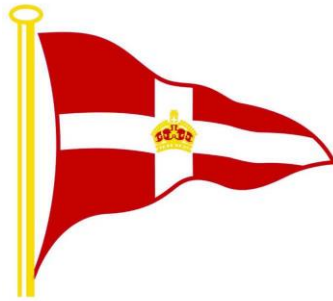




NOTICE OF RACE



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Dublin Bay Sailing Club Cruiser Challenge 2016

*Incorporating the J24 and Beneteau 211 National Championships
East coasts C2 & 3 and Mixed Sportsboats class*

3rd and 4th September 2016

Organising Authority

The organising authority is Dublin Bay Sailing Club in association with the Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire.

Host Club

The Host Club is the Royal St George Yacht Club.

1. Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the following classes:

Cruiser 0,
Cruiser 1,
Cruiser 2,
Cruiser 3,
Cruiser 5 (Non-Spinnaker),
Beneteau 31.7,
J24
Beneteau 211,
Mixed Sportsboats. (www.dbsportboats.com)

3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry/ payment form at www.dbsc.org.

3.3 The latest date for entries is Friday 26th August 2016. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

4. Fees

Closing date for on line entries is midnight Friday 2nd September.

Late entries may be accepted at Race Office from 08.00 hours until 10.00 hours on Saturday (Late entry fee applied)

The entry fee is non-refundable. (A supplement fee is applied to the J24 entries to cover 3 days of racing)

5. Schedule

5.1 Registration will take place at the Royal St George Yacht Club on Saturday 3rd from 0800-1000.

5.2 The schedule time of the warning Signal for each race:

3 rd September	Race 1 10.55
	Race 2 ASAP after race 1
	Race 3 ASAP after Race 2
4 th September	Race 4 10.55
	Race 5 ASAP after Race 4

6. Classes and Handicap Systems

6.1 Cruiser Classes, Beneteau 31.7 and Mixed Sportboats will race under IRC and ECHO Handicap Systems. J24 and Beneteau 211 classes will race one design.

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). Handicap Cruiser Class assignments will be made according to entries received. The entries of the Cruiser IRC and Echo will be split into a minimum of four Classes named Cruisers 0,1,2,3- The Non-spinnaker classification entries may be split into two classes.

6.3 The composition of the classes will be determined by the Organising Authority on receipt of the entries, having regard to the following criteria:

- i) the need for a reasonable number of boats in each class
- ii) having as close a spread as possible in the range of handicaps in each class.

6.4 The allocation of entries into provisional classes will be posted on the event website by 1700 on Wednesday 01 September 2016.

The Organising Authority reserves the absolute discretion, in the interests of fair sailing for all competitors, to allocate any boat to any class.

6.5 Cruiser class boats shall display class numerals 0-5

7. Sailing Instructions

7.1 The sailing Instructions will be available from 26th August 2016 and may be downloaded from the DBSC website or collected from the Race Office.

7.2 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

8.2 The courses to be sailed may be as follows:

Windward / Leeward

Triangle courses

Fixed mark courses

at the discretion of the race committee.

8.3 There will be 3 course areas

Area 1 J24

Area 2 Mixed sports boats, 31.7, B211's and C5

Area 3 C0, C1, C2, Sigma 33 and C3

9. Penalty systems

9.1 The scoring penalty, rule 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

10. Scoring:

10.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

10.2 After four 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 awarded for the classes in which there are three or more starters and second and third prizes will be awarded when there are at least five and seven starters respectively in their class.

11.2 Prizes will be awarded under IRC, ECHO and / or scratch as appropriate to each class. Note where a boat is placed such as would win a prize under more than one handicap system then only one prize will be awarded. The priority of prizes awarded will be as follows, Scratch, IRC, Echo.

11.3 The overall perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat, which, in the opinion of the committee, is the most successful over the course of the event, under IRC.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material, damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, 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 A limited number of berths may be available at the Royal St George Yacht Club. Please contact the boathouse prior to arrival (01).

14.2 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.

15. Radio Communication

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

16. Social Programme

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

17. 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 the respective Clubs and they reserve the right to withdraw such temporary membership at any time.

20. For further Information

Please contact honsec@dbsc.org