

Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival Regatta May 24th - June 1st 2014 Hosted by Moyle District Council

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

Moyle District Council in Association with Coleraine Yacht Club and Cushendall Sailing & Boating Club.

2. Rules

Current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, current class rules applicable to competing yachts, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

RYA Racing Charter: Competitors should note that MDC in conjunction with CYC/CSBC has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that, when entering, competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.

3. Eligibility

Cruisers:

All yachts should carry a valid Clyde cruising association or IRC handicap. The organising committee may be prepared to issue a temporary handicap for the duration of the event.

Boats shall belong to or be chartered to and under the control of a member of a yacht club affiliated to the RYA or other equivalent National Authority.

4. Classes

Cruisers: There will be 2 classes: Class 1: boats with a Clyde handicap of 15.5 or less Class 2: boats with a Clyde handicap of more than 15.5

Dinghies: There will be 2 classes:

Senior: For Adult sailors and boats from Junior: For junior sailors and boats from Topper, Pico, Optimist classes

5. Safety Requirements

Cruisers will conform to ORC Category 4 at all times. Dinghies will conform to class rules.

6. Advertising

RRS 80 will apply.

7. Sail Numbers

RRS 77 and Appendix G, and ORC Special Regulation 4.01 will not apply. All boats shall display a sail number on the mainsail, easily identifiable from the Committee boat, and this is the number to be shown on the entry form. Sail numbers on all headsails, including spinnakers, shall be the same as those on the mainsail unless previously authorised by the Committee.

7. Entries and Fees

All entries shall be made on the appropriate entry form. There will be no entry fee.

8. Racing Schedule

Registration Saturday 24 May: 1000 – 1200 Sunday 25 May: 1000- 1200 Saturday 30 May: 0900 – 1000

at the Marina Office, Ballycastle
at the Marina Office Ballycastle
at xxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Church Bay, Rahlin Island

Cruiser Racing Saturday 24 May: First Warning Signal: 1400 (2 races) No Races will start after 1700

Dinghy Racing Sunday 25th May: Warning Signal 1430 Saturday 30 May: Warning Signal 1130

9. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

10. Sailing Area and Courses

Racing will be held in Rathlin Sound in the vicinity of Ballycastle and Church Bay.

11. Signals Ashore

Signals ashore will be at the Marina Office in Ballycastle.

12. Results

Results will be posted as soon as possible after sailing in the marina office and may also be posted on the MDC and CSBC websites and Facebook pages.

13. Prizes

Trophies and prizes will be awarded each day in The Ferry Terminal building, Ballycastle.

14. Responsibility and Insurance

The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of racing. Neither this Notice of Race, nor the Sailing Instructions (including any amendments), limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person-in-charge for the crew, the boat and her management. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for these conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them. The boat is responsible to ensure that she is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew knows how to use it. The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

The Organising Authority shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boats, beachmasters and sponsors. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

Boats shall carry insurance protection for third party liabilities to a minimum of £2,000,000.

15. Marina Fees

MDC will be offering 50% discount to all participating boats in the lead up to and during the event.

16. Festival Programme

A full social programme and Maritime events is planned Beginning Friday 24 May continuing until Sunday 2 June

17. Further Information

Ballycastle Marina Office: tel. 078 0350 5084