



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 to Saturday night 26th 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

