KYC (SCORA) Baltimore Race

Saturday 1st August 2026

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority for the Kinsale to Baltimore Race 2026 is Kinsale Yacht Club.

1.2 This Race will be sailed from Kinsale Yacht Club on Saturday 1st August 2026.

1.3 Race Headquarters will be located upstairs in the bar/dining area of Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, Co. Cork.

1.4 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be https://www.kyc.ie/kyc-scora-race-to-baltimore-2026/

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 Rule 2026, the current ICRA ECHO Class Rules, The Rules of SCORA 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)

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Eligible yachts must enter by completing registration on the KYC website - Click Here

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 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 Baltimore race.

5.2 If a boat retires it **must** be reported to Michele Kennelly (085 8143084) and or text message or WhatsApp Group.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on https://www.kyc.ie/kyc-scora-race-to-baltimore-2026/

7. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 10.00hrs on Saturday 1st August 2026

8. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

8.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Mast in the Dinghy Park.

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. CLASS FLAGS

9.1 The race shall be started under Flag C.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 Start KYC Charles Fort Line (see Appendix A) - Kowloon Cardinal, Starboard - Finish Baltimore harbour (see Appendix B).

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 10.55 HRS.

11.2 The start shall be at the Charles Fort Line (Appendix A).

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

12. THE FINISH

12.1 Competitors shall finish on entering Baltimore Harbour as they are abeam of the Loo Rock Buoy (I,e, as the buoy bears 090 degrees). Competitors shall photo the correct time in Irish Summer Time (GMT/ZULU + 1) in the twenty four hour format HR:MIN:SEC from a GPS device. **The correct forum for declaring the finishing time shall be by text or WhatsApp to Michele Kennelly (085) 8143084 with the photo attached . The finishing time shall be declared as soon as possible after finishing** and no later than the time limit.

12.2 Please inform Michele Kennelly 085 8143084 (text or WhatsApp) if you intend to lodge a protest.

13. TIME LIMIT

13.1 Latest finishing time is 22:05 on Saturday 1st August 2026.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 Protests shall be done online at KYC Protest Form - Kinsale Yacht Club

14.2 The Organising Committee needs to be informed of the intention to lodge a protest upon finishing the race.

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

15. PRIZES AND PRIZEGIVING

15.1 Prizes and trophies to be confirmed. The prizes and trophies will be presented outside Baltimore Sailing Club or other location as advised.

16. COMMUNICATION

16.1 The OA may communicate race information with the competitors by WhatsApp / https://chat.whatsapp.com/J9WRa4AF068GvmomgQjQcT?s=cl&p=i&ilr=2

16.2. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that the boat has at least one mobile number connected to the WhatsApp Group.

16.3. The information will only be used by the OA to communicate K2B Race information.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1. THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO STARTING AND CONTINUING A RACE LIES DEFINATIVELY WITH THE SKIPPER OF EACH BOAT AS HE / SHE ALONE IS AT ALL TIMES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS / HER OWN BOAT AND CREW

17.2. RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

17.3. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

(h) It is the duty of each boat owner to have his 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 Event.

18. INSURANCE

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APPENDIX A - CHARLES FORT LINE (START)

Start 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.

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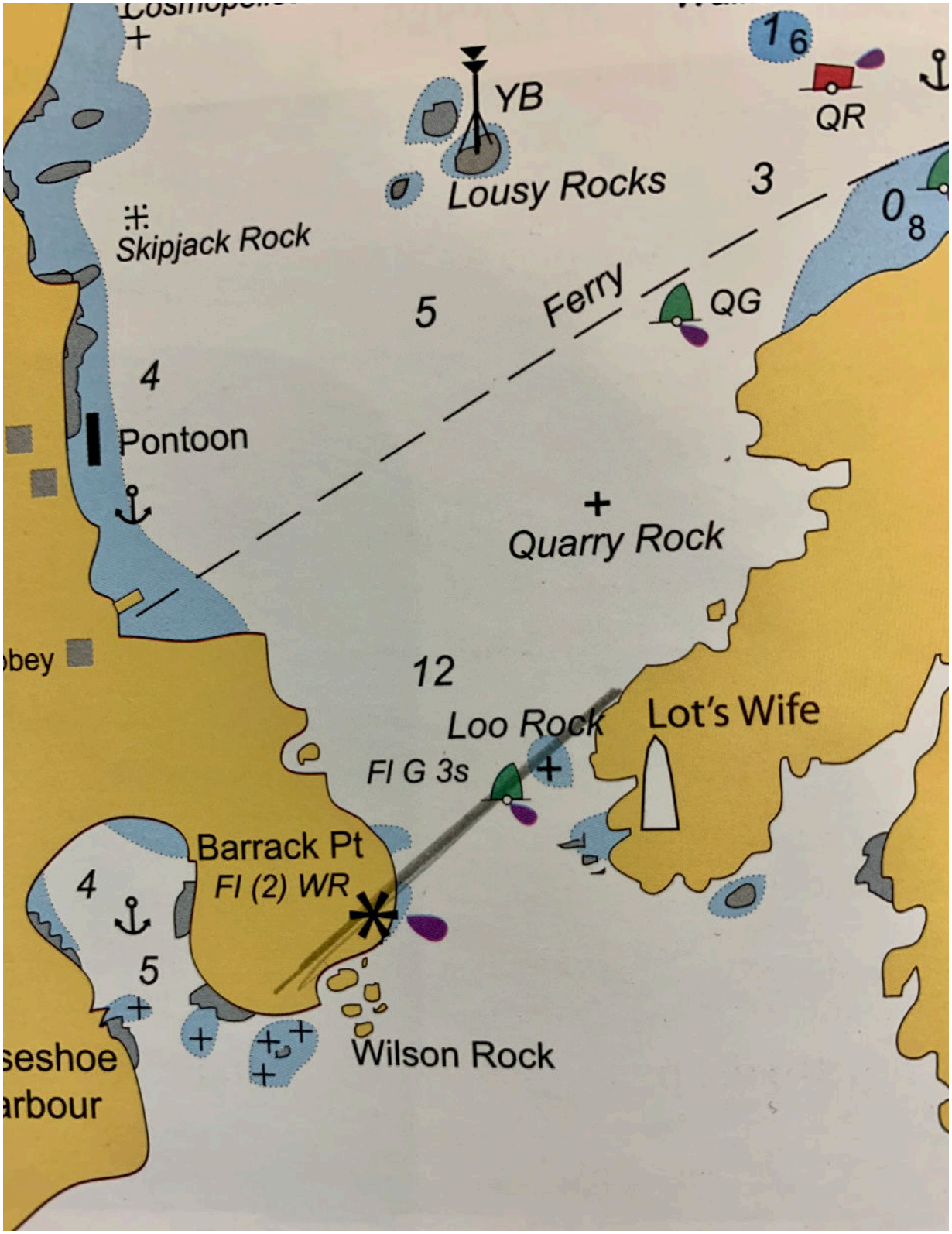
APPENDIX B BALTIMORE FINISH