



Shannon Foynes
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WIORA

West Coast Championships Foynes Yacht Club



Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th July, 2019

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Foynes Yacht Club (FYC).

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the IRC Rating Rule parts A-C, the Irish Sailing ECHO Performance Handicap System, the WIORA Constitution, class association rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions and any changes thereto.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 Crew Limit is IRC plus 1. There are no crew weight limits.
- 2.4 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. ADVERTISING

World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 **General.** The Championship is open to all Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports boats holding a valid IRC and/or ECHO certificate.
- 4.2 **Registration.** The entry form will be available at www.foynesyachtclub.com or at registration. All entrants shall register with the Event Office upon arrival, in any case not later than 1000hrs on Wednesday 24th 2019.
- 4.3 The Race Office shall be open for registration from 1800hrs to 2000hrs on Tuesday 23rd July 2019 and from 0900hrs on Wednesday 24th July 2019.
- 4.4 **Entry Fee.** Required fees are as follows:

	30' LOA	29' LOA and under
Early Bird Entry ON/BEFORE 31 st May, 2019	€120.00	€100.00
AFTER 31 st May, 2019	€150.00	€130.00
All entries on or before 31st May, 2019, will be entered into a draw for a free entry.		

- 4.5 Entry forms can be downloaded from www.foynesyachtclub.com and posted to Donal McCormack, c/o Foynes Yacht Club, Foynes, Co. Limerick
- 4.6 Entrants shall: Comply with Irish Sailing national authority eligibility requirements, submit a copy of their current ECHO and/or IRC Certificate at or before registration, complete and return a valid Entry Form accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee. The OA reserve the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations.
- 4.8 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the OA.

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- 4.9 All participating sailors shall be members of the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association for 2019. Subscriptions shall be paid at or before registration. Subscription is €10 per person. Persons under 18 years or over 65 years on the first day of the event are exempt from subscription.
- 4.10 Complimentary breakfast is included in the entry fee.
- 4.11 Lift in, lift out and berthage is included in the entry fee.

5. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event 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 event. Foynes Yacht Club, including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event.

6. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 “Lift In” Crane facilities will be available on Tuesday, 23rd July from 4pm, and by appointment only.
- 7.2 Racing is scheduled for Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th & Saturday 27th July 2019.
- 7.3 It is proposed to sail nine races in Spinnaker Divisions and seven races in Non Spinnaker Divisions.
- 7.4 The Event Briefing will take place Wednesday 24th July at 1100hrs.
- 7.5 Proposed Schedule of Races:

Wednesday	24 th July	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal 1330hrs
Thursday	25 th July	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal 1330hrs
Friday	26 th July	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal 1330hrs
Saturday	27 th July	Remaining races to complete the series	Warning Signal 1200hrs

Schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

- 7.6 No race will be started after 14.30hrs Saturday 27th June, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonments shortly after the start.
- 7.7 “Lift Out” Crane Facilities will be available as soon as practicable after racing on Saturday.
- 7.8 Tide times
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| Wednesday 24 th July | HW | 1144 | 4.2m |
| Thursday 25 th July | HW | 1243 | 4.1m |
| Friday 26 th July | HW | 1350 | 4.1m |
| Saturday 27 th July | HW | 1500 | 4.2m |
- 7.9 The OA reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the Event Office at registration. Prior to this they may be available at www.foynesyachtclub.com.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as listed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The venue will be Foynes Yacht Club.
- 10.2 Club facilities include free power & water on site, shower and changing facilities, secure trailer storage during the event.
- 10.3 Free camping and caravan parking available on site. Full accommodation list available on www.foynesyachtclub.com.

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11. ENTERTAINMENT

- 11.1 A championship dinner will take place at Foynes Yacht Club at 1900 hrs on the Saturday evening. Pre-booking essential.
- 11.2 Live music will be provided at the club every evening shortly after prize giving.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply, except that the winning boat shall score 0.75 points.
- 12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.3 When fewer than five races have been sailed, a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When eight or more races have been completed a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.5 Results will be given under ECHO and IRC systems where appropriate.

13. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

- 13.1 IRC certs shall have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 24th July 2019. Changes to the rating of a boat will not be accepted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest or to correct Rating Office errors.
- 13.2 A copy of the boat's current IRC and/or ECHO certificate shall be included with the entry form or submitted at registration. This copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded under IRC and ECHO handicap systems depending on the number of entries.
- 14.2 There will be an overall prize awarded in IRC. The overall winner will be selected from the IRC classes by using a system of weighted scoring to reflect the number of boats competing in each class.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see the Foynes Yacht Club website or contact Donal McCormack at info@foynesyachtclub.com or 0872020456.

