



Sovereign's Cup 2021

Wednesday 23rd- Saturday 26th June 2021

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NOTICE OF RACE

Regatta Overview.

Given the potential uncertainty of Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions that may be required at the time of this Event, it is intended to reduce the number of boats participating from that of recent Events.

The target number of boats is **50 boats**. This total number of boats may, at the discretion of the OA, be either be increased or decreased in order to be compliant with the Covid-19 guidelines which may be in place at the time of the event.

Coronavirus COVID-19



This event is subject to the Covid 19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions are changing as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY [OA]

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the Kinsale Yacht Club.
- 1.2. The event is the Sovereign's Cup 2021 (Event).

2. RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing (IS), the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, the IS ECHO Performance Handicap System.
- 2.2. The Sovereign's Cup 2021 is a **World Sailing OSR Category 4 event** with the following exceptions of paragraphs 3.27, 4.07, 4.17, 4.18, 4.26.
- 2.3. The OA reminds all persons in charge of their obligations in regard to these Regulations. Copies of the Special Regulations are available from the World Sailing website at www.sailing.org
- 2.4. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

3. COVID-19 - CANCELLATION.

- 3.1 After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event, the OA will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and having regard for the health and safety of all participants, as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the Event, may at its sole discretion;
 - a) Cancel the Event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion,
 - b) Limit the number of classes or entries per class,
 - c) Restrict the entries from a region,
 - d) Use the date order of receipt of entry to determine the cancelled entries if limiting class entries,
 - e) Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances,
 - f) Refund the entry fee in full should the OA cancel a class or reject an entry.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 The OA reserves the right to refuse entry to the Event, if there is in its opinion, a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the Event sponsor.
- 4.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, WS Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP].

5 SAILOR CLASSIFICATION

There are no sailor classification restrictions applicable to the Sovereign's Cup 2021.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted. There is no limit on crew number or crew weight.

7 DIVISIONS

- 7.1 Entrants will be divided into divisions which will not be finalised until after the closing date of **9th June, 2021**.
- 7.2 The composition of divisions will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria;
 - a) The need for a reasonable number of boats in each division,
 - b) Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each division,
 - c) Extra divisions from those used in previous years, with different breakpoints, may be created,
 - d) It is the intention of the OA to have a Coastal Division for Cruisers.
- 7.3 The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any division.

8 PROGRAM OF RACES

- 8.1 The **Skippers Briefing will be held at 1800 Tuesday 22nd June 2021** at Kinsale Yacht Club.
- 8.2 Racing is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday 23rd June to Saturday 26th June 2021.**
- 8.3 The scheduled times of the first warning signals for each days racing will be 11:55 except the Coastal division which will be 10:30
- 8.4 On the last scheduled day no warning signal will be made after 15:30, except in the case of a race where a postponement, abandonment or general recall has been signaled.
- 8.5 Races will be scheduled to achieve a program of **Eight** races maximum over the Event with the exception of the Coastal Division for Cruisers where the program will consist of four races maximum.

9 SCORING & DISCARDS

- 9.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 9.2 If 5 or more races are completed 1 discard shall apply excluding Coastal. Coastal , 1 discard if 4 races sailed.

10 FEES & ENTRY.

- 10.1 The cut off criteria for Early Entry Fee is **15th February 2021**. Closing date for entries is **9th June, 2021** unless extended by the OA. All entries received by Feb 15th the will be entered for a draw : €200 voucher for Kinsale Good Food Circle.

Entry Fee	By 15th Feb.	By 26th April	Thereafter
length in feet			
45' – 50'	€500	€550	€600
42' – 45'	€450	€475	€550
38' – 42'	€400	€430	€470
32' – 38'	€350	€375	€420
28' – 32'	€320	€340	€380
Under 28'	€275	€300	€330

- 10.2 The entry fee includes marina berthing for the competing boat from Tuesday night 22nd. June until 12:00 hrs. Sunday 27th June inclusive.
- 10.3 Entries are accepted for the full Regatta only - boats may not enter for individual races.
- 10.4 Entries may be made online through the event website
- 10.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 10.6 There will be an addition fee for craning in and out from the pier for boats arriving by road by prior appointment.

11. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

11.1 IRC certificates shall be ENDORSED and have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 9th June, 2021 and are required to race in all IRC Divisions with the exception of Class 5 White Sail IRC when an unendorsed IRC certificate will suffice.

11.1.1 No alteration in a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.

11.1.2 A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.

11.1.3 If, for any reason, a boat's TCC is changed after the cut-off date above it shall be the duty of the boat's owner or any other person in charge to inform the OA of any Change immediately and any increased TCC shall be applied to all races in calculating her series score. This provision is subject to para 10.1.5

11.1.4 The name/s of the equipment inspector/s and/or measurer/s shall be published on the official notice board for the duration of the event [RRS 78]

11.1.5 The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.

11.1.6 A copy of the boat's current IRC **Endorsed** certificate shall be included with the entry form or submitted at registration. **This copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.**

11.2 The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.

11.3 Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap based on current ECHO handicap standard as administered by the ISA. A system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will

apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62)

12. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out once launched and during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written Permission of the OA [DP].

13. PRIZES

Overall Prizes and trophies will be awarded under IRC and ECHO.

13.1 *The Sovereign's Cup* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under IRC.

13.2 *The Portcullis Trophy* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under ECHO.

13.3 *A White Sail Trophy* will be presented to the boat which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee performs to the highest standard under white sail

13.4 *The Michelle Dunne Prix d'Elegance Trophy* will be presented to the boat and crew which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee is the best turned out at the regatta.

13.5 Final prize giving for the Sovereigns Cup 2021 and will take place on Saturday 29th June at Kinsale Yacht club.

13.6 Other prizes may be assigned at the discretion of the OA

14. REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All entrants shall register with the Event Office in the KYC. Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be posted on the event website.

Registration will take place on the following days:

- Monday 21st June 14:00 – 17:00
- Tuesday 22nd June 10:00 – 18:00

15 RACING AREA & COURSES

- 15.1 Races will be sailed in the waters off Kinsale Harbour.
- 15.2 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward, coastal or fixed mark courses
- 15.3 Competitors are advised to ensure there is a working VHF radio on board each boat as the courses for the Round the Cans races may be called out on VHF.

16. ACCOMODATION & SOCIAL

- 16.1 Information on local accommodation will be available on the Event website.
- 16.2 Entertainment may be provided after racing each day.
- 16.3 Competitors are granted temporary membership of KYC for the duration of the Event subject only to the Club rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, Sponsors and Stakeholders 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. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Regatta, 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 Regatta.
- 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 omissions.
- 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 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) The wearing of personal flotation devices is a statutory requirement in Ireland for anyone on board a boat under 7 meters in length and by anyone under the age of 16 on the deck of a boat and is strongly recommended on all boats at all times.
- h) It is the competitor's responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event.

18. COVID STATEMENT

PARTICIPANT WELFARE

During the COVID 19 pandemic, the OA will endeavour to adhere to any legislative and national guidelines in place at the time of the Event. This may include the need to register participants and visitors for contact tracing. Numbers may need to be restricted, both ashore and at sea, and in that instance, a boat's entry date will determine its place on any eligibility list, should that be required.

The OA takes its responsibility very seriously with regard to any risk minimisation and may place social distancing and other measures in place in the environs of Event.

By taking part in this event, covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures of Kinsale Yacht Club. Any specific guidance or protocols that govern the event will be published on the official notice board.

Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a Regatta or Club official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

Reasonable actions by Regatta and Club officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

19. INSURANCE

It is a condition of entry for each boat owner to have their boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil liability to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the event.

20. MARINA

Marina berths will be available, **free of charge, from Tuesday 22nd June until 12:00 on Sunday 27th June 2021.**

Each entry will be allocated a unique sequential number upon receipt of payment to KYC. Marina berths will be allocated in accordance with the best management of the space available combined with this unique sequential number. If a large number of entries is received an overflow Marina may be used. All Marina berths will be allocated at the discretion of the OA and are subject to suitable space availability.

21. SPONSORSHIP

The Sovereign's Cup 2021 is proudly sponsored by O 'Leary Insurance Group

22. MEDIA WAIVER

Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or so license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of cruiser racing. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recorded during the Event free of charge,

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit www.kyc.ie www.sovereignscup.com
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