

Royal Ocean  Racing Club

1925 - 2025



VOLVO DUN LAOGHAIRE to DINGLE RACE 2025

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The Organising Authority (OA) is the National Yacht Club in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC)

Wednesday 11th – Saturday 14th June 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.1 RACING RULES OF SAILING

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

1.2 OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The World Sailing [Offshore Special Regulations \(OSR\)](#), Monohulls Cat 3 with Category 2 Life Raft and any amendments thereto for 2025 will apply. Where Offshore Special Regulations cannot be met, the OA may accept an alternative.

1.3 IRPCAS

Between local sunset and sunrise, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall cease to be applicable and shall be replaced IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea). Between the times of local sunset and sunrise a boat shall take a scoring penalty as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

1.4 AUTOMATIC AND WIND-VANE DEVICES FOR STEERING

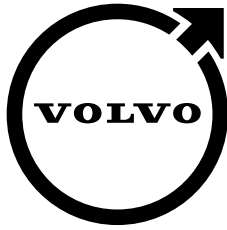
Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52).

1.5 RRS 41 – OUTSIDE HELP

Rule 41(c) is replaced by: -“A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.” By way of example and interpretation: downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

1.6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.



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2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the official notice board by Friday 8th June 2025.

Note: Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (this changes RRS 63.5(c))

3. COMMUNICATION, TRACKERS, AIS

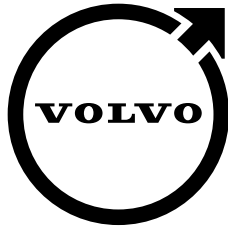
- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.d2drace.ie .
- 3.2 Communication with competitors will be via email and WhatsApp. Details of Race Committee communications on VHF radio before the start and at the finish, and channels to be used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3 All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF Transceiver of at least 25 watts of power capable of operating on VHF marine channels.
- 3.4 Mandatory reporting procedures during the race will be given in the SIs.
- 3.5 Boats shall carry a YB Tracker Unit supplied by the organising authority for the duration of the race. The cost of the tracker is included in the entry fee, but a refundable deposit, which will be set against a credit card, shall be payable prior to registration.
- 3.6 Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder. Competitors shall ensure that the racing name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number. Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e., transmitting and receiving) at all times during the race.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 THE BOAT

The race is open to seaworthy monohull boats which comply with the Rules and Regulations described in this Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather and which have:

- i) a minimum hull length of 9M and a minimum IRC TCC of 0.850.
- ii) have a minimum SSS Numeral of 15 (pre 2000 series boats only) or STIX of 23 (post 2000 series boats).
- iii) comply with the requirements of the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for races of OSR Category 3 Monohulls with a Category 2 life raft and AIS Transponder;



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4.2 HANDICAP CATEGORIES

A boat shall enter one of the following handicap categories:

- (a) IRC 1 TCC > 1.025
- (b) IRC 2 TCC 1.000 - 1.025
- (c) IRC 3 TCC 0.850 - 1.000
- (d) IRC Cruiser TCC > 0.850 (must have a furling headsail and fixed keel)
- (e) IRC Two Handed 0.850-1.250 (all entries must be over 18 and satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing.)

4.3 RATING DEADLINE

Boats shall hold valid IRC Rating certificate on the Rating Deadline of 1700hrs on Wednesday 4th June 2025 and shall ensure that the Organising Authority receives a copy of the rating certificate by the rating deadline. Changes to Ratings and Class certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the OA. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the Rating.

4.4 THE CREW

4.4.1 MINIMUM CREW NUMBERS

The minimum crew on any boat shall be five apart from those competing in the Two-Handed class.

4.4.2 NUMBER OF CREW AND WEIGHT

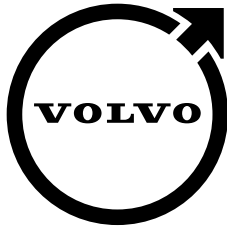
IRC Rule 22.4 is amended to read "There are no limits on the maximum number of crew and crew weight. This is subject to the number of crew being limited to the maximum capacity of the liferaft(s) carried on the boat."

4.4.3 SHORESIDE CONTACT

Each boat shall nominate a Shoreside Contact. This person must be available on the phone number(s) supplied to the OA throughout the duration of racing and shall not be a Competitor.

4.4.4 CREW LIST

The Person in Charge of each entry will be required to file a crew list and emergency shore contact details at registration [DP].



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4.4.5 PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AND SUPERVISION FORM

Each competitor under 18 years old on 11th June 2025 shall bring at registration a completed parent/guardian consent and supervision form. For the duration of the race, each competitor shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the form.

4.4.6 CREW TRAINING

At least 30% but not fewer than two crewmembers, including the person in charge shall have undertaken training within the five years before the start of the race in OSR 6.02 Training Topics.

4.4.7 CREW FIRST AIDER

At least two crewmembers shall be familiar with first aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and relevant communications systems.

4.4.8 CREW MAN OVERBOARD PRACTICE

Crews should practice safety routines including but not limited to crew-overboard recovery, and abandonment of vessel within 12 months of the start of the race. See OSR 6.04 – Routine Training On-Board.

4.4.9 PROFESSIONAL CREW

Boats with members of the crew who are defined as Group 3 competitors under the World Sailing Categorisation Code shall not be eligible for scoring in the IRC Cruiser Handicap Category.

4.4.10 RUSSIAN AND BELARUSSIAN COMPETITORS

The Organising Authority will adhere to current World Sailing recommendations effective at the close of registration regarding boats and Competitors from Russia and Belarus.

5. ENTRY and FEES

5.1 ENTRY FEE

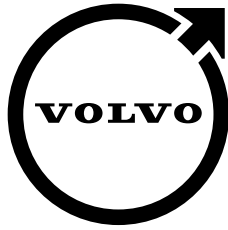
Entries of eligible boats shall be made online through www.d2drace.ie paying the entry fee of €400.

Early bird fee - the fee before Friday 4th April 2025 shall be discounted to €320.

The closing date for entries is Friday 30th May 2025.

5.2 ENTRY LIMIT

The total number of entries in the Race is restricted to 50 boats. The OA may increase this at its discretion subject to the availability of berths in Dingle Harbour.



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5.3 LATE ENTRY

Entries after the Closing Date and at least 48 hours before the start may be accepted on payment of an additional sum of half the standard entry fee.

5.4 ENTRY CANCELLATION

Cancellations by competitors before the 16th May 2025 will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations after 16th May 2025 will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the standard race entry fee.

The entry fee will be refunded in full should the OA cancel or reject an entry.

6. SCHEDULE

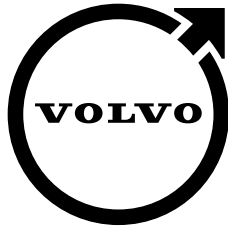
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| Tuesday 10 June | 1930 | Race & Weather briefing – National Yacht Club Dining Room. This briefing is compulsory for two members of the crew who are any of the Owner (if the Owner is a member of the crew), Skipper, Second in Command (2IC) or Navigator. A fork supper will be available. |
| Wednesday 11 June | 0900-1200 | Registration & collection of Yellow Brick Trackers - National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire. |
| | | A video of the race and weather briefings on 10 June will be available on www.d2drace.ie |
| | 1355 | Race Warning Signal |
| Saturday 14 June | 1900 | Prizegiving – Dingle Skellig Hotel |

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Responsibility for OSR compliance rests with the Person in Charge. However, the OA will endeavour to help competitors to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on a boat before the race. The person in charge shall complete an OSR Category 3 Checklist (available on www.d2drace.ie) and declaration stating that the boat complies with the World Sailing [Special Offshore Regulations](#) and return to sailing@nyc.ie by Friday 6th June 2025.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The race is a 300 nautical mile passage race.
- 8.2 The start of the race will be in Scotmans Bay, adjacent to Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Co. Dublin and the finish will be at the entrance to Dingle Harbour, Co. Kerry. Details of the course will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 The warning signal will be at 1355 hours on 11 June 2025, with the starting signal at 1400 hours.



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9. PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties for infringements of rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

10.1 The overall winner of the Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race will be the boat that wins the overall IRC Handicap Category. All boats be scored in the overall IRC Handicap Category result.

10.2 Boats will also be scored in their respective IRC class (1, 2, 3, Cruiser or Two-handed).

10.3 The Line Honours winner of the race will be first boat to cross the finish line.

10.4 Penalties taken under RRS 44.3(a) shall be 10 minutes added to a boats corrected time.

11. BERTHING

11.1 Before the race, competitors should arrange overnight berthing with Dun Laoghaire Marina. Temporary day time berthing is available at the National YC.

11.2 In Dingle, berthing will be assigned by the Race Committee on arrival and will be included in the race entry fee until midday on Sunday 15th June, after which time competitors should make their own arrangements with Dingle Marina. Berths will be allocated on arrival by the Race Committee.

12. RESPONSIBILITY

12.1 THE PERSON IN CHARGE

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each *competitor* agrees and acknowledges that:

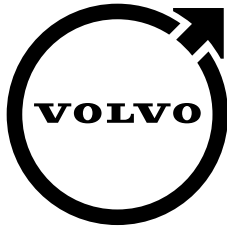
a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission.

d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

e) the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.



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f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

12.2 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY/RISK STATEMENT

The National Yacht Club, the RORC, the race sponsors and their agents, other organising clubs, Dun Laoghaire Harbour/DLRCC, Dublin Port Company and Dingle Harbour accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to competitors or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

12.3 STARTING AND CONTINUING TO RACE

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

12.4 RACE DECLARATION(S)

No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in Notice of Race 13.

12.5 SAFETY AND LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

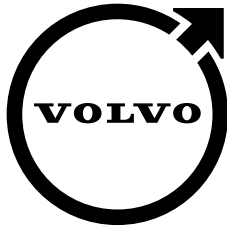
Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment: "Each *Competitor* is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions."

However, in *the Volvo D2D Race* a combined harness and lifejacket shall be worn when on deck:

- (a) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- (b) When alone on deck
- (c) When reefed
- (d) When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- (e) When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

At night, each crew member shall carry a waterproof torch/light (RORC Prescription).

See also [Special Regulation 5.02 Safety Harness and Tethers](#).



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13 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for the race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using the online entry system.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge.

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that Yacht Racing can be dangerous. I agree that the NYC, the RORC, organising clubs, sponsors and their agents, Dun Laoghaire Harbour/DLRCC, Dublin Port Company and Dingle Harbour have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by [Special Regulation 1.02](#) and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by Notice of Race 12 Responsibility. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

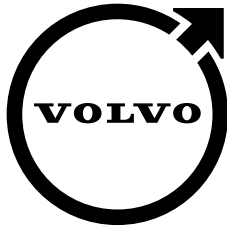
- the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 5.01](#)

I agree to be bound by RRS, Irish Sailing Prescriptions and this Notice of Race, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Organising Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing or a National Authority.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained by the organising authority to be used for all aspects of race organisation.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3m or the equivalent during the race.



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15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows: -

- Line Honours - Seamus Gallagher Memorial Trophy
- IRC Overall - Dingle Skellig Hotel Trophy
- IRC 1 - Sam & Emma Trophy
- IRC 2 - Dingle Crystal Trophy
- IRC 3 - National Yacht Club Decanter
- IRC Cruiser - Alice Celebration Trophy
- IRC Two handed - Volvo Trophy
- Mixed crew (two or more Women competing) – Polynesian Paddle
- Two-Handed mixed crew (a male and a female).
- IRC Corinthian (1st boat without a WS Group 3 crewmember) – Carmel Winkelmann Cup
- 1st boat under 33ft – Halidon Trophy
- 1st National YC boat – The Barry Family Cup
- ISORA boat prizes

When no boat qualifies to win a particular prize, the OA may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact

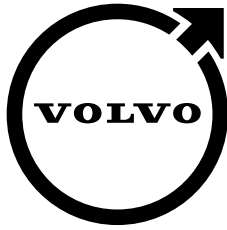
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SAILING CALENDAR

The Volvo Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race 2025 is part of the Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association ([ISORA](#)) and the Royal Ocean Racing Club ([RORC](#)) race programmes for 2025 and the race can count towards the experience requirements for entry into the [Rolex Fastnet Race](#).

The Race will also be a key component of the programme of cruiser racing in Ireland in 2025.

25 – 28 June 2025 [Sovereign's Cup](#), Kinsale YC

10 - 13 July 2025 [Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 2023](#)