

# ROYAL DEE IRISH SEA OFFSHORE CHAMPIONSHIP 2015



**3/4TH JULY AND 9/12 JULY 2015**

**DOUBLE CENTURY RACE MANAGEMENT LTD  
HOLYHEAD AND DUN LAOGHAIRE**



## NOTICE OF RACE

**In association with  
LIVERPOOL YACHT CLUB  
AND VOLVO DUN LAOGHAIRE REGATTA**



### **1. Introduction.**

The Royal Dee Yacht Club celebrates its 200 years of organising offshore racing in the Irish Sea in 2015. To mark this outstanding occasion the Royal Dee Yacht Club, in association with ISORA, the National Yacht Club, Liverpool Yacht Club and the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta, have organised the "Irish Sea Offshore Racing Championship".

This event will be run over five races in conjunction with the two other events – the classic "Lyver Race" organised by Royal Ocean Racing Club, Liverpool Yacht Club and Royal Dee Yacht Club and the four day races of the Offshore Series of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta.

The 100 mile "LYC Lyver Race" takes place on Friday evening 3rd July starting in Holyhead and finishing in Dun Laoghaire. The Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta runs from the following Thursday the 9th July until Sunday 12th July.

While there is no entry fee for the "Irish Sea Offshore Racing Championship" boats taking part must enter the "Lyver Race" and the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta.

It is hoped that the two major events so close to each other will attract those offshore boats interested in a full week of sailing and fun.

The "Irish Sea Offshore Racing Championship" will be based in the National Yacht Club for the finish of the "Lyver Race" and during the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta. As well as daily prize givings in addition to the Lyver Race and VDLR, prizes will be awarded for championship races every day in the NYC.

In addition to the extensive social calendar proposed for the VDLR, there will be specific offshore championship social events.

It is hoped that this championship will attract those boats who prefer the racing in uncongested open waters. Two-handed class will be run if sufficient numbers permit. A Silver Class will be organised to allow those traditional cruiser racers to take part.



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## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. Double Century Race Management Limited is the Organising Authority for the event, it is a not for profit company, which is beneficially owned by the Royal Dee Yacht Club.
- 1.3. Racing rule(s) will be changed as is specified in the NOR for the Lyver Trophy and the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015.
- 1.4. Boats must comply with the Lyver Trophy and the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015 NOR and Sailing instructions save as changed in his NOR.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats who are eligible to enter the Lyver Trophy and the IRC Offshore Class of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015.
- 2.2. Eligible boats must enter the Lyver Trophy Race and the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015 respectively, and indicate the entry to this event as specified on the ISORA web site. ([www.ISORA.org](http://www.ISORA.org))
- 2.3. There will be a split into two fleets at the OD discretion (Class 1 and Class 2 if entries warrant) which will not be finalised until the Lyver Trophy entries are in.
- 2.4. The composition of the fleets will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:
  - The need for a reasonable number of boats in each fleet.
  - Having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each fleet.
  - The OA reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any fleet.
  - It is anticipated the split may be about 1.010
  - Each Fleet will have a separate Silver Fleet:
    - Class 1 Silver Fleet = Hull Factor 7.8 or less and DLR 220 or greater*
    - Class 2 Silver Fleet = Hull Factor 7.8 or less and DLR 200 or greater*
  - There will be a separate double handed Fleet.

## 3. FEES

- 3.1. After entry to the two specified regattas there are no additional fees.

## 4. SERIES

- 4.1. The series comprises the Lyver Trophy and the four races of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015

## 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. As in the respective event Notices of Race.
- 5.2. Dates of racing 3/4 July and 9/12 July

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. The sailing instructions will be available for the respective event as per their publication dates.

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## 7. VENUE

- 7.1. Lyver **TROPHY** Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire and Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2015 Dun Laoghaire.

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be describe in the respective event sailing instructions

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The scoring system is as follows: Scoring will be on a High point basis.  
9.2. The series will use the High point system as Used by ISORA see ([www.ISORA.org](http://www.ISORA.org))  
9.3. TIE BREAKERS

If at the end of the regatta if the score is tied between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boats(s) with the highest score(s).

If a tie remains between two boats, it shall be broken in favour of the boat that scores better than the other boat in more races.

If more than two boats are tied, they shall be ranked in order of the number of times each boat scored better than another of the tied boats.

If a tie still remains between two or more races, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in their last race.

- 9.4. **Two** races are required to be completed to constitute a series.  
9.5. **The Lyver Trophy** shall carry an increased race weighting specified in the Sailing instructions other races shall have a factor of 1.

## 10. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be given at the respective events and an overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The daily and final prize giving will be at the National Yacht Club.

## 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 11.1. RRS Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."  
11.2. 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:
- 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;
  - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
  - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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- (e) The provision of a race 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.

11.3. The organisers accept no liability whatsoever for loss, damage, death or personal injury of any description whatsoever that may be sustained by boats, owners, crews or guests taking part in this series of races using jetties, ramps, moorings, parking premises or any other facilities or using or accepting assistance from launches or boats by them or otherwise, however occasioned – whether by negligence of their members or servants or not.

## 12. FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1. For further information please contact:

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