



Notice of Race

Issued: 5th July 2011

The Ladies Cup 2011

and

**Northwest Offshore
Racing Association
Championship 2011**

at

**Sligo Yacht Club
Rosses Point
August 12th – 14th**

1. **RULES**

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IR2000 (IRC) rating rule, the ECHO ISA Performance Handicap system, the ISAF / ORC Safety Regulations Category 4, Class Association Rules where applicable, the Notice of race the Sailing Instruction and any amendments thereto. Sports boats & One-Designs shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 5 races.

2. **HANDICAP SYSTEMS**

- 2.1 ECHO handicaps may be revised during the Championships by the handicapping authority for the event. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for protest.
- 2.2 Revised ECHO handicaps will be published prior to their implementation.
- 2.3 Crew Limitation in Class 1 and Class 2 shall be as per IRC Certificate plus 1.
- 2.4 Crew Limitation in Class 3 shall be as per IRC Certificate.
- 2.5 An IRC boat may carry one ISAF category 3 sailor on one day only. The group 3 sailor is not allowed to helm.

3. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

- 3.1 The organising authority for the NORA Championship 2011 and the Ladies Cup is Sligo Yacht Club in association with the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association (WIORA).
- 3.2 All entries should be addressed to John Buckley (contact details below).
- 3.3 Participants shall become honorary members of Sligo Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

4. **ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1 Class racing is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports / Day boats.
- 4.2 IRC Certificates must be valid for the 2011 season.
- 4.3 Depending on number of entries, boats may be divided into different classes
- 4.4 Bands may be adjusted at the discretion of the organizing committee.
- 4.5 The NORA Championship organizing committee may, in their absolute discretion, assign a yacht to any class.
- 4.6 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and sending it, together with the entry fee, to John Buckley (address below) by 5th August 2011.

5. **ENTRY**

- 5.1 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the **NORA** championship Organizing Committee.
- 5.2 Entries shall:
- a) Comply with ISA or other national authority eligibility requirements.
 - b) Submit a copy of their current **ECHO** and / or **IRC** Certificate on or before 12th Aug 2011. No alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a protest, or to correct a rating office error.
 - c) Complete and return a valid Entry Form accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee.
- 5.3 Entry Fee - €100
- 5.4 Sligo Yacht Club and the Event Organizing Committee reserve the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations.
- 5.5 The closing dates for entries is the 5th Aug 2011.
- 5.6 All fees must be paid in full before a yacht is eligible to enter the event.
- 5.7. Late entries (entries received after 17.00hrs on Friday 5th Aug 2011) may be accepted by the Organizing Committee and will be subject to an additional payment of €40.00 Euro and the appropriate entry fee.
- 5.8 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the **NORA** Organizing Committee.

6 CLASSES

- 6.1 Yachts will be divided into the following Classes: Class 1/ Class 2 / Class 3 and White Sails.
- 6.2 Sports / Day Boats may have a separate class or sail within a class at discretion of the Championship Organizing Committee.

7 EVENT SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration Friday 12th Aug 2011 From 11.00 To 13.30
- 7.2 Briefing Friday 12th Aug 2011 13.00
- 7.3 Schedule of Racing
 - Friday 12th Aug 2011 Race 1 15.00
 - Friday 12th Aug 2011 Race 2 Following Race 1
 - Saturday 13th Aug 2011 Race 3 11.00
 - Saturday 13th Aug 2011 Race 4 Following Race 3
 - Saturday 13th Aug 2011 Race 5 Following Race 4
 - Sunday 14th Aug 2011 Race 6 11:00

It is intended to hold 6 races for all classes with a selection of windward/leeward and round the cans races. A short coastal race may be included at the discretion of the organizing committee.

- 7.5 The race committee reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

(Entry form and Sailing Instruction will be available on www.sligoyachtclub.ie prior to the event).

9. VENUE

Sligo Yacht Club,
Rosses Point,
Co. Sligo.

9.2 Racing Areas.

(Will be described at the briefing)

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system shall be the Low Point System in accordance with RRS 2009-2012 Appendix A.
- 10.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 10.3 Races 1 to 6 will count towards the NORA championship with 1 discard applied if 5 or more races are sailed
- 10.4 2 to 6 will count towards the Ladies Cup with 1 discard applied if 5 or more races are sailed.
- 10.5 Results will be given under ECHO and IRC systems where appropriate.

11. BERTHING

Visiting boats may berth at the Sligo City pontoon from 5 Aug up to 21 Aug. Every effort will be made to provide moorings at Rosses Point for the racing dates (Aug 12 – 14)

12. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Overall Series - 1st place prizes will be awarded in each class.

Race Prizes may be awarded in each class.

13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

13.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. The Northwest Offshore Racing Association (NORA), Sligo Yacht Club, their member's, their officers, servants, sponsor's, representatives 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.

13.2 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue. It is the owner's responsibility to draw attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer.

13.3 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, this includes racing risks. Owners may be asked to show their insurance certificates.

14. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact

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