



NOTICE OF RACE

SOVEREIGN'S CUP 2011

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authority for the **SOVEREIGNS CUP REGATTA 2011** is KINSALE YACHT CLUB
- 1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to the Sovereigns Cup, Kinsale Yacht Club, Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland.
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E-mail: info@kyc.ie. Web site; www.kyc.ie.
The 2011 Sovereigns Cup will run from
WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE TO SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2011
- 1.3 Participants shall become honorary members of Kinsale Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

2. RULES AND HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), The Ocean Safety(IRC) rating rule, the Progressive Performance Handicap, the ISAF Safety Regulations Category 4, Class Association Rules where applicable, this NOTICE OF RACE, and the SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Advertising code Category C. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to reserves the right to refuse entry to the Regatta if in its opinion there is a conflict between a competitor's sponsor and the event sponsor.
- 2.3 IRC Crew limits will **not** apply, except for the 1720 class and quarter ton class, where they shall apply.
- 2.4 Competitors in the IRC Divisions (excluding White Sail IRC) shall have Endorsed Certificates.
White Sail IRC competitors shall have IRC Certificates, but they need not be endorsed.
Note: Competitors in the Gentlemans Class, or those who choose to race *only* under the Progressive system in any class will not be required to have a handicap certificate. The Race Committee shall assign starting handicaps in the Progressive Classes.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND DIVISION BANDS

- 3.1 Cruiser Class racing is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers and Cruiser/Racers and sportsboats (subject to minimum number of entries)
- 3.2 Eligible boats are those that comply with the relevant handicapping systems and comply with the definition of a cruiser or sportsboat in the Irish Cruiser Racing Association Constitution. The Quarter Ton class shall determine eligibility for that class.
- 3.4 Sports boats and 1720's shall race in the Open Sportsboat Class.
- 3.5 Divisions will be based on IRC TCF's and will be finalized prior to the event. (Subject to the Organising Committees right to allocate a boat to any Division)
- 3.6 Division Bands will be published on the 1st of May 2011 at the latest
- 3.7 The Regatta Committee may in their absolute discretion assign a yacht to any Division

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee. Entry fees as per Entry Form. The first 100 entries shall be eligible for a discount on the Entry fee.
- 4.2 Entrants shall:
 - (A) Comply with ISA or other National Authority eligibility requirements
 - (B) Submit a copy of their current Endorsed IRC Certificates on or before 01 June 2011
No alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after that date, except as a result of a rating protest or to correct rating office errors. Entrants to the Gentleman's Class need not submit a handicap certificate. See note below
 - (C) Complete and return a valid Entry Form accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee
- 4.3 Kinsale Yacht Club and the Sovereign's Cup Regatta Committee reserve the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations
- 4.4 The closing date for entries is:
17.00hrs on Tuesday 14th June 2011

5 LATE ENTRIES AND REFUND

- 5.1 Entries received after 17.00 on 14th June 2011 may be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.
- 5.2 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the Regatta Committee

6 REGISTRATION

- 6.1 All entrants shall register with the Race Office in Kinsale Yacht Club upon arrival in Kinsale and in any case not later than 20.00 on Tuesday 21st June 2011

8 PROGRAMME OF RACES AND RACING AREA

- 8.1 The limits of the racing area will be between Power Head to the east and the Kowloon Bridge Cardinal mark to the West.
- 8.2 There will be racing for all fleets on each day
- 8.3 Course types will be varied with the emphasis on Round the Cans and the Laid Courses i.e. Windward/Leeward, Olympic or Coastal
- 8.4 It is intended to organise a total of 7 races for the IRC Classes, with a variety of Windward / Leeward, Round the Cans and Coastal. The White Sail IRC Classes shall race with the main fleets, The Gentleman's Class shall have one race per day see explanatory note below
- 8.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the schedule of Races depending on prevailing conditions
- 8.6 Published start times will be between 10.00 hrs and 12.00 hrs for the first Race each day.

9 SCORING SYSTEM AND DISCARDS

- 9.1 The Low Points scoring system shall be used except that the score for the first place shall be .75 points. Second and subsequent places shall score points equal to their placing
- 9.2 One discard will be applied in the IRC division if more than six races are completed

10 OVERALL TROPHIES

- 10.1 **The Sovereign's Cup** will be awarded to the yacht, which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee has given the best performance of all yachts in the Regatta under the **IRC system**
- 10.2 **The Portcullis Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht, which in the opinion of the Regatta Committee has given the best performance of all yachts in the Regatta under the **Progressive system**

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded in all classes.
- 11.2 The Regatta Committee may operate a system which restricts the number of prizes awarded to any one competitor

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to each entrant in early June 2011 and will be posted on the web site when available

13 OWNERS RESPONSIBILITIES, INSURANCE AND WAIVERS

- 13.1 Kinsale Yacht Club, Members thereof, and any event Sponsor, are providing this series of races only on the understanding that the Club, its' members, or the Sponsor, or its' representatives, bear no responsibility whatsoever for any loss, damage or injury to any yacht or person howsoever arising, directly or indirectly by any accident or wrongful or negligent act, default or omission of any person during the event.
- 13.2 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owners' representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibility on the Official Entry Form and draw the attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer
- 13.3 Yacht owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, yachts or equipment at all times and however occurring

14 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 14.1 The entry fee includes the cost of a shared marina berth or a swinging mooring from Sunday 19th June to Sunday 26th June 2011. The first 120 entered yachts shall be accommodated on a Marina. Remaining yachts may be directed to swinging moorings.
- 14.2 Each entry shall be issued with a rotation number, based on the the order of receipt of valid, **paid-up**, entry forms. Marina berths on KYC Marina will be strictly allocated based on this number.

15 SOCIAL

- 15.1 Apart from the excellent facilities available in the town of Kinsale a full and varied Social Programme will be organised.

Explanatory note:

White Sail entries who wish to race 'IRC' shall race seven races including a Coastal Race and shall have IRC certs, (endorsed or unendorsed). This class shall race with the main fleets and shall have its' own numeral identifier and pennant.

Other White Sail entries shall race as the Gentleman's Class and have one race per day in a more relaxed atmosphere under the Progressive Handicap system and no handicap certificate is necessary.