



VOLVO ROUND IRELAND YACHT RACE 2018



NOTICE OF RACE

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Volvo Car Ireland are delighted to return to Wicklow for the 2018 Volvo Round Ireland Race. This is the third year that Volvo have been associated with this fantastic offshore race. At Volvo Cars, everything we do begins with people, from our commitment to safety to innovation. We like to support what we see as important events in the community where our customers live, work and engage in sporting activities as a central part of life.

Volvo Cars support sailing at both a local and international level. The 2017/2018 Volvo Ocean Race is well underway and the finale will take place in The Hague around the time of the Volvo Round Ireland Race 2018. The Volvo Ocean Race is no stranger to Ireland having stopped over on two

occasions to a very warm welcome at the Volvo Race Village in Galway in recent years.

The Volvo brand is evolving in Ireland, as well as globally, and we look forward to presenting our beautiful new range of cars including the new XC40. We have a strong heritage in designing stylish and dynamic SUVs that offer the latest in technology and safety. The new XC40 is no exception. It's the perfect car for an active lifestyle.

Hopefully the wind and sunshine will deliver the kind of racing conditions that this wonderful event deserves. Finally, Volvo wishes all competitors the best of luck for an enjoyable racing experience next June.

David Thomas,

Managing Director, Volvo Car Ireland Ltd



On behalf of the Volvo Round Ireland Committee, I have great pleasure in inviting you to join us for the 2018 Volvo Round Ireland Yacht Race. This is a flagship event for Irish sailing and recognised as probably the most challenging offshore yacht race in the northern hemisphere.

2018 marks the 20th race, a biennial event which is gaining in popularity with a record 64 boats in the 2016 fleet. The representation of overseas competitors is growing, and most recently hailed from the 4 corners of Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and the Isle of Man, France, Belgium, Finland, Italy, Holland, the USA and the Sultanate of Oman, all of whom combined to add a truly international flavour to this event.

We appreciate the valued and continued sponsorship of Volvo Car Ireland, without whose help it would be very difficult to run this event. It is very exciting for the competitors to be in the running for the fantastic prize being offered by Volvo Car Ireland, a Volvo V40 Momentum, to be awarded to the highest scoring registered entrant with

results averaged over the three races 2016, 2018 and 2020.

The Volvo Round Ireland Committee takes the lead in organising the race and comprises hardworking members of Wicklow Sailing Club, with support from the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire and the Royal Ocean Racing Club. We are very grateful for their continued support.

As an acknowledgement of the 20th race, this year we have introduced a new trophy for Best Services Yacht, to acknowledge the significant contribution the services competitors make to the yacht racing world.

Finally I would like to extend the Warm Wicklow Welcome to all the participants, their families and support teams and we look forward to seeing you at the race and surrounding events. Full details of all aspects of the race, prizes and events are available on www.roundireland.ie. All entries received and paid for in full by 30th March 2018 will be eligible for an early bird discount.

Róisín Hennessy

Chairperson Volvo Round Ireland Committee, Wicklow Sailing Club



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The Volvo Round Ireland Yacht Race (VRIYR) is organised by Wicklow Sailing Club in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club and Royal Irish Yacht Club. The Volvo Round Ireland Yacht Race carries a 1.4 scoring points factor for the RORC Season's Championship. The 2018 Event starts in Wicklow on 30th June 2018.

AMENDED 25/01/2018

1.0 GENERAL

1.1 The Organising Authority referred to in this Notice of Race is Wicklow Sailing Club (WSC) in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) and administered by the Race Committee (the Committee).

1.2 THE RACE START WILL BE AT WICKLOW ON SATURDAY, 30TH JUNE 2018.

1.3 There will be separate starts for Monohulls and Multihulls.

Starting Times:

Monohulls: 14:00 hrs.

Multihulls: 14:10 hrs.

1.4 The RACE COURSE is "Leave Ireland and all its islands, excluding Rockall, to starboard."

1.5 The distance is approximately 704 nm.

1.6 The notice of race and the terms of the contract created by acceptance of a boat's entry to the VRIYR under this notice of race shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Irish law and any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts.

1.7 Wicklow Sailing Club is the primary base for the race. The Royal Irish Yacht Club (RIYC), will be the associated Dun Laoghaire base for the race.

1.8 The Volvo Round Ireland Yacht Race will be governed by the following rules:

a. The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020

(<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racing-rules.php>).

b. The World Sailing Offshore Special

Regulations (OSR) for Category 2 Races, any amendments thereto for 2018, and Event Prescriptions (Appendix 2). When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Organising Authority may accept an alternative IRC Rule 2018, parts A, B & C.

c. MOCRA Rating Rules 2018.

d. The rules and regulations for any appropriate One-Design and/or Class rules for which there is an eligible boat entered to that class in the race.

e. This Notice of Race (NoR).

f. The Sailing Instructions (SI) issued by the Organising Authority and any amendments thereto. Sailing Instructions will be made available from the Race Office to confirmed entries by Monday 11th June 2018.

1.9 Except when changed in Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise, and shall be replaced with the IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

1.10 A combined Lifejacket and Harness (RSS 1.2 & OSR 5.0 - Personal Equipment) shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile



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1.11 In the event of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. The Sailing Instructions may invoke rule changes as allowed for in RRS Rule 86.

1.12 The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race and to alter the rules and conditions until not later than Monday 28th May 2018. These changes will be sent to owners whose entries have already been accepted and posted on the Event Website: <http://www.roundireland.ie>.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Volvo Round Ireland Yacht Race is open to offshore boats that fully satisfy the requirements of the World Sailing (OSR) for 2018 for Category 2 races and the NoR prescriptions, Appendix 2.

2.2 Boats must have a current and valid rating certificate for the Rating Categories they enter and must comply in all respects with that rating certificate.

2.3 The cut-off date for amended Rating Certificates shall be Wednesday 20th June 2018. In very exceptional cases the Race Committee may grant a relaxation to this requirement.

2.4 The Volvo Round Ireland Overall Trophy is restricted to IRC entries only.

3.0 ELIGIBLE ENTRIES:

3.1 IRC rated yachts:

Of LOA 9.15m/30 feet and over, with a minimum SSS of 28 (as stated on IRC rating cert) or STIX of 32 combined with an AVS minimum of $130 - 0.002 \times m$ (where "m" is minimum sailing weight in kg) but always $\geq 100^\circ$. Boats with a series date of 1995 and later may be categorised under STIX only. Boats prior to 1995 may be categorised under either STIX or SSS.

3.2 The minimum crew on any IRC Monohull shall be three apart from as allowed under NoR for IRC Class 6 (Two-Handed Class).

3.3 No person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by a National Authority or World Sailing.

3.4 Multihulls:

Having LOA 9.00m/ 29.53 feet and over, and a current and valid MOCRA rating certificate may enter the Multihull Category, and sailed by not less than 2 crew.

Class 40:

Complying with the Class 40 rules and regulations and sailed by not less than 2 crew.

3.5 Waiver:

The Organising Authority reserve the right to permit entry to yachts whose length is considered to be acceptable as substantially compliant with the above and in exceptional circumstances may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boats for a given category of the race.

