



# BEAUFORT CUP 2020 NOTICE OF RACE

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## BEAUFORT CUP

The International Inter Service Sailing Regatta, being hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club and supported by the Irish Defence Forces, will be held in the waters of, and surrounding, Cork Harbour, Ireland as part of Volvo Cork Week 2020 from July 13th to 17th 2020. A specially commissioned Perpetual Trophy in honour of Sir Francis Beaufort, creator of the Beaufort Scale, will be presented to the Overall Winner.



## EVENT FORMAT

The Organising Authority (AO) for the 2020 Beaufort Cup is The Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC).

The Offshore Race, of approximately 24 hours duration, will start on Monday 13th July off Haulbowline Island, the home of the Irish Naval Service. Subject to weather conditions, the Fastnet Rock will be a Mark of the course. The inshore race series will be held from Wednesday 15th July in conjunction with Volvo Cork Week 2020.

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020 (RRS), with Irish Sailing Association (ISA) prescriptions and IRC Rules Parts A, B, and C, except that,

- (i) for the purposes of IRC 21.1.5, this is a regatta run on consecutive days (so the sails on board while racing must remain the same throughout), and;
- (ii) IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be equal to the crew number shown on the certificate plus one. There is no weight limit."

Where there is conflict with this Notice of Race, or the Volvo Cork Week Notice of Regatta, the Beaufort Cup Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

## EVENT SUPPORT

A limited amount of logistic support may be available from the Irish Defence Forces to competitors during the Beaufort Cup.

Any interested teams having difficulty securing a suitable boat for the event are invited to contact the OA. Similarly, boat owners requiring qualifying service crew are invited to express their interest in competing in this exceptional event. While the OA cannot guarantee the provision of a boat or crew, all measures will be taken to provide help where possible.

## ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Beaufort Cup is open to all yachts with an Endorsed IRC Certificate having a TCC between 0.990 and 1.060. Additionally, and at the absolute discretion of the OA, former competitors with suitable boats rating outside of these handicap limits may be permitted entry.

Each entering team shall be responsible for providing its own boat, which shall be entered in the name of the associated Service.

Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Airforce, Police and Emergency Rescue Services have been pre-approved for participation in the Beaufort Cup. Other Services who would like to compete should contact the OA to confirm their eligibility.

At least 50% of the crew of any entered yacht must be active members of the Service in whose name the yacht is entered.

World Sailing Classification Group 3 sailors are not permitted to sail in the Beaufort Cup. At the absolute discretion of the OA, a Group 3 sailor may be permitted to compete in the Regatta if such person can show to the satisfaction of the OA that s/he takes part in racing only as a pastime and not as part of his/her trade or business. Sailors who believe themselves to be in this category shall apply to the OA in writing and no later than the 1st of July 2020, setting out the grounds of application.

It is the personal responsibility of every sailor to determine and submit their ISAF Regulation 22 status to the OA.

The event is a Category 3 series as per the 'World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations' along with RORC prescriptions. Additionally, each yacht is required to carry sufficient liferaft capacity to cater for the total number of crew onboard and hold a valid in-date service certificate for same.

All required equipment shall remain onboard for the duration of the event. Safety inspections may take place before the start of the Offshore Race, and at any stage during the event.

## ENTRY FEE

There will be an entry fee of €395 per yacht for the event, payable in full upon submission. This sum includes event berthage and eight crew tickets for the Beaufort Cup Gala Dinner (additional tickets may be available for purchase).



# SOCIAL

All Beaufort Cup competitors will also be part of Volvo Cork Week and are welcome to enjoy the comprehensive entertainment schedule at the RCYC. Additionally, a Gala Dinner will be held exclusively for Beaufort Cup competitors and invited guests.



# PRIZES

The overall series winner will be awarded the Beaufort Cup and €10,000 to be donated to their chosen charity.

In addition, race trophies in honour of notable historic Irish maritime figures such as Admiral William Brown, Commodore John Barry, Francis Holland etc. will be awarded. The trophy for the Offshore race will be presented at the Beaufort Cup Gala Dinner.

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All Beaufort Cup participants will be made Honorary Members of the Royal Cork Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

# ABOUT THE BEAUFORT CUP

The Beaufort Cup Regatta in July 2020 is being held in Cork Harbour, Ireland, as part of Volvo Cork Week. The Beaufort Cup is named after Sir Francis Beaufort, creator of the Beaufort Wind Scale who was born in Ireland.

The Beaufort Cup invites sailing teams, representing their associated uniformed services, to compete in a mix of challenging offshore and inshore races over five days to be crowned the 2020 Beaufort Cup winner.

In addition to a competitive inter-service regatta, participating teams will enjoy the renowned social experience of Volvo Cork Week. The winning team will have €10,000 donated to a charity of their choice and will also be in contention to be named Volvo Cork Week 2020 'Boat Of The Week'.

Irish Defence Forces involvement in the Beaufort Cup  
The Irish Defence Forces currently hold the Beaufort Cup and are delighted to have the opportunity to support and compete in this event again. The Beaufort Cup represents a fantastic opportunity to strengthen international ties through closely fought offshore and inshore racing. The Irish Naval Service is headquartered in the heart of Cork Harbour's natural sailing amphitheatre. Read about their experience in winning the 2016 Beaufort Cup here: <https://afloat.ie/sail/events/cork-week/item/33137-how-the-defence-forces-won-the-beaufort-cup>

The Royal Cork Yacht Club, supported by the Irish Defence Forces, invites services from Ireland and around the world to compete for the Trophy. We expect to see Defence Force teams from a number of countries but also other services such as Police, Fire, Rescue, RNLI and Coastguard service teams.

Choose to be part of a very special Regatta with a unique social aspect, by competing for the Beaufort Cup in July 2020.



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