

NOTICE OF RACE



Schull Harbour Sailing Club,
Pier Road, Schull, Co. Cork.



GAS
CALVES
WEEK **17**

8th August - 11th August
2017



THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY [OA] IS SCHULL HARBOUR SAILING CLUB.



*A 4 day event of Coastal Racing
centered on Schull Harbour,
West Cork, Ireland.*

Since 1984

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2017 (RRS) with Irish Sailing Association (ISA). The organising authority (OA) is Schull Harbour Sailing Club. Prescriptions and the following, as appropriate:
- (a) The current Rules of the IRC.
 - (b) The ECHO handicap system rules.
 - (c) The SHSC White Sail Rules.
- 1.2 Each entry will be assigned an initial ECHO Handicap based on the current SCORA Handicap lists and data gathered from the various handicap authorities. A system of progressive ECHO handicapping, where each boat's handicap is automatically adjusted on the basis of performance in each race, will apply. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for redress (Amends RRS 60.1)
- 1.3 The White Sail class will be scored under ECHO and IRC.
- 1.4 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule.
- 1.5 Boats shall prominently display their correct class flags from their backstay at all times while racing. Any boat not doing so shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS A5.

The following are the class flags:

CLASS	FLAG
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
WS 1	
WS 2	

2 ADVERTISING AND SPONSORSHIP

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and will be bound by the requirements of any title sponsor.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The series is open to Cruisers in classes 1,2,3,4, White Sail 1 and White Sail 2 in IRC & ECHO. Cruisers in class 1,2 & 3 shall sail with Endorsed IRC Certificates. Cruisers in Class 4, White Sail 1 and White Sail 2 may sail with Unendorsed IRC Certificates. All certificates to have a validity date no later than 4th August 2017.
- 3.2 Class divisions will be based on current SCORA class divisions subject to the right of the OA, in its absolute discretion, to assign any boat to whatever class it considers appropriate.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by submitting online via the Club website www.shsc.ie or by completing the attached form and sending it together with the required fee, to Schull Harbour Sailing Club, Pier Road, Schull, Co. Cork by 4th August 2017. Entries received after this date will be deemed as late entries.
- 3.4 A minimum of five entries per Class may be required to constitute a class.
- 3.5 Late entries will be accepted up to and including 7th August 2017 at the discretion of the race committee.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Monday 7th August 2017 from 16.30hrs /19.00hrs and may be available on Tuesday 8th August 2017 from 09.00 / 10.00hrs in the Race Office which will be the Fastnet Marine Outdoor Education Centre (FMOEC) at Schull Community College for the duration of the event.
- 4.2 Dates of racing and time of 1st gun:

DATE	ALL CLASSES
Tuesday 8th August	Racing 12.25 hrs
Wednesday 9th August	Racing 12.25 hrs
Thursday 10th August	Racing 11.55 hrs
Friday 11th August	Racing 12.25 hrs

- 4.3 There will be a briefing meeting for all skippers, or their representatives, at 0930 hrs on Tuesday 8th August at the Race Office.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Required fees are as follows:

BOAT LENGTH / CLASS	CALVES WEEK ENTRY	LATE ENTRY AFTER 1ST JULY
30 ft and under	€145	€190
Over 30ft to under 36 ft	€170	€230
36ft and over	€195	€265

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1630 hrs on Monday 7th August 2017 at the Race Office.
Also they will be on www.shsc.ie two weeks prior to the event.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. Boats should note their obligation to fly a **YELLOW flag** under RRS 44.3 (a) when taking a scoring penalty.

8 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD FOR RESULTS IS WWW.SHSC.IE.

These results may be repeated on display on Main Street, Schull.

9 WHITE SAIL DIVISION RULES

- 9.1 White Sail Division competing boats must fly identifying racing pennant, (White PENNANT with blue letter W thereon). Plus identifying numeral pennant 1 or 2 if fleet is divided.
- 9.2 The starting Handicap shall be assigned by the Race Office broadly in line with the ECHO standard. Current ECOH Standard Certificates will be required for those competing in White Sail. Unendorsed IRC Certificates are also required if racing in IRC.
- 9.3 Each Boat shall have a minimum of two crew, there is no maximum number. (Skipper plus one other person complies with this rule.)
- 9.4 The use of Gennakers, Bloopers and Spinnakers or other purpose built downwind sails is prohibited.
- 9.5 Spinnaker poles are allowed for poling out headsails.
- 9.6 Handicaps will be calculated using the ECHO Progressive Handicapping System for White Sail 1 and 2, and they will be adjusted and declared after each race.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is as follows:
The Low Point System in accordance with RRS Appendix A with the following modifications:
OCS, RAF, DNF, DSQ, = 1 point plus number of finishers for the race.
DNS & DNC = 2 points plus number of finishers for the race.
- 10.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.3 (a) If only 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

12 PRIZES

Daily prizes will be awarded in IRC and Echo. Notwithstanding that a boat may be placed under both handicap systems, a boat shall not be awarded multiple prizes on the same day; in that event the IRC prize shall take precedence.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority (OA) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14 INSURANCE

Boat owners and competing crews undertake that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain adequate third party insurance cover and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

15 MOORINGS

To arrange a mooring for the week contact Schull Watersports Centre, The Pier, Schull. The contact is Simon Nelson on 028-28554 or 087-7548463. The number of moorings available is limited so it is recommended that you make your arrangements as soon as possible.

16 FERRIES

A ferry service is run throughout Calves Week from the pontoon on the pier and serving all competing yachts within the harbour. This service will operate from 10am to 8pm each day from Tuesday 8th August to Friday 11th August. The ferry is contacted on VHF channel 14. A ferry marked with a yellow flag will serve the southern half of the harbour, and a ferry marked with a red flag will serve the northern half, of the harbour. A limited ferry service will be available on Monday 7th August.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

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