

Clifden Regatta 2008

Clifden Boat Club 16th & 17th August 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority for the **Clifden Regatta 2008** is the **Clifden Boat Club**.

1.2 All entries and enquiries should be addressed to **Andrew Bell**.

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1.3 The **Clifden Regatta 2008** will be run from Saturday **16th August** to Sunday **17th August 2008**.

2. RULES AND HANDICAP SYSTEMS

2.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the IR2000 (IRC) rating rule, the ECHO ISA Performance Handicap System, the ISAF / ORC Safety Regulations Category 4, Class Association Rules where applicable, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2.2 ECHO handicaps may be revised during the Regatta by the handicapping authority for the event. The act of handicap adjustment or failure to adjust will not be grounds for protest.

2.3 Revised ECHO handicaps will be published with the daily results.

2.4 Crew Limitation shall be as per IRC Certificate plus 2.

2.5 If there is a conflict between a rule in this notice of race and the sailing instructions the sailing instruction rule shall apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Class racing is open to all Cruisers, Racer/Cruisers, Cruiser/Racers and Sports / Day boats. Eligible boats are those in the Classes, which comply with the relevant handicapping systems.

4. ENTRY

4.1 Entries are accepted at the sole discretion of the Clifden Regatta Organizing Committee.

4.2 Entrants shall:

a. Comply with ISA or other national authority eligibility requirements.

b. **Submit a copy of their current Echo and / or IRC Certificate on 16th August 2008.** No alteration in a yacht's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct rating office errors.

c. Complete and return a valid Entry Form accompanied by the appropriate Entry Fee.

4.3 **The Entry Fee shall be:**

Yachts -	€80
Dinghies	€10 per heat

4.4 Clifden Boat Club reserves the absolute right to refuse any entry, boat, or its crew, or to ask any entrant to complete further undertakings or declarations.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 All entrants shall register at Clifden Boat Club upon arrival, in any case not later than 11.00 hrs on Saturday 16th August 2008.

6. PROGRAMME OF RACES AND RACING AREA

6.1 Races will be sailed in Clifden Bay and surrounding waters.

6.2 It is intended to organise a total of four races For cruisers, dinghy races dependant on entries with a variety of Windward / Leeward and Round the Cans.

6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to amend the schedule of races depending on prevailing conditions.

6.4 Published start times will be between 10.00hrs and 13.00hrs.

6.5 The second race will start as soon as practical after completion of the previous race.

7 SCORING SYSTEM AND DISCARDS

- 7.1 The Low Points scoring system of Appendix A will apply, with modifications.
- 7.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 7.3 There will be NO DISCARD.
- 7.4 Results will be given under ECHO and IRC systems.

8 PRIZES

- 8.1 Prizes will consist of daily prizes for yachts and overall prizes and trophies.
- 8.2 Overall Trophies for the CLIFDEN REGATTA 2008 will be awarded on Sunday evening for all classes.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 Sailing Instructions will be available to each entrant at registration.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1 Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. Clifden Boat Club, their members, their officers, servants, sponsors, representatives and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss of or damage to property sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 10.2 It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each owner or owner's representative to decide whether or not to start or continue to race. Owners shall acknowledge their responsibility on the Official Entry Form and draw attention of their crew and associates to this disclaimer.
- 10.3 Boat owners and crew shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring.