



# GBSC Cruiser Notice of Race

## PowerBoatWest October Series



**Sundays at from 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

### 1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1. The Organising Authority (OA) is Galway Bay Sailing Club (GBSC)

### 2. RULES

1. All races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) , IR2021 Rating System, ISA ECHO Handicap System and respective class rules.
2. If there is a conflict between a rule in this notice of race and the sailing instructions the notice of race rule shall apply. This changes rule 63.7.
3. The IRC2021 Rules, parts A, B and C shall apply.
4. IRC Rule 22.4.1 and Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. This event is open to all Cruisers and keelboats, whose owners are members of GBSC or the ISA and who hold a current IRC, short-handed IRC and/or ECHO Certificate.
2. Certificates must be presented before the start of the first race in which a boat competes or a declaration as allowed in rule 78.2 must be made, then certificates must be presented by end of protest time of the last race.
3. The series will be sailed as a single fleet which will include all classes.
4. The owner(s) must not be in arrears for any GBSC subscriptions, charges, fees or levies.
5. The boat sailed must not be in arrears of any boat parking fees.

### 4. FEES

1. Required fees are as follows: Payment for the series – 80€ for GBSC boats, 80€ for visiting boats. 20€ for individual races.

### 5. SCHEDULE & TIME LIMIT

1. Registration and declaration via GBSC website. Skippers can announce intent to sail on the day in person or via a WhatsApp message to the GBSC Cruisers group.
2. If fewer than 4 boats are registered or have indicated that they plan to sail, racing for that day will be cancelled.
3. Racing is scheduled each Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>
4. It is proposed to sail up to 10 races, being 2 races each weekend
5. The races will be targeted at 40 minutes each

6. The scheduled time of the warning signal will vary each day
7. A time limit of 50 minutes will be imposed by the Race Officer. This may be changed on the notice of course to be sailed.
8. The second race of the day will start approx. 10 minutes after the end of the previous race.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

1. Class flag will be Flag E

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. The sailing instructions are the GBSC 2021 Cruiser Sailing Instructions

## 8. COURSES

1. The course will be a windward leeward course with the start finish line in the middle of the course.
2. The course will use 1 or more of the club racing marks (Dilisk, Cockle, Trout) as well as a temporary mark and start line mark.
3. The course will consist of 1, 2, or 3 circuits of the windward/leeward leg.

## 9. SCORING

1. Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. Boats will be scored using both IRC and ECHO as a single fleet. Discards; up to three races none, four, five or six races, one.
2. Low points scoring system shall apply

## 10. PRIZES

1. Prizes will be given under ECHO and IRC, at the end of the series.

## 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

1. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk – see RRS 4 – Decision to Race. The Organising 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 event. Galway Bay Sailing Club including its officers, employees and agents, the race management team, the support boats and anyone helping to run the event shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor or crew as a result of their taking part in the event

## 12. INSURANCE

2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident.