

Irish Sea Nations Cup 2025

Notice of Race

1. Event Overview

1.1 The Irish Sea Nations Cup founded by the organisers of IRC Welsh Championships, the Scottish Series, the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta and the Bangor Regatta including the IRC Northern Ireland Championship (the Founders), is established to encourage participation in and travel to the nominated regional Irish Sea events.

1.2 The Founders will nominate the qualifying events each year.

2. Organising Authority

2.1 In 2025 we invite sailors to represent their nation in the Irish Sea Nations Cup 2025 through their participation in the IRC Welsh Championships, the Scottish Series, the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta and the IRC Northern Championships.

2.2 The Irish Sea Nations Cup 2025 is run by and in conjunction with The IRC Welsh National Championships, The Scottish Series, The Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta and the IRC Northern Ireland Championships (the Events).

3. Rules

3.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the rules set out in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions of the Events.

4. Sailing Instructions

4.1 The sailing instructions for the Events are available on the individual event websites.

5. Eligibility

5.1 The competition will be based on all keelboat entries at each event.

5.2 Each keelboat will represent the nation of its home port.

5.3 Entries are expected from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, England and Isle of Man.

5.4 Individual entrants can participate by visiting 1, 2 or 3 of their away regattas

6. Dates and Venues

6.1 The Nations Cup 2025 will be run in conjunction with:

a) IRC Welsh Championships – 2nd to 4th May 2025 in Pwllheli, Wales

b) Scottish Series – 23rd to 26th May 2025 in Tarbert, Scotland

c) Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta 10th to 13th July 2025 in Dun Laoghaire, Ireland

d) IRC Northern Ireland Championships 19th to 20th July in Bangor, Northern Ireland.

7. Entry and Entry Fees

7.1 Boats are encouraged to enter the events outside their home port

7.2 There are no additional entry requirements or fees over and above those of the individual Events.

8. Results and Scoring

8.1 Results

8.1.1 The scoring will be based on the results at the individual Events.

8.1.2 The nations will be ranked at each event based on 1) the best ranked boat from that nation, and 2) the number of visiting boats participating at each Event.

- 8.1.3 Competing yachts do not have to visit all the Events to be eligible at any one Event.
- 8.1.4 Scores will be combined from the four Events on a Nation basis.

8.2 Best Boat Score

- 8.2.1 The same best boat scoring will be used at each Event.
- 8.2.2 Each event will rank the best boat from each nation in each keelboat class weighted for number of races sailed and the fleet size.
- 8.2.3 A further visitor bonus will be applied based on the percentage of visiting keelboats at each event.

8.3 Ranking

- 8.3.1 Each event will rank the nations in order 1 to 6 for best boat score.
- 8.3.2 Each event will apply the visiting boat bonus in accordance with the table below.
- 8.3.3 The rankings from the four events will be combined into an overall score. The nation with the highest overall score is awarded the Irish Sea Nations Cup.
- 8.3.4 In the event of a tie, the tied nation's scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the nation with the best score(s).

9. Prizes and Prizegiving

- 9.1 The 2025 winner will be awarded the Irish Sea Nations Cup at the prizegiving for the IRC Northern Ireland Championship.

10. Further Information

- 10.1 For further information contact paddy@dlregatta.org or website afloat.ie

Visitor Bonus Table

Number of Visiting Boats	>10	5-10	2-4	1	0
Scotland	4	3	1	1	0
Wales	4	3	1	1	0
IOM	5	4	2	1	0
Northern Ireland	4	3	1	1	0
Ireland	3	2	1	1	0
England	4	3	1	1	0