1. **Rules**

**1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.**

**1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.**

**1.4 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme 2015**

**1.5 Class rules apply even when not racing as a class.**

2 ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any alterations to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race, except that any change in the schedule of the race will be posted before 20.00 hours on the day before the scheduled event Briefing 10.00 at Lisloughry Pier.

3 SIGNAL MADE ASHORE

In addition when Int. Code flag 'Z' is flown ashore yachts shall not go afloat. Any warning signal will be made not earlier than one hour after his signal is lowered.

4 CLASS FLAG

Code flag E Cruisers

Code flag K all other boats

5 SAFETY

Personal floatation shall be worn at all times when afloat, wet or dry suits are not acceptable as substitutes rule 40 Code flag 'Y' will not be displayed

A safety tag system is in operation.

6 SAIL NUMBERS

Boats shall use their correct sail numbers which shall be clearly readable on both sides of the sail rule.

7 STARTING LINE

The starting line at shall be between the mast displaying orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and a Starting Mark. An inner limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting line and, if so no yacht shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.

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10 COURSE AND MARKS

The course will be the old steamer route now with new Green & Red bouys a path finder Boat with a CR&YC Flag will lead the first Boats. From the start an initial orange rounding mark may be laid if so this must be rounded to port details will be given at the briefing and shown next to the safety tag board. The Gate formed by navigation bouys 105 & 106 are the last marks for leg 1. Bouy 104 is not mark of the course for leg 1 or leg 2.

11 PAINTER

All boats must have a painter of at least 3 metres in length and at least 6mm diameter attached to a suitable towing point.

13 FINISHING LINE

The finish line for leg 1 will be at Kilbeg pier between a yellow coloured mark and the staff flying Blue flag at end of the pier.

The Finishing line for leg 2 shall be at Corrib Village between a staff displaying Blue flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow Mark, unless the course is shortened to finish at another Mark.

14 TIME LIMIT

Any boat which fails to finish within 70 minutes of the leading boat on each leg shall be scored will have 90 minutes added to finish time for that leg. The time limit for the leading yacht shall be 2.5 hours per leg.

15 PROTESTS, PROTEST TIME AND HEARINGS

Protest forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit of 90 minutes after the last boat finishes~~.~~

16 SCORING SYSTEM

The corrected time for all boats is calculated using it’s total elapsed time for leg 1 and 2 combined and it’s Portsmouth Yardstick handicap number 2015

17 RESCUE BOATS

Rescue Boats have right of way at all times.

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented in Clubhouse after racing.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance not less than €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.