



Dublin Bay Sailing Club Cruiser Challenge 2013
Incorporating the Beneteau 31.7 National Championships and Cruisers 3 East Coast Championships

23rd-25th August 2013

Hosted by the Royal St George Yacht Club.



Sponsored by MGM Boats



NOTICE OF RACE

Cruisers 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, Sigma 33 and 31.7's

Organising Authority

The organising authority is Dublin Bay Sailing Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1** The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2** Racing Rules will be changed as follows: 27.1. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1** The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes: Cruiser 0, Cruiser 1, Cruiser 2, Cruiser 3, Cruiser 5, Sigma 33 and Beneteau 31.7.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee to the Hon. Secretary, D.P. O'Sullivan, 72, Clonkeen Drive, Foxrock, Dublin 18. (The form may also be downloaded from the DBSC website).
- 3.3** The latest date for entries is 1200 Monday 19th August. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

4. Fees

The entry fee for each boat is €85.00. (€105 for late entries which will apply to all entries received after 1200 Monday 19th August). The entry fee is non-refundable.

5. Schedule

- 5.1** Registration will take place at Royal St George YC from 1300 23rd August 2013 until 1730.
- 5.2** The schedule time of the warning Signal for each race:
Race 1 23rd August 1755
Race 2 24th August 1045
Race 3 ASAP after Race 2
Race 4 25th August 1045
Race 5 ASAP after Race 4
- 5.3** Note: the Cruiser 5 class will have one race each day and the warning signal will be as for Race 1, 2 and 4.

6. Classes and Handicap Systems

- 6.1** Boats will race under IRC and ECHO Handicap System. Sigma 33's will race one design as per class rules. Beneteau 31.7 will race one design and under the ECHO Handicap System. Crew limitation will apply to the Beneteau 31.7. However there is no limit on crew number or crew weights for Cruiser 0, Cruiser 1, Cruiser 2, Cruiser 3 and Cruiser 5.
- 6.2** Cruisers will be divided on the basis of their current ISA Standard ECHO Reference Handicap (or IRC Handicap if Standard ECHO is not applicable) 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 0.780 to 0.919

- 6.3 The organizing authority reserves the right to allocate a boat to any class.
- 6.4 A copy of the current IRC certificate must accompany the entry form. ECHO handicaps will be advised to DBSC by the relevant rating authority.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing Instructions will be available from 19th August 2013 and may be posted or emailed to each entrant, left in entrant's yacht club or collected from the Race Office. Please indicate on the entry form whether they are to be posted or will be collected. The Sailing Instructions may also be available on DBSC website.

The Race Office and Official Notice Board will be situated in the Royal St George Yacht Club.

8. Racing Area & Courses

- 8.1 The racing area will be the waters of Dublin Bay and Killiney Bay - Admiralty Chart 1468.
- 8.2 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:
Windward / Leeward
Fixed mark courses,
Triangle courses,
or otherwise at the discretion of the race committee.
- 8.3 There will be 2 course areas and these will be advised by the Sailing Instructions.

9. Penalty systems

The scoring penalty, rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

10. Scoring:

- 10.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2 When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her one worst score.

11. Prizes

- 11.1 First prizes will be given for the classes in which there are three or more starters and second and third prizes will be given when there are six and eight starters respectively in their class.
- 11.2 The overall perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat, which, in the opinion of the committee, is the most successful boat over the three days, under IRC.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 Regatta.

13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than one million, five hundred thousand EURO (€1,500,000) per incident or the equivalent.

14. Berthing

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

15. Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

16. Diving equipment and plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

17. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. Social Programme

A social programme will be arranged by the Royal St George Yacht Club and will be advised in due course.

19. Membership

Owners, Helmsmen and crew will be temporary members of DBSC and the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the event. They will be bound by the rules of both Clubs who reserve the right to withdraw such temporary membership at any time.

20. For further Information

Please contact honsec@dbsc.org

