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| burgee_large | **WIORA**  **West Coast Championships**  **Foynes Yacht Club** |  |
| **Wednesday 12th to Saturday 15th June, 2024** | | |

**Notice of Race**

**The Organising Authority (OA) is Foynes Yacht Club (FYC) in conjunction with the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association (WIORA)**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, of IRC except White Sails, the ECHO Irish Sailing 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted.

1.4 Crew Limit is IRC plus 1. There are no crew weight limits.

1.5 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.

**2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**3. COMMUNICATION**

3.1 The official Notice Board is located in the clubhouse

3.2 All boats shall carry a radio capable of communicating on channel 72

3.3 On the water the Race Committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors. The VHF channel will be stated in the SIs.

3.4 [DP][While racing] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 **General.** The Championship is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports boats holding a valid IRC and/or ECHO certificate.

4.2 **Registration.** The entry will only be available at [www.foynesyachtclub.com](http://www.foynesyachtclub.com) on Checklick.

4.3 Entrants shall: Comply with Irish Sailing or other national authority eligibility requirements, a copy of their current ECHO and/or IRC Certificate should be available to view throughout regatta, no alteration in a yacht’s TCC will be permitted after the 7th of June, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors. 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.

4.4 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the OA.

4.5 All participating sailors shall be members of the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association for 2024. Subscriptions shall be paid through [www.wiora.ie](http://www.wiora.ie)

4.6 IRC certs shall be ENDORSED & have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 7nd June 2024. 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.

4.7 A copy of the boat’s current IRC Endorsed certificate shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.

**5. ENTRY FEES**

5.1  **Entry Fee**. Required fees are as follows:

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|  | **White Sails Class** | **IRC Class** |
| PRIOR 19th May, 2024 | €160.00 | €180.00 |
| AFTER 19th May, 2024 | €180.00 | €200.00 |
| **CLOSING DATE 1600 HRS ON FRIDAY 7TH June 2024** | | |

5.2 Complimentary breakfast is included in the entry fee

5.3 Lift in and lift out plus berthage are included in the entry fee

5.4 Entry fees received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of the OA. Payments should be made to Foynes Yacht Club via Checklick on FYC website.

**6 CREW LIMITATIONS – NOT USED**

**7 ADVERTISING**

World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.

**8 QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES – NOT USED**

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**9. SCHEDULE**

9.1 “Lift In/ Mast lift” Crane facilities will be available by appointment only. Contact John Paul Buckley 087 9083587

9.2 Racing is scheduled for Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th & Saturday 15th June 2024.

9.3 It is proposed to sail 7 races for White Sail Class and 9 races for IRC Class.

9.4 The Event Briefing will take place Wednesday 12th June 1000.

9.5 Proposed Schedule of Races:

Wednesday 12th June Up to 3 races Warning Signal 1130

Thursday 13th June Up to 3 races Warning Signal 1100

Friday 14th June Up to 3 races Warning Signal 1100

Saturday 15th June Remaining Races Warning Signal 1100

to complete the series

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

9.6 No race will be started after 14.30hrs Saturday 15th June, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonments shortly after the start. `

9.7 “Lift Out” Crane Facilities will be available as soon as practicable after racing on Saturday.

9.8 Tide times Wednesday 12th June HW 1105 4.1m LW 1640 1.6m

Thursday 13th June HW 1156 4.0m LW 1732 1.8m

Friday 14th June HW 1256 3.9m LW 1836 3.9m

Saturday 15th July HW 1359 3.9m LW 1945 3.9m

9.9 The OA reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

**10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – NOT USED**

**11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT – NOT USED**

**12. VENUE**

12.1 The venue will be Foynes Yacht Club.

12.2 Club facilities include free power & water on site, shower and changing facilities, secure trailer storage during the event.

12.3 Free camping and caravan parking available on site. Full accommodation list available on [www.foynesyachtclub.com](http://www.foynesyachtclub.com).

**13. THE COURSES**

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

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 Detailed in the Sailing Instructions

**15. SCORING**

15.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply, except that the winning boat shall score 1 point.

15.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boats’ series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When six or more races have been completed, a boats’ series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

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

**16-21 NOT USED**

### 22. RISK STATEMENT

### 22.1 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.

**23. INSURANCE**

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

**24. PRIZES**

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

24.2 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.

**25. ENTERTAINMENT**

25.1 A championship dinner will take place at Foynes Yacht Club at 1930 hrs on the Saturday evening. Pre-booking essential through Checklick.

25.2 Live music will be provided at the club on Saturday evening after the championship dinner.

**26. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please see the Foynes Yacht Club website or contact Bev Lowes at [info@foynesyachtclub.com](mailto:info@foynesyachtclub.com) or 086 6090532.