



## NOTICE OF RACE

### Falmouth to Cork Race – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The Royal Cork Yacht Club in Cork and the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club in Falmouth (together, the 'OA') are delighted to announce a race between the two ports starting at **1300hrs (BST) on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024** off Pendennis Point.

#### THE PRINCE OF WALES'S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY

The overall race winner will be the recipient of a specially commissioned perpetual trophy donated by His Majesty King Charles to the Royal Cork Yacht Club to mark its 2020 tricentenary and recognise the very close relationship between the sailing communities of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

#### 1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

##### 1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing

The race will be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024, and the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

##### 1.2 Offshore Special Regulations

This is a mono hull Category 3 race as per the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations. Each yacht is also required to have on-board a life raft of sufficient size to cater for the total number of crew on-board and hold a valid in-date service certificate for the raft.

##### 1.3 IRPCAS

Between local sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2 shall cease to be applicable and be replaced by IRPCAS ("International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea").

## 1.4 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1 Boat & Crew

The race is open to prepared and seaworthy boats manned by an adequate number of experienced crew. Boats shall meet the following criteria:

- i) Are of monohull construction with a minimum length overall of 28ft
- ii) Have a valid 2024 IRC Rating certificate issued no later than 1700hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- iii) Have a minimum SSS Numeral of 15 (or STIX of 23)
- iv) Comply with the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024-2025 for races of OSR Category 3 Monohulls with a Category 2 liferaft and AIS Transponder

### 2.2 Crew numbers

The minimum crew on any boat shall be three, unless the boat is entered as a Double-Handed entry.

Crew numbers shall be limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft carried on the boat but, in any case, shall not exceed the crew number on the IRC Certificate.

### 2.3 Rating

All entries shall email a copy of the boat's 2024 IRC certificate to [racing@corkweek.ie](mailto:racing@corkweek.ie) by 1700hrs on 30th June 2024. Any late submissions, or changes to a boat's rating or class certificate, made after this deadline shall be accompanied by an explanatory letter and may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

## 3. OSR COMPLIANCE

Under RRS 3 the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The Person in Charge shall also assign a person to take over their responsibilities in the event of their incapacitation.

Neither the establishment of the Offshore Sailing Regulations nor their use by the OA nor the inspection of a boat under the OSR, in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Person in Charge. The OA will endeavour to help competitors to understand the requirements OSR in advance of the event and should be contacted at [racing@corkweek.ie](mailto:racing@corkweek.ie) with any queries.

All entries shall complete an OSR Category 3 Checklist and a declaration stating that the boat is compliant with the required World Sailing Special Offshore Regulations.

Completed forms should be provided to [racing@corkweek.ie](mailto:racing@corkweek.ie) by 1700hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

The OA reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any boat at any time.

## **4. ENTRY AND FEES**

### **4.1 Entry Limit**

The total number of entries in the race is restricted to 50 boats.

### **4.2 Entry Fee**

The entry fee for the race shall be €150, and entries can be made online at [www.royalcork.com/falmouth](http://www.royalcork.com/falmouth) before 1700hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Entries after this date may be accepted subject to the payment of a late entry fee (not more than 125% of the standard entry fee).

### **4.3 Entry Cancellation**

Cancellations made before 1700hrs on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations made after this time shall be eligible for a refund of 50% of the standard race entry fee.

### **4.4 Crew List**

The Person in Charge will be required to file a crew list and emergency shore contact details.

A boat shall not race with a crew member whose personal details and emergency contact details have not been provided to the OA.

## **5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website at [www.royalcork.com/falmouth](http://www.royalcork.com/falmouth) from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

## **6. THE START AND COURSE**

The race shall start at 1300hrs on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The course shall be from a start line in the vicinity of Pendennis Point in Falmouth to a finish line in the vicinity of Roches Point in Cork, leaving the Manacles East Cardinal buoy to starboard (approximate position N50° 02.80' W005° 01.91'), a total distance of approximately 180nm.

The Isles of Scilly TSS (South and West) and Lands End TSS will be designated exclusion zones that boats shall not enter.

More details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **7. TAKING A PENALTY (RRS 44)**

The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 shall be a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2. When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply, the penalty for a breach shall be 10 minutes added to a boat's corrected time (in accordance with RRS 44.3). A boat that accepts a penalty shall declare same on their submitted Declaration Form.

## **8. COMMUNICATION, TRACKERS, AIS**

Details of mandatory reporting procedures during the race will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

All boats shall carry an AIS Transponder.

Competitors shall ensure that the racing name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

Competitors must ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on at all times during the race i.e. transmitting and receiving. Any problem with the AIS unit that prevents it transmitting or receiving during the race must be declared in the submitted race Declaration Form.

## **9. RRS 41 – OUTSIDE HELP**

Rule 41(c) is replaced by:-

“A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.”

## **10. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- IRC Overall Winner – **THE PRINCE OF WALES’S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TROPHY**
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd in IRC Overall

Other prizes may be awarded by the OA, dependent on the entries received and other considerations.

## 11. SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2, life-saving equipment and OSR Special Regulation 5.02.

"Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

However, a combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

## 12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4:

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the race, 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 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 omissions
- 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities
- f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that the crew is sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew

## 13. INSURANCE

It is the duty of each boat owner to have his/her boat adequately insured against any risk, including civil responsibility to third parties and to ensure that such insurance remains valid for the entirety of the race.

## 14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact [racing@corkweek.ie](mailto:racing@corkweek.ie)