

WIORA – Clifden 2011

West Coast Championships – 13th to 16th July

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (page 1)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall apply as in RRS 88. See Appendix 3
- 1.3 The IRC Rating Rule 2010 parts A,B and C, the ISA Echo Performance Handicap System, the constitution of WIORA, Class Association Rules where applicable, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto shall also apply. In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office (Sailing School Portacabin beside CBC Clubhouse).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930hrs on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Clubhouse and/or the Race Office.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 90 minutes' in the RRS race signals. Boats should not leave the Moorings until this flag is lowered.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, or on the Committee Boat rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 For each Class seven races are scheduled and it is intended to hold two races on Wednesday, two races on Thursday, one race on Friday and two races on Saturday.
- 5.2 First Gun on Wednesday will be at 1200hrs. On subsequent days, First Gun will be at 1130hrs.
- 5.3 It is proposed to leave a time interval of ONE minute between the start of one class and the Warning Signal of the next class to start.
- 5.4 It is intended that the Racing Program will include a variety of laid, round the cans and distance courses.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Class flags will be:

Class Flag

- 1 _____ Numeral Pennant 1
- 2 _____ Numeral Pennant 2
- 3 _____ Numeral Pennant 3
- Whitesails _____ Numeral Pennant 4

- 6.2 Boats shall display prominently their division pennants from their backstay at all times while racing.
- 6.3 Any boat not doing so may be scored DNF.



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7 RACING AREAS

7.1 RACE AREA 1: Inside Clifden Bay

7.2 RACE AREA 2: Outside Clifden Bay

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in APPENDIX 1 show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will be advised on Ch 14.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be the new WIORA Crewsaver Orange Marks, but local race marks may also be used.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting and finishing marks will be between a red & white pole on the Committee Boat and a red pin end buoy. The Committee boat may deploy an inner distance mark. A boat shall not pass between the IDM and the Committee Boat.

10.2 An alternative start line may be used. If so, this will be advised.

10.3 Races will be started by using rule 26.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.5 Starting Time Limit. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.6 Starting information may be broadcast on VHF Ch 14

11 CHANGE OF COURSE / SHORTENING COURSE / MARK MISSING

11.1 Any alteration to the course after the starting signal will be in accordance with RRS 32, 33 & 34, except when a Committee boat is flying an F flag at a rounding mark. This means that all relevant boats will sail from that rounding mark directly to the finishing line which will be depicted by a Committee boat flying a blue flag. This is an addition to Rule 32. This alteration MAY be advised on Ch.14.

12 RETIRING

12.1 A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between the red and white pole on the committee boat and the finishing mark.

13.2 An alternative finishing line may be used. If so, this will be advised.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Penalties are as follows

14.1 A boat breaking RRS 31 (hitting a mark) shall take a One Turn Penalty as in RRS 44.2

14.2 A boat breaking a Rule of Part 2 (when boats meet) shall take a Penalty as in RRS 44.2 and 44.3. The Penalty shall be 20%.

14.3 Rules 44.1a and 44.1b also apply.



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15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit for all boats racing laid courses will be 3 hours

15.2 The time limit for all boats racing distance courses will be 5 hours

15.3 For Classes 1,2 and 3, if any boat finishes within the time limit, then the limit is extended by 30 minutes.

15.4 For Whitesails racing laid courses; if any boat finishes within the time limit, then the limit is extended by 60 minutes.

15.5 For Whitesails racing distance courses; if any boat finishes within the time limit, then the limit is extended by 2 hours.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office, located beside the CBC Clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the OOD must be informed after a race of a boat's intention to protest. On days with two races, a boat protesting an incident in the first race must inform the OOD of their intention to protest before the warning signal for the second race.

16.3 Protest time limit (the time allowed to lodge a Protest at the Race Office) is 90 minutes after the last boat of that class has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3

16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Race Office.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.6 A crew member from any yacht may be selected to serve on a protest committee.

17 SCORING

17.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A shall apply, except a boat finishing first shall score .75 points

17.2 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3 RRS A7 and RRS A8 shall apply in the event of a race or series tie.

17.4 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

18 LOCAL RULES

18.1 All competitors must make themselves available for protest committee.

18.2 Skippers brief on the first day will be 10:30am at Clifden Boat Club.

18.3 Skippers are asked to insure that boats not racing KEEP clear of boats that are racing at all times.



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Extra Local Notes

- 18.4 Please note the position and depth of the sand bar in the bay !! (**highlighted on the chart**).
- 18.5 Water Taxis to the yachts will be provided during rush times (ie getting afloat for first race of a day and getting ashore after last race of day) but in order to be independent outside of these times **please bring your own tender** if you have one.
- 18.6 Early evening entertainment will be in the Club from end of racing until after the prize giving.
- 18.7 Late night entertainment will be provided in one of the 4 venues in the town see page **6&7** of the event publication.
- 18.8 Event Coordinator is Paul Ryan.

19 ADVERTISING

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

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Competitors are advised to keep a listening watch on VHF Ch 14 for all ‘on the course’ Racing information. This information shall not constitute ‘outside assistance’ as in RRS41. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Individual Race Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entrants in each class and on both IRC and ECHO handicap systems. The ‘West Coast Champion’ will be awarded to the boat which has, in the opinion of the Race Committee, given the best performance under the IRC Handicapping system.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the West Coast Championship entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race.

22.2 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 regatta.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring.

24 MEDIA WAIVER

24.1 Competitors give their consent to the Clifden Boat Club, its sponsors, and the organising authority to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote WIORA.

25 MEDIA PERSON

25.1 For the purpose of promoting WIORA, a boat may carry an accredited media person as a supernumerary to the crew limits specified in NOR(IRC+1).

25.2 A Boat must obtain prior permission of the Race Committee to carry such a person.

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Course Type Diagram

