



# Sailing Instructions

## Kingstown to Queenstown Offshore Race 2026

### K2Q 160 Direct – 160 Miles

Race 13 – Offshore Race in the MUSTO ISORA 2026 Series  
Weighted at 1.2

Organised by the ISORA, SCORA  
National Yacht Club and Royal Cork Yacht Club

Date	Class	Start
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Class 2	1400hrs
	Class 1	1400hrs
	Class 0	1400hrs

This Sailing Instructions MUST  
For details see ISORA website – [www.isora.org](http://www.isora.org)

On-Line Results by Sailwave





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The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS Fundamental Rule 3)

### 1. Organisation.

- 1.1. The Organising Authority ("OA") are ISORA & SCORA in association with The National Yacht Club & The Royal Cork Yacht Club.
- 1.2. Enquiries, correspondence and entries should be sent to:- ISORA Chairman [chair@ISORA.org](mailto:chair@ISORA.org) and SCORA Commadore [daragh.connolly@gmail.com](mailto:daragh.connolly@gmail.com)

### 2. Rules.

- 2.1. The Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the ISORA General Sailing Instructions 2026.
- 2.2. IRC rules part A, B & C shall apply to IRC racing.  
RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable. A scoring penalty (RRS44.3) will be applicable during these times.
- 2.3. Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum number specified on the IRC Certificate. IRC Rule 22 4.2 OR the number of the allowed on the Liferaft if less than the IRC certificate.
- 2.4. The requirements of Category 3+ Liferaft of the OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS 2021-2026 apply to this event. Details of these are on the ISORA website.
- 2.5. In the event of conflict, this Sailing Instructions (SSIs) will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

### 3. Entries, Registration & Eligibility

- 3.1. Competitors for the 2026 Kingstown to Queenstown (K2Q) Offshore Race must complete the entry form and pay the on-line race fee to ISORA – see the ISORA [web site](#) and K2Q [web site](#)
- 3.2. The 2026 K2Q Offshore Race will provide racing for Classes; Zero, One and Two or as amended.
- 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. The Race 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.
- 4.2. The primary certificate will be applied unless a declaration is made to apply the secondary certificate by 7 days prior to the race. This is in accordance with ISORA Notice of Race 6.4

### 5. Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

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

### 6. Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 6.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ISORA web Site K2Q [web site](#) by 18.30hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 7. Communication

- 7.1. The Sailing Committee may communicate race information with the competitors by WhatsApp. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Gh6U6WpKjEeDnQqN934vNa> click on link above to join group.
- 7.2. It is the skipper's responsibility to ensure that the boat has at least one mobile number connected to the WhatsApp Group.
- 7.3. The information will only be used by the Sailing Committee to communicate K2Q Race information.



## 8. Schedule of Races.

- 8.1. The race schedule is shown on the front page of this Supplemental Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. There will be one starts for all classes.
- 8.3. The type of racing will be a long Offshore Race.

## 9. Time of Start

- 9.1. The race start times will be as shown on the front page of this SSIs or as amended.
- 9.2. The start may be broadcast on VHF Channel 17
- 9.3. The race will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal being made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

The Starting Times will be as follows:

All Classes	Event	Signal
1355	Warning	Warning Flag Displayed – Class Flag
1356	Preparatory	Preparatory flag displayed - Blue Peter up
1359	One Minute	Preparatory flag removed - Blue Peter down
1400	Start	Start - Class flags down

## 10. Registration of Crew – ISORA Crew Manager

- 10.1. Skippers must register the following details, for all crew members, on the 'ISORA Crewmanager App':
- 10.2. Crew Name and mobile phone number
- 10.3. Shore Contact Name and phone number for each crew member
- 10.4. The information will only be used for safety purposes and in an instance of an emergency.

## 11. STARTING LINE

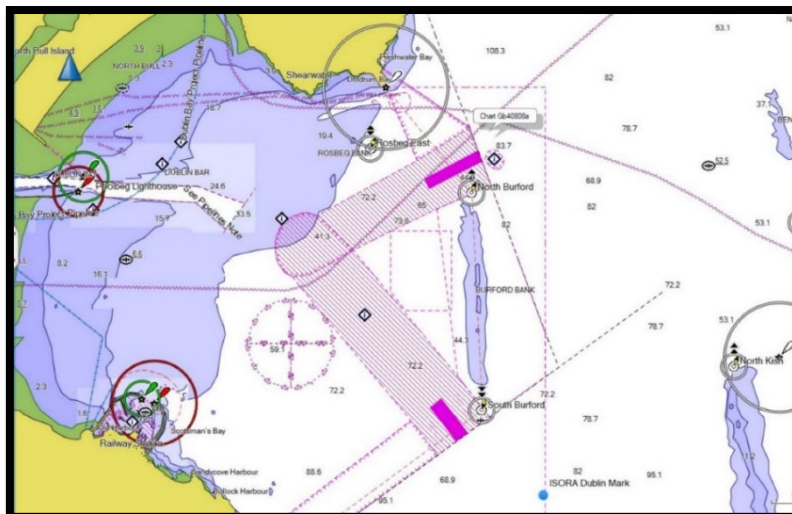
- 11.1. The start line shall be located to the west of the harbour entrance and between the Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy and the starting rib / committee boat which will be to the north of the buoy and may be flying a NYC burgee. It may not be anchored and may be using engine power to hold station. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.2. The committee boat will maintain the line for 10 minutes after the start. After that time, if any boats have not crossed the start line the Dun Laoghaire Outfall Buoy will become a mark on the course and boats must leave the outfall buoy to PORT. The opposite side of the buoy and between it and the pier.
- 11.3. The Race Officer may decide on an alternative start line.
- 11.4. The start line will be confirmed on the ISORA web site and may be communicated by Text or WhatsApp and email before the start and may be communicated to all entrants by text and email on the day before the start.

## 12. THE COURSE

- 12.1. The course is approximately 160 miles long. The course is as follows:
  - STARTING LINE at Dun Laoghaire as defined in this Supplemental Sailing Instruction
  - Muglins Island (S)
  - ISORA Dublin Bay Virtual Mark (Passing Mark) N53° 17.110 W 6° 00.100 (port P)
  - Tuskar Rock (S)
  - Barrels Cardinal Light (S)
  - Conningbeg Light Buoy (S)
  - FINISH LINE between at the entrance to Cork Harbour at E4 Cardinal – as defined in this Sailing Instruction

### 13. TSS at South Burford - ISORA Dublin Virtual mark

- 13.1. 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"
- 13.2. 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**



### 14. Tuskar - TSS

- 14.1. The Tuskar TSS is not an 'obstruction'.
- 14.2. When approaching and entering an area designated as a TSS competitors must adhere to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, (COLREGS) [RRS 56.2 A boat shall comply with rule 10, Traffic Separation Schemes, of the IRPCAS.]
- 14.3. It is a requirement that a continuous watch on VHF channel 16 be kept at all times, special attention must be taken while near or in a TSS.
- 14.4. The TSS are regulated by the Coast Guard and other Authorities and competitors must, without exception, comply with the instructions received and take note of the following data and report them on their declaration form:
  - side number of patrol craft and instruction received,
  - position and time when starting their engines,
  - position and time when shutting them off,
  - weather conditions (wind, tide, visibility, etc.),
  - any other relevant information.
- 14.5. A breach of RRS 56.2 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. A report by the Coast Guard or Harbour Authority that a boat has broken RRS 56.2 will result in the boat being disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and A5.

### 15. Waypoints

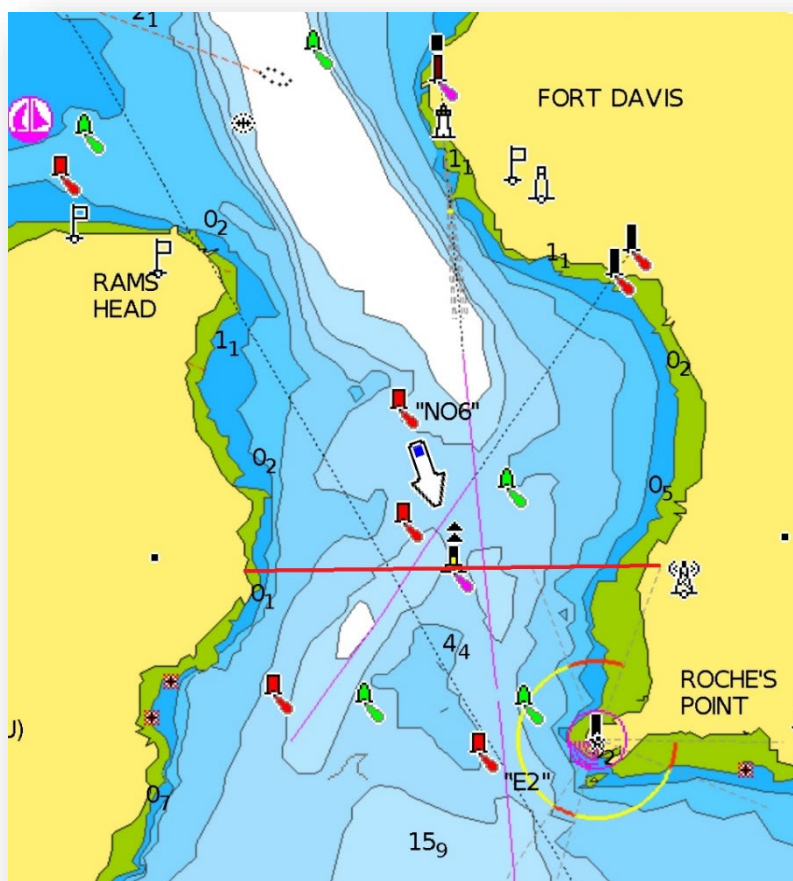
- 15.1. Waypoints may be used as marks. If so, Rule 28 will be amended accordingly in accordance with the RYA / RORC Guidance – "Racing Around Waypoints" See website for details.
- 15.2. Evidence of rounding the "virtual" mark must be taken and may be requested by the Race Officer. This evidence may include:
- 15.3. Photographic (iPhone or similar) evidence of the yacht's GPS showing its position at the mark.
- 15.4. Yacht's chart plotter track showing the yacht rounding the "virtual" mark. This must be transmittable to ISORA by email.
- 15.5. The onus of proof of having rounded the WAYPOINT mark will be with each yacht.

## 16. ISORA YB Tracker

- 16.1. All boats entered in the race 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.
- 16.2. The units can be collected from Peter Ryan at 1230hrs on the morning of the race, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 at Dun Laoghaire Marina or by prior agreement.
- 16.3. In order to set up the units all boats who are entered must declare that they are racing by 12.00 on Thursday prior to the race day. This declaration is a text to +353 87 2545037 stating that "Boat name" will be racing on Saturday. This is critical for the efficient running of the tracking system.
- 16.4. The trackers must be returned to Peter Ryan immediately after the race on or by special agreed arrangement.
- 16.5. The race progress can be tracked by following the YB Tracking app for iPhones and Android. On downloading the app, the "ISORA 2026Series".
- 16.6. Any queries relating to the Trackers should be dealt with by contacting Peter Ryan +353 87 2545037.

## 17. FINISH LINE

- 17.1. The finish line is across the line of latitude 51° 47.931'N at the entrance of Cork Harbour passing either side of the E4 Cardinal.



- 17.2. The finish will be automatically recorded by the YB Tracker, and the finish times will appear instantly on the app. There will be no Finisher on the line.
- 17.3. The finish time of the boat shall be recorded and posted on the Crew Manager app.
- 17.4. The above procedure is mandatory and deemed to be a "Declaration" that the yacht has completed the course in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 17.5. There is no time limit for this race.



## 18. RETIREMENTS

- 18.1. Post the information on the Crewmanager app.
- 18.2. Text ISORA on 00353 87 2545037 and 07977929116.
- 18.3. For safety it is recommended to also inform the Coastguard by VHF.

## 19. Advertising

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

## 20. Scoring System

- 20.1. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing and for ISORA using the ISORA series scoring.
- 20.2. This race is weighted at 1.2 (see Section 18.1 Notice of Race & General Sailing Instructions 2026)

## 21. Risk Statement

- 21.1. 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
- 21.2. 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."
- 21.3. 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 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.
  - (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

## 22. Safety

- 22.1. Competitors must adhere to the requirements of **Category 3 + Life Raft** of World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2021-2026 for this race. Details of these are on the ISORA website.

## 23. Personal Safety

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.

## 24. Après Sail

- 24.1. No post-race activities have been planned
- 24.2. Please refer to the web site for any arrangements.

