



**Northwest Offshore Racing Association Championships
Saturday 2nd August– Saturday 9th August 2014**

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The organising authorities for the Northwest Offshore Racing Association Championships 2014 are Sligo Yacht Club (SYC), Mullaghmore Sailing Club (MSC), Killybegs Sailing Club (KSC) and the Northwest Offshore Racing Association (NORA).

2. RULES AND HANDICAP SYSTEMS

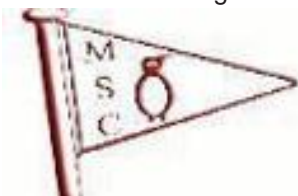
- 2.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the NORA Performance Handicap System, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 2.3 Handicaps will be published before the event starts. 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 a protest.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers and Cruiser/Racers.
- 3.2 Depending on the number of entries, boats will be divided into the following classes: Class 1 / Class 2 / White Sails.
- 3.3 Class Bands, if used, will be announced in advance of the first race.
- 3.4 The Organising Committee may, in their absolute discretion, assign a yacht to any Class.
- 3.5 Sport Boats, Keel boats or Day Boats may have a separate class at discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 3.6 All competing sailors must be a 2014 member of the Northwest Offshore Racing Association (NORA). Membership forms will be available at registration and online. Membership fee €5

4. ENTRY & REFUNDS

- 4.1 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to John Buckley, Ardaghowen, Sligo
Tel 086 2588568 email johnabuckley1@gmail.com.
- 4.2 Entry Fees can be paid at Registration if not paid earlier.
- 4.3 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 4.4 The Entry Fee for all boats shall be: €100
- 4.5 Sligo Yacht Club, Mullaghmore Sailing Club, Killybegs Sailing Club and the Northwest Offshore Racing Association 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.





4.6 THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS 10.00hrs Saturday 2nd August 2014.

5. LATE ENTRIES AND REFUNDS

- 5.1 Entries received after 18.00hrs on Friday 1st August 2014 will be accepted by the Organising Committee but may be subject to an additional 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 prior to the first race, in any case not later than 10.00hrs on Saturday 2nd August 2014.
- 6.2 The Race Office shall be open for registration from 1800hrs to 2000hrs on Friday 1st August 2014 and from 0900hrs on Saturday 2nd August 2014.

7. PROGRAMME OF RACES AND RACING AREA

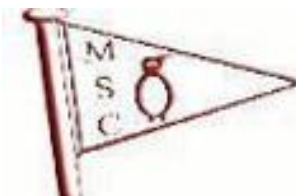
- 7.1 Races will be sailed in three venues, Sligo Bay Race Area, Mullaghmore Race Area, Killybegs Race Area and Coastal races will take place between the venues.
- 7.2 It is intended to have racing for all Classes on each scheduled race day.
- 7.3 It is intended to organise a total of fourteen races for all Classes with a variety of Laid Courses, Round the Cans and two Coastal races (which maybe "Pursuit" races which will involve multiple start times).
- 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 racing day.
- 7.6 On the days with two or more races, the second and subsequent races will start as soon as practical after completion of the previous race unless otherwise instructed by the PRO.

8. SCORING SYSTEM AND DISCARDS

- 8.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 8.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 8.3 The overall result for a boat will be the sum of all a boats results allowing for discards (if applicable) as laid out in 8.4 & 8.5.
- 8.4 A competing boat will be allowed to discard their lowest placed result at each venue, provided that three or more races have been sailed at that venue.
- 8.5 Coastal Races will be awarded double points and may NOT be discarded.
- 8.6 Results will be given for each class where appropriate.

9. PRIZES

- 9.1 Prizes will be awarded for Spinnaker and White Sail Classes depending on the number of entries.





10. MOORINGS & PONTOON FACILITIES

10.1 Moorings or Pontoon Facilities will be available to all competing yachts.

11. SOCIAL

11.1 Entertainment & Prizegiving will be held at each Venue, a programme of which will be made available on or before registration.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to each entrant and will be posted online when available.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the championships entirely at their own risk. Sligo Yacht Club, Mullaghmore Sailing Club, Killybegs Sailing Club, Northwest Offshore Racing Association, 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 The organizing Clubs and the Northwest Offshore Racing Association are very pleased to welcome our sponsors at the Northwest Offshore Racing Championships 2014.

15 Event schedule

Sat Aug 2nd Killybegs Races 1 and 2

Sun Aug 3rd Killybegs Races 3 and 4

Mon Aug 4th Coastal Race Killybegs to Rosses Point – Race 5 (double points)

Thurs Aug 7th Rosses Point Races 6,7,8

Fri Aug 8th Coastal Race Rosses Point to Mullaghmore – Race 9 (double points)

Sat Aug 9th Mullaghmore Races 10,11,12

