



WIORA

West Coast Championships

Foynes Yacht Club



Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th August, 2024

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2. RULES

- 2.1 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.
- 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 IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted.
- 2.4 Crew Limit is IRC plus 1. There are no crew weight limits.
- 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. ADVERTISING

World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply.

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 on Checkclick.
- 4.3 **Entry Fee.** Required fees are as follows:

	White Sails Class	IRC Class
PRIOR 19 th May, 2024	€160.00	€180.00
AFTER 19 th May, 2024	€180.00	€200.00
CLOSING DATE 1600 HRS ON FRIDAY 2nd August 2024		

- 4.4 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 Checkclick on FYC website.
- 4.5 Not Used
- 4.6 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 2nd of August, 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.
- 4.7 Refunds or partial refunds may be made at the sole discretion of the OA.



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- 4.8 All participating sailors shall be members of the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association for 2024.
Subscriptions shall be paid through www.wiora.org
- 4.9 Complimentary breakfast is included in the entry fee.
- 4.10 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/ Mast lift” Crane facilities will be available by appointment only. Contact John Paul Buckley 087 9083587

7.2 Racing is scheduled for Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th, Friday 9th & Saturday 10th August 2024.

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

7.4 The Event Briefing will take place Wednesday 7th August @ 10.30.

7.5 Proposed Schedule of Races:

Wednesday	7 th August	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal	12.00
Thursday	8 th August	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal	12.00
Friday	9 th August	Up to 3 races	Warning Signal	11.00
Saturday	10 th August	Remaining races to complete the series	Warning Signal	10.00

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

7.6 No race will be started after 14.30hrs Saturday 10th August, 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.

Tide times	Wednesday 7 th August	HW	08:53	4.7m	LW	14:37	0.8m
	Thursday 8 th August	HW	09:24	4.7m	LW	15:05	1.0m
	Friday 9 th August	HW	09:54	4.6m	LW	15:34	1.2m
	Saturday 10 th August	HW	10:26	4.5m	LW	16:07	1.4m

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 FYC. 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.

11. ENTERTAINMENT

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



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

12. SCORING

12.1 The Low Points Scoring System of Appendix A shall apply.

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

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

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

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

13. RATINGS & HANDICAPS

13.1 IRC certs shall be ENDORSED & have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 2nd of August 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.

13.2 A copy of the boat's current IRC Endorsed certificate 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 Bev Lowes at info@foynesyachtclub.com or 086 6090532.



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