



Dublin Bay Sailing Club Cruiser Challenge 2011

Hosted By The National Yacht Club.

26th-28th August 2011



NOTICE OF RACE

Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 3, Sigma 33 and 31.7's.

1. Organising Authority and Rules

The organising authority is Dublin Bay Sailing Club. The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and any amendments thereto, IRC, the ECHO handicapping system rules, Sigma 33 class rules, the 31.7 Class Rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and in the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Schedule of Races

Warning Signals

Race 1 26th August 1655

Race 2 27th August 1045

Race 3 ASAP after Race 2

Race 4 28th August 1045

Race 5 ASAP after Race 4

Note: There will be 2 course areas and they will be announced on VHF Channel 74 Mc Lir and VHF Channel 69 Spirit of the Irish for each of the courses.

3. Racing Area

The racing area will be the waters of Dublin Bay and Killiney Bay - Admiralty Chart 1468.

4. Eligibility

4.1 Eligible boats are those the classes which comply with the relevant handicapping system and the entry requirements.

4.2 The one design Sigma 33 rules. The 31.7 class rules including crew limitations.

5. Classes and Handicap Systems

5.1 Boats will race under IRC, ECHO Handicap System, Sigma 33s will race one design and 31.7 will race one design and under ECHO.

5.2 Cruisers will be divided on the basis of their current ISA Standard ECHO Reference Handicap/ IRC ECHO Handicap as follows:

Cruisers 0 - Boats at 1.045 to 1.250

Cruisers 1- Boats at 0.980 to 1.044

Cruisers 2- Boats from 0.920 to 0.979

Cruisers 3 – Boats from 0.820 to 0.919

5.3 Boats shall comply with all stipulations and/or conditions relevant to the valid current certificate. (Subject to the right of the organizing authority to allocate a boat to any class.

6. Team Event

A trophy will be presented to the entered team comprised of one boat from each cruiser class, the Sigma33 class and 31.7 class which aggregates the lowest number of points over the series of races under IRC, one design for the Sigma class and 31.7class. Teams should be nominated in writing to the Race Office before commencement of racing. Note: RRS Appendix D (Team Racing Rules) shall not apply.

7. Certificates

ECHO handicaps will be advised to DBSC by the relevant rating authority. A copy of the relevant IRC certificate must accompany the entry form. However, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that DBSC have the correct handicap available and therefore late changes should be advised to the Hon. Secretary by the boats concerned.

8. Responsibility

8.1 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner(s) or the owner's representative whose obligation it is to ensure that the boat is fully sound, seaworthy, manned by an experienced crew and equipped with all the necessary safety gear. Neither this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions nor any action of the organizing authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or owner's representative.

8.2 Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 "Acceptance of Rules" and Rule 4 "Decision to race".

8.3 Boat owners and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain third party insurance cover of not less than one million five hundred thousand EURO (€1,500,000), and shall produce a valid certificate of insurance upon request.

8.4 No responsibility shall be accepted by the organizing authority, its members, servants or agents, nor those officials or members connected with the event for any loss, damage, injury or other claim of whatever nature howsoever arising or caused in connection with participation in, or intended participation in this event.

9. Entries

The entry fee for each boat is €105.00. Entries received before the 12th of August 2011 will have a reduced fee of €80. Entries shall be made by completing the details on the boat entry form (overleaf) and forwarding it to the Hon. Secretary, D.P.O'Sullivan, 72, Clonkeen Drive, Foxrock, Dublin 18. (The form may also be downloaded from the DBSC website). An entry is required from all boats intending to compete, including those already racing in a current DBSC series. The latest date for entries is Monday 22nd August. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee and on payment of late entry fee of €25.00

Helmsmen and their crews competing in the event will be temporary members of DBSC and the National Yacht Club for the days of the event. Owners, Helmsmen and their crews will be bound by the rules of the Clubs. The Clubs reserve the right to withdraw such temporary membership. All entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Committee.

10. Sailing Instructions (May be available www.dbsc.org during August 2011)

Sailing Instructions may be posted to each entrant, left in entrant's yacht club or collected from the Race Office before racing. Please indicate on the entry form whether Sailing Instructions are to be posted or to be collected. The Race Office and Official Notice Board will be situated in the National Yacht Club.

11. Berthing

Boats requiring berths on the Marina must register with the Marina Administration Office on Ch. 37A prior to being advised which berth they will be allocated. Overnight berthing is available at normal rates. Berths will be allocated on first come basis. Marina Tel. (01) 2020040. / Fax (01) 2020043. A limited number of berths may be made available at the National Yacht Club. Please contact the boathouse prior to arrival.