ISORA – Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association





Supplemental Sailing Instructions





ISORA Offshore Series 2024 Wolf's Head Trophy.

Race 8 – Dun Laoghaire to Pwllheli - Offshore

Dun Laoghaire – Pwllheli

First of 7 Offshore Races in the ISORA Offshore Series Organised by the National Yacht Club www.nyc.ie.

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday 11 th May 2024	Offshore Race- All Classes	08.00hrs
Same course for all classes		

This Supplementary Information MUST be read in conjunction with the ISORA OFFSHORE SERIES 2024 Notice of Race and General Sailing Instructions. For details see ISORA website – www.isora.org

On-Line Results by Sailwave





ISORA Musto Offshore Series 2024 Supplemental Sailing Instructions

1. Organisation.

- 1.1. The 2024 ISORA Offshore Series is organised by the National Yacht Club (NYC) and ISORA.
- 1.2. Enquiries, correspondence and entries should be sent to:- ISORA Chairman chair@ISORA.org

2. Rules.

- 2.1. The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the ISORA Notice of Race and the General Sailing Instructions 2024.
- 2.2. IRC rules part A, B & C shall apply to IRC racing.
- 2.3. Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum number specified in the ISORA Notice of Race.
- 2.4. The requirements of Category 3 plus Life Raft of the OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2021-2024 apply to this event. Details of these are on the ISORA website.
- 2.5. In the event of conflict, this ISORA 2024 Supplemental Sailing Instructions (SSIs) will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

3. Entries, Registration & Eligibility

- 3.1. Competitors for the 2024 ISORA Offshore Race must complete the entry form and pay the on-line event fee to ISORA see the ISORA <u>https://isora.org/index.php/notice-board/on-line-entry-form-2024</u>
- 3.2. Competitors must post their crew information in the **ISORA Crew Manager** app. All boats finishing the course must post their finish times on the app. see the ISORA <u>web site</u>

ISORA will provide racing for the following classes of yachts and the Class divisions will be as follows: -

Class	Flag	IRC
Zero	Numeral pennant 0	IRC >1.070
One	numeral pennant 1 (White with Red spot)	IRC 1.010 to 1.069
Two	numeral pennant 2	IRC < 1.010

These ranges may be changed at the discretion of the sailing committee.

- 3.3. Class Flags will be flown from the backstay of each competing yacht.
- 3.4. Yachts shall belong to or be chartered to and be under the control of a member of a yacht club affiliated to the IS or RYA or other equivalent national authority.
- 3.5. Entries and payment, shall be made on the Official Entry Form on the ISORA web site <u>>here.</u>
- 3.6. The Event Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and/or to ask any boats to complete further undertaking or declarations before accepting their entry.

4. Measurement

4.1. A valid and current IRC rating certificates must be presented on request to the Sailing Committee.

5. Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

5.1. The Event Committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

6. Changes in Sailing Instructions

6.1. Any change to the Supplemental Sailing Instructions or General Sailing Instructions will be posted by 18.30hrs on the day before it will take effect on the ISORA webs Site.

7. Schedule of Events.

- 7.1. The schedule is shown on the front page of this Supplemental Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2. There will be one start as shown on the front page of this Supplemental Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3. The Event Officer may decide to have separate starts for each class or a group of classes. This will be announced by VHF (Channel 17) and flags.



7.4. The type of event will be an Offshore course and the course will be announced on the Friday prior to the Event on the web site.

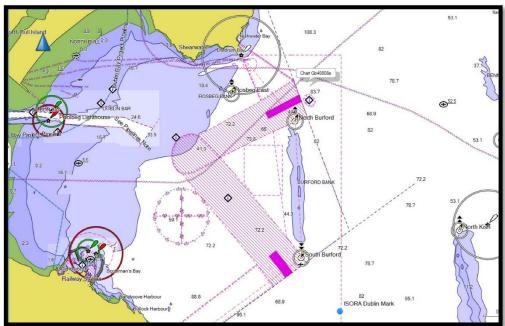
8.	Time of Start		
	8.1.	 The event start times will be as shown on the front page of this SSIs or as amended 07.55 Warning signal - Class flags (Numerals 0, 1 & 2) hoisted 07.56 Preparatory Signal - Blue Peter hoisted 07.59 Blue Peter down 08.00 Start – Class flags down 	
	8.2.	In the event of little or no wind at the start time, the start boat will stand down 10 minutes after the start. At that stage, anu boat who has not crossed the start line must round the "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" to PORT. The "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" becomes an mark on the course.	
	8.3.	The start may be broadcast on VHF Channel 17	
	8.4.	The start may be postponed if weather conditions are deemed by the Sailing Committee not to be appropriate. If postponed, the race will be rescheduled for later in the season at a time suitable to the majority of the Skippers of boats who have entered the race.	
9.	STARTI	TING LINE	
	9.1.	The start line shall be located at the "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" and an adjacent committee boat flying a NYC burgee. It may not be anchored and may be using engine power to hold station. This changes RRS 62.1(a).	
	9.2.	Prior to the start of each event boats are requested to obtain acknowledgement from the Event Committee.	
	9.3.	The committee boat will maintain on the line for 10 minutes after the start. After that time, if any boats have not crossed the start line, "Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy" will become a mark on the course and boats must leave that mark to Port.	

 10.1. The course is as follows: Start at Dun Laoghaire Outfall Muglins (S)
 Passing ISORA Dublin Virtual (P) N53 17.110 W6 00.100 Finish at the Plas Heli line at Pwllheli as defined in 15.1 below 78 miles approx.

The Course will be published on the ISORA web site and announced to all entrants by text and Whatsapp.

11. TSS at South Burford

11.1. Please be aware that commercial vessels will be navigating in or approaching the traffic separation schemes in that vicinity; please be aware that Rule 10 of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea requires that "a sailing vessel shall not impede the safe passage of





a power-driven vessel following a traffic lane" it further states "(f) A vessel navigating in areas near the terminations of traffic separation schemes shall do so with particular caution" and "(h) A vessel not using a traffic separation scheme shall avoid it by as wide a margin as is practicable"

11.2. Please note that a Virtual Mark may be set to keep the fleet away from the South Burford Cardinal and this is defined as **ISORA Dublin Virtual mark** N53 17.110 W6 00.100

12. Waypoints

- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. Evidence of rounding the "virtual" mark must be taken and may be requested by the Event Officer. This evidence may include:
 - 12.2.1. Photographic (iPhone or similar) evidence of the yacht's GPS showing its position at the mark.
 - 12.2.2. Yacht's chart plotter track showing the yacht rounding the "virtual" mark. This must be transmittable to ISORA by email.
- 12.3. The onus of proof of having rounded the WAYPOINT mark will be with each yacht.

13. ISORA YB Tracker

- 13.1. All boats entered in the event will be fitted with the YB Tracker. The Skipper, accepting the units will be responsible for the replacement cost of the unit in a situation that the unit gets lost or damaged.
- 13.2. The units can be collected at the Marina Podium on Saturday 11th May at 06.30 <u>SHARP</u>. Boats not based in Dun Laoghaire may collect their units from the Committee boat at the start line but only by prior agreement.
- 13.3. In order to set up the units all boats who are entered must declare that they are racing by 12.00 on Thursday 9th May. This declaration is a posting of the Boat and Crew details on the Crew Manager app. This is critical for the efficient running of the tracking system.
- 13.4. The trackers on Irish boats must be returned to Peter Ryan in National Yacht Club. Welsh / UK boat trackers must be returned to Peter Dunlop (Mojito) or Stephen Tudor at Plas Heli.
- 13.5. The event progress can be tracked by following the YB Tracking app for iPhones and Android. On downloading the app, the "Musto ISORA 2024 Series".
- 13.6. Any queries relating to the Trackers should be dealt with by contacting Peter Ryan +353 87 2545037.

14. SHORTENED EVENTS

- 14.1. The event may be shortened at a mark and will be signalled by calling the fleet on **VHF Ch 17**.
- 14.2. All boats shall round the coordinate specified in the Sis. This may or may not be the mark itself. Failure to round the coordinate will result on a Non-Finish / Retire for the boat.
- 14.3. If the fleet doesn't finish an event or shortened event, the event committee may take the result from the mark at which one third or more of the fleet round from the direction of the previous mark. Amendment 10th May 2024 @16.30hrs ST

15. FINISH LINE

- 15.1. The finish line shall be the transit between the Pwllheli Fairway Buoy and the Bridge at Plas Heli the Welsh National Sailing Academy and Events Centre with a bearing of 297deg magnetic or a back bearing to the Fairway of 117deg magnetic (see chart below).
- 15.2. Pwllheli Fairway Buoy (Iso.2s) located N52 53.000 W4 22.900
- 15.3. Plas Heli Bridge located N52 53.336 W4 24.230
- 15.4. Please note this is not the usual line used as the start in Pwllheli.
- 15.5. When approximately 10 minutes from the finish line yachts shall advise of their approach on VHF Ch 17 call sign 'ISORA Finish'. Please note that the finisher may only have a handheld radio and you may not receive an acknowledgment to the first contact. There may be no sound signal at the finish. The Finisher may radio confirmation of the finish.
- 15.6. The finish time of your boat and the name of the boat ahead and behind shall be recorded. Also, the time of rounding each mark should be recorded in the log by each boat and messaged to the "ISORA UK 2024" WhatsApp group as soon as possible after the race. At night sail numbers should be illuminated when crossing the finish line and the sail number radioed to the finisher on VHF Ch 17 call sign 'ISORA Finish'.



- 15.7. The above procedure is deemed to be a "Declaration" that the yacht has completed the course in accordance with the sailing instructions and has complied fully with the Safety requirements.
- 15.8. While there is no time limit for the ISORA race the finisher may not be in attendance at the finish line for later finishers.



16. RETIREMENTS

- 16.1. Post the information on the **Crewmanager app**.
- 16.2. For safety it is recommended to also inform the Coastguard by VHF.

17. Advertising

- 17.1. The racing will be a Category C event.
- 17.2. All yachts may be presented with a sponsor's flag or decals, which must be displayed at all times (if provided).

18. Scoring System

18.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing and for ISORA using the ISORA series scoring.

19. Risk Statement

- 19.1. THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO STARTING AND CONTINUING A EVENT 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
- 19.2. RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a event or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 19.3. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 event;
 - (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 omission;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a event management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser 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) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

20. Safety

- 20.1. Competitors must adhere to the requirements of <u>Category 3+Liferaft</u> of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2023-2024 for this event. Details of these are on the ISORA website.
- 20.2. All boats must have their VHF sets set to DW, monitoring **CH17 and CH16**. This is to ensure that any boat experiencing difficulties can contact any other nearby boat taking part in the race for assistance.

21. Personal Safety

21.1. RRS 1.2, 40 shall apply and it is the sole responsibility of the skipper to ensure that Life Jackets/Harness lines are carried for each member of the crew.

22. Prizegiving

22.1. The formal ISORA prizegiving will take place at the ISORA Annual Prizegiving Dinner to be held in the NYC on Saturday 2nd November 2024.