

WIORA 2011

West Coast Championships

July 13 to 16 - 2011

Clifden Boat Club



4 days, 7 races in IRC and ECHO 1, 2, 3 and White Sails classes
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West Of Ireland Offshore Racing Association

CLIFDEN BOAT CLUB

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Wednesday 13th – Saturday 16th July 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authorities for the West Coast Championships 2011 are Clifden Boat Club and the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association.

2. RULES AND HANDICAP SYSTEMS

- 2.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the IR2000 (IRC) rating rule, the ECHO ISA Performance Handicap System, Class Association Rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto. Sports boats & One-Designs shall comply with the ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing for Category 5.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.3 ECHO handicaps will be published before the event starts. ECHO handicaps will be revised during the Championships by the handicapping authority for the event. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for protest.
- 2.4 Crew Limitation in Classes 1 and 2 shall be as per IRC Certificate plus 1. Crew Limitation in Class 3 shall be as per IRC Certificate. There is no crew limitation for White sails.
- 2.5 ISAF Category Group 3 sailors are only allowed to sail under the following conditions: An IRC boat may carry ONE Group 3 sailor on ONE day only. The Group 3 sailor is not allowed to helm.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports boats, holding a valid IRC and/or ECHO certificate.
- 3.2 Depending on the number of entries, boats will be divided into the following classes: Class 1 / Class 2 / Class 3 and White Sails.
- 3.3 Class Bands will be announced as soon as possible after the 01st July 2011 when there is a clear indication of entries.
- 3.4 The Organising Committee may, in their absolute discretion, assign a yacht to any Class.
- 3.5 Sport Boats or Day Boats may have a separate class at discretion of the Organising Committee.

4. ENTRY

- 4.1 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to Paul Ryan, 1 Railway Avenue Cottages, Galway Road, Clifden, Co.Galway.
Tel: 0862931819 E-mail: pryan2020@gmail.com Websites: www.clifdenboatclub.com & www.wiora.org
- 4.2 Online Entry is available at www.clifdenboatclub.com
- 4.3 There will be no online facility for paying Entry Fees.
- 4.4 Entry Fees can be paid at Registration if not paid earlier.
- 4.5 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 4.6 Entrants shall: Comply with ISA or other national authority eligibility requirements, Submit a copy of their current Echo and/or IRC Certificate on or before 13th July 2011, No alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors, Complete and return a valid Entry Form accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee.
- 4.7 The Entry Fee shall be: 30' LOA and Over is €120, 29' LOA and Under is €100
- 4.8 Clifden Boat Club and the West Coast Championships Organising Committee reserve the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations.
- 4.9 THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 10.00hrs Wednesday 13th July 2011.

5. LATE ENTRIES AND REFUNDS

5.1 Entries received after 17.00hrs on Friday 01st July 2011 will be accepted by the Organising Committee and will be subject to an additional payment of €100 and the appropriate entry fee.

5.2 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.

6. REGISTRATION

6.1 All entrants shall register with the Race Office upon arrival, in any case not later than 10.00 hrs on Wednesday 13th July 2011.

6.2 The Race Office shall be open for registration from 1800hrs to 2000hrs on the 12th July 2011 and from 0900hrs on the 13th July 2011.

7. PROGRAMME OF RACES AND RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be sailed on Clifden Bay and surrounding waters.

7.2 It is intended to have racing for all Classes on each day.

7.3 It is intended to organise a total of seven races for all Classes with a variety of Laid Courses, Round the Cans and a Coastal race.

7.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

7.5 Race start times may vary each day.

7.6 On the days with two races the second race will start as soon as practical after completion of the previous race.

8. SCORING SYSTEM AND DISCARDS

8.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply, except the winning boat shall score .75 points.

8.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

8.3 When six or more races are completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8.4 Results will be given under ECHO and IRC systems where appropriate.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Prizes will be awarded under IRC and Echo handicap systems depending on the number of entries.

10. MOORINGS

10.1 Moorings will be available to all yachts.

11. SOCIAL

11.1 Entertainment will be held in selected public houses each evening in true Clifden style, a programme of which will be available on www.clifdenboatclub.com.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to each entrant and will be posted on the website www.clifdenboatclub.com & www.wiora.org when available.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the championships entirely at their own risk. The West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association, Clifden Boat Club, their members, their officers, servants, sponsor's, representatives and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the championships.

13.2 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibility on the Official Entry Form and draw the attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer.

13.3 Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring, this includes racing risks; Owners may be asked to show their insurance certificates.

14. SPONSORSHIP

14.1 Clifden Boat Club and the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association and are very pleased to welcome our sponsors at this year's championship.

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