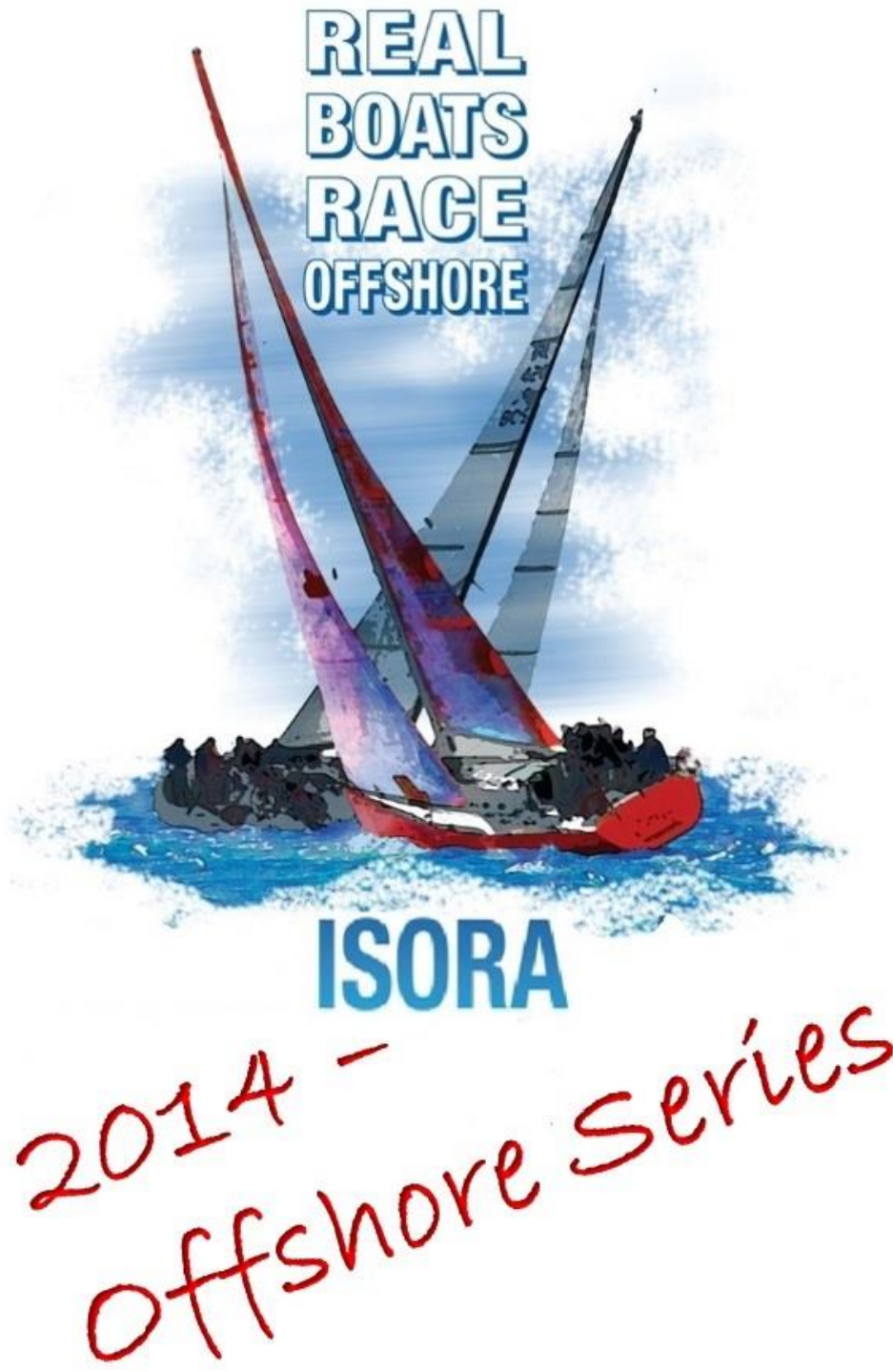




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The Organising Authority is the Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association in association with the National Yacht Club, Dún Laoghaire and The Royal Alfred Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and ISAF OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2014-2015 extract for Race Category 3 Monohulls with Life Raft will apply for all cross channel races. Race Category 3 Monohulls will apply for Day races and the Night Race.
- 1.3. Between sunset and sunrise navigation lights must be lit. These, and any emergency navigation lights carried, must conform to Rule 22 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Boats that cannot comply with these Regulations must retire from the race.
- 1.4. RRS Part 2 (WHEN BOATS MEET) does not apply between sunset and sunrise, and is replaced by Part D (Steering and Sailing Rules) of the International Regulations For the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.
- 1.5. Any contravention of Rules, Regulations or Sailing Instructions must be reported in the Declaration.
- 1.6. Waypoints may be used as marks. If so, Rule 28 will be amended accordingly in accordance with the RYA / RORC Guidance – "Racing Around Waypoints" See website for details
- 1.7. The IRC Rules 2014 Parts A, B and C apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The races are open to all boats that have a valid IRC Certificate with a **Minimum SSS base number of 20**.
- 2.2. Boats entering a race must be entered in the race and owned by, or on charter to a member or members of a Sailing Club recognised by its National Authority.
- 2.3. Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft carried on the boat. IRC Rule 22 4.2 shall not apply. There will be no limit (save as before



mentioned with life raft capacity) on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

- 2.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:- **ISORA, c/o National Yacht Club, DunLaoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Phone: +353 1 2805725 Fax: +353 1 2807837 E-mail : sailing@nyc.ie** OR Online at www.nyc.ie
- 2.5. A boat shall enter and lodge a completed entry form and declaration together with the race fee at least 2 hours before the start of the race with the Race Officer of the host club or its entry shall be excluded under RRS 76.
- 2.6. Skippers must have the written parental consent for all crew members under the age of 18.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1. There will be racing for at least 2 classes - IRC & IRC (No Spinnaker) in the series. The number and break points of IRC Classes will be notified in the Sailing Instructions. If fleet numbers allow there will also be a Silver Fleet Division in each of the above Classes. Eligibility for the Silver Fleet Division will be determined by the ISORA Committee and may be based on the previous year's results. The ISORA Committee shall at all times have discretion as to the classes and entries and the right to amend at any time. In addition, if fleet numbers allow, there will be an IRC "No-Spinnaker" Division and a 2-handed Division (IRC Certificate with IRC "short-handed" sub-certificate as appropriate).

4. FEES


- 4.1. Requires fees are stated on the entry form. Entry to a race includes ISORA membership for the owner or skipper of the boat.
- 4.2. Race entry fees are NOT refundable following cancellation from a race.
- 4.3. Separate entry is required to Liverpool Yacht Club for the Midnight Race.





5. RACE SCHEDULE 2014 (race start time may vary)

Race	Title, Description, Date and approximate start time	Weighting
1a	Dun Laoghaire to North Arklow Coastal Race – Saturday 26 th April - (50 mile Day Race) – 10.00 start -	0.9
1b	Pwllheli Castle Race Coastal – Saturday 26 th April - (45 mile Day Race) – 11.00 start -	0.9
2	Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire – Saturday 10 th May – (75 mile offshore) - 08.00 start -	1.2
3	Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead – Saturday 24 th May – (100 mile offshore) - start 08.00 -	1.3
4	Liverpool to Douglas – Midnight Race – Friday 6 th June - (70 mile Offshore) – 20.00 start -	1.2
5	Douglas to Dun Laoghaire – Sunday 8 th June (80 mile Offshore) – start TBA -	1.2
6	Dun Laoghaire Day Coastal Race – Lighthouse Race - Saturday 12 th July (35 mile Offshore) - start 10.00 -	0.9
7	Dun Laoghaire to Pwllheli – Saturday 26 th July - start 8.00	1.2
8a	Dun Laoghaire to North India Coastal Night Race – Friday 8 th August (Night Race) – 20.00 Start -	1.1
8b	Pwllheli to Causeway Coastal Night Race – Friday 8 th August (Night Race) – 20.45 Start -	1.1
9	Dun Laoghaire to ODAS M2 Buoy Coastal Race – Saturday 23 rd August (Day Race) – 10.00 start -	0.9
10	Pwllheli to Dun Laoghaire – Saturday 6 th September (80 mile Offshore) – 08.00 start -	1.2



Qualifying Races shown in **RED** Race Result Weighting shown in **BLUE**

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1. Each boat shall have a valid IRC Rating Certificate. Applications for IRC rating certificates should be made to the RORC Rating Office or to the Irish Sailing Association. The ISA/RORC Rating Office published lists, applicable at the start of a race, will be final for that race, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct a rating office error.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. Sailing Instructions for each race will be posted on www.isora.org approximately 1 week before the race and distributed by email to race/series entrants.



8. SCORING

- 8.1. The scoring system will be the *High Points System* known as CHIPS3 as incorporated into the Sailwave race scoring program. RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply. Points will be multiplied by the Weighting Factor as stated in Section 5 above to reflect the difficulty factor of the race. An explanation of the CHIPS 3 formula can be found on the ISORA Web site.
- 8.2. A boat that is penalised under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

9. ELECTRONIC AIDS, RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1. The use of electronic aids and linked electronic devices is permitted. VHF Transceivers are mandatory.
- 9.2. It is proposed to use the predict Wind tracker system to record the course of all boats entering each race. Entrants are requested to download the Predict Wind app for iPhone or other smartphone and activate it before the start of each race.
- 9.3. The output of the tracker may be required if waypoint marks are used.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be given as follows: Series 1st -3rd Overall and 1st -3rd positions per Class / Division in each race. Trophies will be awarded for Series Overall and Overall Winner of each Race.
- 10.2. Offshore Series: To win the overall ISORA series for the Wolf's Head Trophy boats must complete 3 of the 6 "Qualifying". Points for the overall series will then be taken from the best 5 results.
- 10.3. Coastal Series Best 3 results from the Coastal Races only.
- 10.4. Team Series: 3 boats per team. Teams selected randomly. Best 5 results for each boat. (Traditionally "The Victoria Cup")

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. Competitors participate in the series entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race and General ISORA Condition 14.6. The organizing authority, RORC, ISORA, the host clubs and sponsors of individual races will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.



12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per race or the equivalent.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1. For further information please contact sailing@nyc.ie. Information will be posted on the ISORA website www.isora.org and the National Yacht Club website www.nyc.ie.

14. GENERAL ISORA CONDITIONS

14.1. SAILING COMMITTEE

- 14.1.1. The Sailing Committee shall consist of three Officers from the following: The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of ISORA.

14.2. RESPONSIBILITY UNDER IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker) / IRC (Short Handed).

- 14.2.1. The IRC / IRC (No Spinnaker) / IRC (Short Handed) under which ISORA race, contain sections affecting owners, and through them, crews. It is important that all those taking part in racing understand that breach of these rules mean that the Boat is either no longer eligible before the race even starts because the Rating Certificate is invalid, or is liable to disqualification if any contravention occurs during the race.
- 14.2.2. It is the Owner's responsibility for the presentation of his Boat for ashore and afloat measurement and the arrangement of the measurement of sails and spars.
- 14.2.3. It is the Owner's general responsibility after measurement to inform the Rating Office of changes to ballast, tankage, engine and propeller installations, change affecting trim and flotation, the movement of measurement bands and changes in spars including any renewals and any changes in hull shape.
- 14.2.4. It is the Owner's responsibility whilst racing to comply with any limitation on sail setting and sheeting, the securing of the propeller, devices to fix drop keels or moveable appendages. The shipping, unshipping or moving of ballast and moving from stowage of any equipment is FORBIDDEN. Anchor and chain shall be secure in clearly marked stowage

14.3. WARNING ON MOVEMENT OF BALLAST

- 14.3.1. The notice available on the ISORA website www.isora.org "Warning on the movement of ballast" must be signed and displayed permanently on the main bulkhead adjacent to the mast.



14.4. CLASS FLAGS

14.4.1. Based on the break-points specified in the Sailing Instructions:

14.4.2. IRC Class 1 boats will display Numeral Pennant 1 on their backstay.

14.4.3. IRC Class 2 boats will display Numeral Pennant 2 on their backstay.

14.5. RACES COMBINED WITH RAYC, NYC and LYC.

14.5.1. Four races in the ISORA Offshore Series 2014 race schedule are run jointly with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club and are part of their 2014 RAYC Coastal Series. To be eligible for RAYC prizes and count towards the RAYC 2014 Overall Coastal Series, boats must complete the separate RAYC entry form for these races that is available on www.rayc.org.

14.5.2. The "Midnight Race" is run by the LYC. Boats taking part in this race MUST also complete the separate LYC entry form that is available on www.lyc.org.uk

14.6. RESPONSIBILITY

14.6.1. All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. ISORA, RAYC, LYC, the host Clubs and the Sponsors of individual races are not responsible for the seaworthiness of any boat whose entry is accepted.

14.6.2. THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO STARTING AND CONTINUING A RACE LIES DEFINATIVELY WITH THE SKIPPER OF EACH BOAT AS HE / SHE ALONE IS AT ALL TIMES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS / HER OWN BOAT AND CREW

