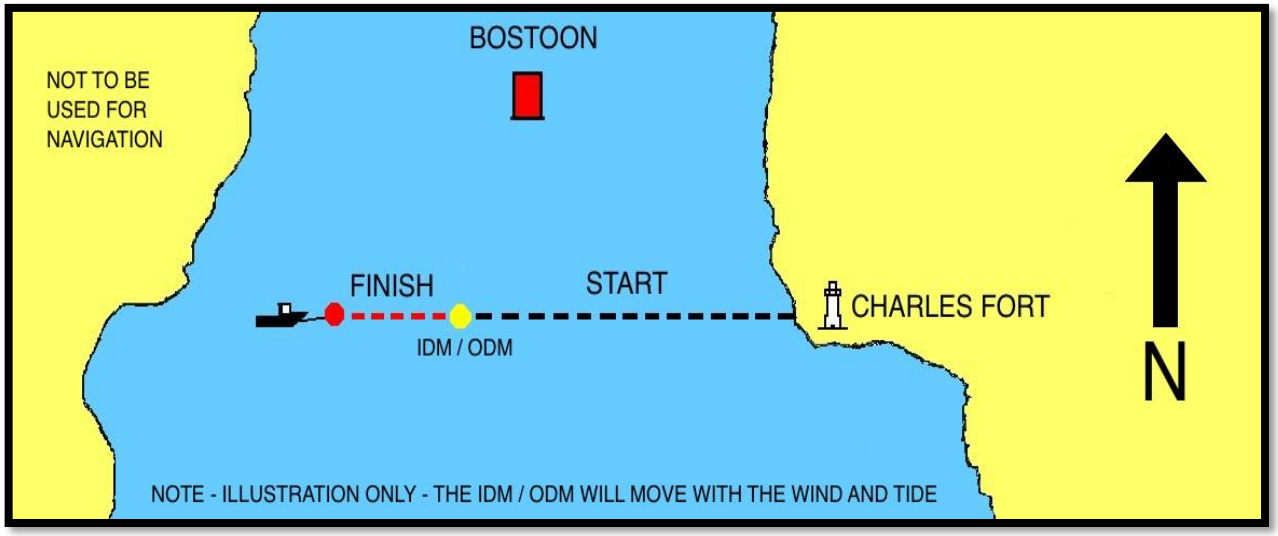
- The Fastnet Trophy shall be awarded to the yacht with the lowest corrected time in IRC.
- The Ocean Trophy shall be awarded to the yacht with the second lowest corrected time in IRC.
- The Minihane Trophy shall be awarded to the yacht with the lowest corrected time in Echo. If the yacht that has the lowest corrected time in Echo wins either the Fastnet or Ocean trophy the Minihane trophy shall be awarded to the yacht with the next lowest corrected time in Echo
- The Jolie Brise Trophy shall be awarded to the KYC boat who has the lowest corrected time in Echo. If the KYC yacht that has the lowest corrected time in Echo wins either the Fastnet, Ocean or Minihane trophy, the Jolie Brise shall be awarded to the KYC yacht with the next lowest corrected time in Echo.

APPENDIX A - FASTNET RACE START

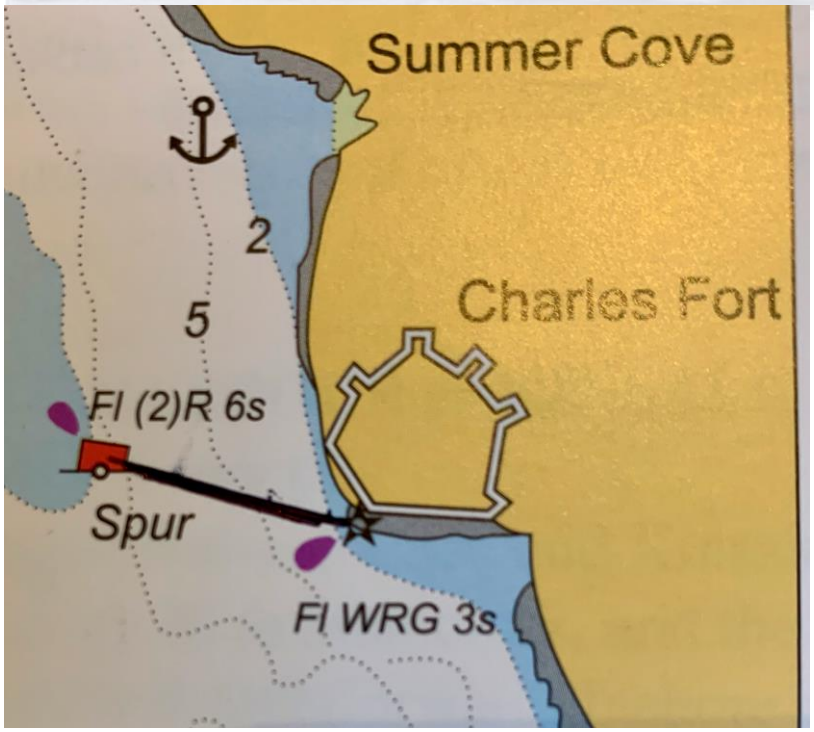
CHARLES FORT LINE

The CHARLES FORT Start Line is between the red and white pole (or the main mast) on the Committee Boat and the Lighthouse on Charles Fort.

An inner distance mark (IDM) **may** be laid. Where an IDM is laid competitors shall not pass between the IDM and the Committee Boat.



APPENDIX B – FASTNET RACE FINISH

BOSTOON LINE

The finish line shall be a transit between the lighthouse on Charles Fort and the Bostoon Buoy (Fl(2)R6s on the chart below).