



Offshore Series 2009

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules.

This Series will be governed by the current 'rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Royal Alfred Yacht Club Rules, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association and any amendments thereto. In the event of any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail. After Sunset and until Sunrise the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea shall prevail.

2. Classes

The Series will be held for Yachts of monohull construction with a minimum length-over-all 30ft (IRC division).

3. Eligibility of Yachts

- 3.1 Have a valid IRC rating
- 3.2 Be skippered, helmed and crewed by her regular Corinthian crew.
- 3.3 Have a minimum SSS Numeral of 24.
- 3.4 Comply with the requirements of the ORC/ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2007-2010 for races of Category 3.
- 3.5 Carry certified Life raft sufficient for the crew aboard.

4. Advertising -no restrictions

5. Schedule of Races.

Event / Course	Classes	Date	Start Finish Venue
<u>Lee Overlay Partners</u> RAYC Offshore Arklow Race	Eligible Cruisers Day Race	9 May 1000 hrs	Dun Laoghaire start- Dun Laoghaire finish (RStGYC)
<u>Lee Overlay Partners</u> RAYC Offshore ROCKABILL	Eligible Cruisers Overnight	19th June 2000 hrs	Dun Laoghaire start - Dun Laoghaire finish
<u>Lee Overlay Partners</u> RAYC Offshore North India Bank	Eligible Cruisers Overnight	24 July 2000 hrs	Dun Laoghaire start- Dun Laoghaire finish National YC
<u>Lee Overlay Partners</u> RAYC Offshore ODAS	Eligible Cruisers Day Race	22 August 1000 hrs	Dun Laoghaire start- Dun Laoghaire finish National YC

6. Entries.

6.1 Entries may be accepted on the day before the race upon completion of the Entry Form and payment of the appropriate fee in accordance with the requirements of the Notice of Race available from <http://www.rayc.ie/>

6.2 RRS 77 Identification on Sails, each Boat shall display the sail number as given in the Entry Form.

6.3 Permission to change sail numbers shall be sought, in writing or by email from the Race Officer on the appropriate course, at least two hours before the start of racing each day and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

7. Notices to Competitors.



7.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the website and the Official Notice Board located in the changing room lobby of the RStGYC Yacht Club and may be repeated on the Marina notice board.

8. Changes to the Sailing Instructions.

8.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the website <http://www.rayc.ie/> before 1300 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Changes may be sent by email to entrants or sent by SMS text to their cell phone. Briefing will take place at 6.45 at the marina offices by kind permission of Hal Bleakley.

9. Signals made Ashore.

9.1 Signals to Competitors will be displayed from the Flagstaff of the Marina. They may be repeated at the RStGYC, the NYC and RIYC yardarms.

9.2 Flag "AP" over numeral pennant 1 (2, 3 and so on) with two sound signals means "That racing is postponed by one (two, three etc) hour". The Warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.(one sound signal) This changes Race Signals.

9.3 Radio communications will be on Channel 72. Mobile phone communications shall be to RAYC finish number.

10. The Course

10.1 Course detail will be announced at the briefing and afloat to the competitors on channel 72 before the start. South going courses shall leave the Muglins and Dalkey Island to the west. See SI 19

10.2 Shortened courses

Race committee may shorten the race at any mark of the course and will signal this by calling the fleet on Ch72. If the fleet doesn't finish a race or shortened race, the race committee may take the result from the mark at which one third or more of the fleet round from the direction last mark.

10.3 Retiral

Boats retiring shall inform Organising Authority on Ch72 after 6.00am or texting Mobile 087 774 9337 or 087 2628 980 and record that in the written declaration.

11. Racing Area.

The Racing Area shall be off the East Coast of Ireland.

12. The Start, Finish and timing.

Races will be started from a committee boat flying the RAYC burgee off the East Pier elbow of Dun Laoghaire Harbour in the vicinity of DBSC 'Pier Mark'.

12.1 Races will be started in accordance RRS 26. (5-4-1-0). The class flag will be 'Numeral 1' Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

12.2 There will be one start for all boats racing.

12.4 The Starting line will be between the forward staff or mast on the committee vessel and the outer distance mark at the Port end.

12.6 A boat shall not start later than 15 minutes after her Starting signal.

12.7 Prior to the start of each race boats are requested to obtain acknowledgement from the Race Committee.

12.8 The finish shall be between the pier ends at the Dun Laoghaire harbour entrance.

12.9 Declaration

Boats shall record their own finish times and those times approximately of the boats before and after her if known, including sail numbers or boat name and shall maintain a log of her mark rounding times. This



information is to be included in writing and signed by the person in charge including any penalties acknowledged during the race noting boat name and number and person in charge.

12.10 When approximately 5 miles from the finishing line and again when approximately 10 minutes from the finish line yachts shall advise the Organising Authority of their approach on VHF Ch 72 call sign 'Royal Alfred Race Finish'

12.11 Recalls. Boats recalled who do not respond to a recall will be subject to a 20% time penalty. Recalls may be announced on VHF Ch72.

12.13 Time limits 1200hrs next day except for the day races where it shall be 2000.

13. Scoring.

13.1 Scoring for the series shall a high point system where a boats score shall be number of starters in the race plus five points less her position in that race. Did Not Finish (DNF), Retiral (RTD) and disqualified DSQ shall be 4 points. DNS, did not start shall be scored zero.

13.2 Ties will be broken using Appendix A8.

13.3 If 3 or less races are sailed, all shall count.

13.4 If 4 or more races are sailed the best three shall be counted,

14. Protests & Penalties

14.1 Protests shall be notified by mobile phone to the 'RAYC Race Finish' contact number on finishing and lodged in writing on the appropriate form in the National Yacht Club Dun Laoghaire by the following Monday at 1900

14.2 RRS 44.3 applies. A boat taking a penalty shall inform the RAYC Race Finish' contact number on finishing the race. The penalty awarded shall be per RRS 44.3c.

15. Sailing Instructions.

The Sailing Instructions for entered boats will be available from the website at <http://www.rayc.ie/>

16. Insurance.

Each Boat's owner(s) 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 adequate 3rd party insurance for racing. All Owners/competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

17. Liability.

No responsibility shall be accepted by the Royal Alfred Yacht Club or any of the associated waterfront clubs, their directors, officers, members servants or agents nor any sponsor, nor those officials or members connected with the Event for any loss, damage or any other claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in the Lee Overlay Partners Overnight Offshore Series.

18. Responsibility.

The safety of the Boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Owner(s) or the Person in charge whose obligation it is to ensure that the Boat is fully sound, seaworthy and is manned by an experienced crew with all the required safety gear. Either this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions nor any action by the Royal Alfred Yacht Club its Organising Committee in any way limits the responsibility of the Owner(s) or the Person in charge.

Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules.



19. Special Notes

- 19.1 Car Ferry/Commercial Shipping: Competitors shall keep clear of the Car Ferry and all commercial shipping.
- 19.2 Alterations to Programme and/or Sailing Instructions: The Committee reserves the right to alter the programme and/or Sailing Instructions at their discretion and any alterations will be posted in accordance with SI. 4 and 5.
- 19.3 Dublin Port Channel: All yachts are prohibited from entering the area bordered by the Poolbeg Light, navigation buoys no. 6, 4, Dublin Bay, 1, 3, 5 and the North Bull Light.
- 19.4 Dun Laoghaire Harbour: All yachts are requested to keep out of the fairway when the HSS is due.
- 19.5 Muglins: Includes Dalkey Island, the Muglins and outlying rocks and shall be passed to the east. Dalkey Island Sound is out of bounds.
- 19.6 Ireland's Eye shall always be passed to the east and the north.

20. Prizes.

The following prizes will be awarded.

Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each IRC & Echo

Individual Race winners, second and third in both IRC & Echo

Prize for each boat completing four races.