



# Sailing Instructions

**August 2008**

## **1 Rules**

**1.1** The Series will be governed by the racing rules of sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of The Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IRC handicap rule sections 1, 2 and 5 the ECHO handicapping system and the ISA safety regulations for day racing.

**1.2** Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board which is located on the landing of the stairs in the club house before 1830hrs each Tuesday and Thursday or 1300hrs each Sunday.

**1.3** Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1830hrs on the day it will take effect (1300hrs Sunday).

**1.4** 3 or more boats shall constitute a valid race

**1.5** Racing will not take place in any wind greater than 25 knots.

## **2 Eligibility and entry**

**2.1** Boats may enter by filling in the relevant entry form for this series and paying a fee of **50 euros**.

**2.2** A valid certificate (2008) IRC and/or ECHO must be lodged with the sailing committee at time of entering this series.

**2.3** Crew limitation: IRC + unlimited.

**2.4** Entry forms must be filled in and fee paid before the start of the first race.

**2.5** ECHO handicaps will be revised during the series.

**2.6** Eligible Sailors: ISAF categories 1 & 2 in all classes. Category 3 sailors may race, but not helm, for the Autumn Series.

## **3 Programme of racing**

**3.1** It is intended to run six races, or more, as follows:

Every Tuesday and Thursday starting the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2008 and Finishing 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Weather pending.

RACE	Warning Signal	Starting Signal
	1855hrs	1900 hrs

## **4 Order of Starts**

**4.1** Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before. Signals may be flags and/or vhf signals.

## **5 Marks and Courses**

**5.1** Course will be decided on the evening or day it will take effect

**6.1** Courses will be announced on VHF channel 14. All boats should have a VHF in full working order.

## **6 Starting line**

**6.1** The position of the starting line may change from race to race depending on wind direction.

**6.2** The starting line will be between two markers as decided upon before each race.

## **7 Protests**

**7.1** In addition to the requirements in RRS 61 protesting boats shall, within 15 minutes of finishing, inform the race officer of the sail numbers of any boats against which they intend to protest.

**7.2** All participating sailors shall agree to sit on a protest committee if requested to do so by the 'Officer Of the Day' (OOD).

**7.3** Protests shall be lodged no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the evening.

**7.4** All protests shall be lodged only on official protest forms which will be available at the club house.

**7.5** Protests may / may not be heard on the day it takes place but will be heard before the next day of racing for same league.

**7.6** The decision of the protest committee is absolute and final .Under no circumstances are the members of the protest committee to be questioned in the clubhouse in regard to their decision. In the event of same happening guilty parties may be suspended from racing in any/all events organised by Clifden Boat Club.

**7.7** Protests are not to be discussed in the Club house Bar.

**7.8** The only penalty that will be given to any boat found guilty of breach of any of the sailing instructions or the RRS will be disqualification.

**7.9** After a decision has been made and delivered by the protest committee both parties are required to shake hands and have a pint at the bar!

## **8 Prizes**

**8.1** The low Point scoring system RRS A2.2, with modifications, will apply.

**8.2** 4 races are required to be completed to constitute this series.

**8.3** When fewer than 5 races have been completed a boat's series score will a total of her race scores.

**8.4** When 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be a total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**8.5** If more than 6 races have been completed a boat's series score will be a total of her best six race scores.

**8.6** There will be an overall Autumn Series Prize for the winning boat under IRC and ECHO.

**8.7** Due to weather conditions at this time of year races may need to be cancelled.

The race committee reserve the right to shorten, or add extra, races to the series on different dates including Sundays in order to complete or extend the series.