



2025 AGM Agenda

JB Room at National Yacht Club on Saturday 8th November 2024 at 1500 hrs

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Agree minutes of 2024 AGM
3. Chairman's Report for 2025
4. Accounts for 2025 (up to 2nd November)
5. Election of Officers for 2026:
 - Chairman – Peter Ryan
 - Vice Chairman – Peter Dunlop
 - Secretary– Stephen Tudor
 - Treasurer - Grainne Ryan
 - General Sailing Committee - *See Remit and List*
 - Technical Committee - *See Remit and List*
 - Race Organiser (One per race – Ideally in the starting Club)
 - **Others:** Crew Manager, Sponsorship Leader, Junior Crew Boss, Tracker Master (One on each side of the Irish Sea), Shore-based Safety Officer, Trophy Boss, Shore based Controller / Monitor during all races, Annual Dinner Organiser
6. Race Management – see separate list of topics on page 2
7. 2026 Race Schedule – see proposal sheet
8. AOB

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Discussion Points (Agenda Item 6 - Race Management)

These points when agreed will be incorporated into the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Technical Committee Proposals shown below each section:

Race Risk Assessment – and the actions arising from the qualified assessment. Safety is the primary consideration. This is required for every race and will consider conditions expected in the race areas, ability of the fleet. Consequence of the assessment could be, but not limited to the following: continued, amendment to the course, postponement, or cancellation. The Race Officers' decision is final. These decisions need to be published at least two full days before the race start to allow boats to be delivered.

Technical Committee Proposal – To proceed as above. PR

Changes to IRC, RRS and OSR - Changes (if any) to the regulations will incorporate these into the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Technical Committee Proposal – To follow any changes I in the rules and reflect them in the NoR and Sis.

OSR Categories - ISORA is following the World Sailing Category definitions, Category 3+ Life-raft, Category 3 and Category 4 which are published on the web site. These will be noted for each race accordingly.

Technical Committee Proposal – All ISORA Offshore (and Night Race) to be Cat 3 + and Coastal Races to be Cat 4. Show Category in Nor and Sis.

Entry to Racing – Boat Stability - The ISORA Races that are 'Category 3' and 'Category 3 with Life Raft' are open to all boats that have a valid IRC Certificate with STIX value not less than 23, AVS not less than 130 and Minimum SSS base number of 15 and comply with Section 3 of World Sailing Offshore Regulation

Coastal Races that are Category 4 are open to all boats that have a valid IRC Certificate

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above.

Pre & Post Race Declarations. - Skippers' declaration is part of the on-line entry form. All boats to promote and use the 'ISORA Crew-Manager' app This lists all crew participating in each race and is a safety tool accessed by shore-based race Safety Officer.

Technical Committee Proposal – Change for 2026 – As above and that the pre and post-race declarations will be mandatory. If such a declaration is not received, no result will be allocated.

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Crew Numbers –

- **Cat 3 Races** - Max crew is the IRC cert number or Life Raft capacity if less than the IRC Cert
- **Cat 4 races** - Max crew is the IRC cert number +2– *discussion*.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above but will consider proposals on Cat 4 Races.

YB Tracker - ISORA has used the YB tracking system with great success since 2016 and are used not only for visual enjoyment of shore crew but as a safety tool and an invaluable race management tool for recording race finishes.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above.

TSS - TSS are not exclusion zone in ISORA in 2025 but will be subject to the usual rules of the road. A boat can only be protested by the sailing committee on receipt of a complaint from the Coastguard, or other Authority, and not from another competitor. This will be added to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – slight change in wording.

Scoring and Weighting:

Scoring System – re confirm IRC as the only scoring system for ISORA

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above.

Scoring method technical – reconfirm our use of Sailwave.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above.

Weighting – Races are presently scored using the ISORA High Points system the more difficult races are weighted as follows:

- Day Coastal 0.7
- Night Coastal 0.9
- Offshore < 70 mile 1.1
- Offshore > 70 miles 1.2
- James Eadie Race 1.3 or 1.4

Discuss if the weighting needs to be adjusted

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A win in a large fleet is presently scored better than a win in a small fleet using the CHIPS 3 formula.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above but will consider proposals.

Class Split - The Class split is usually considered when entries are known but aim to maintain the three classes at 2025 levels with IRC Class 0 for boats of 1.070 or more. IRC1 1.010 to 1.069 and Class IRC2 1.009 or less. *Discuss*

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above but will consider proposals.

Number of Classes – may be increased to 4 – dependant on numbers.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above but will consider proposals.

Two Handed Class – included. *Discuss*

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 but with an emphasis on supporting and encouraging participation

Silver Class – extended to increase participation by formula and invitation. *Discuss*

Technical Committee Proposal – Consider options for another class and pre-define a Silver fleet - consider proposals. Working Group to look at this option.

Virtual Waypoints - Virtual Waypoints form part of the tool menu available to the technical committee to set courses and in particular to keep the fleets away from shipping lanes and other dangers. These can be turning marks, deflecting marks or gates.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above but will consider proposals.

Auto Helms - Auto Helms were allowed since 2023. The spirit of the intention is to encourage participation not to provide leading boats an added advantage and this will be monitored.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above but will consider proposals.

AIS - The use of AIS is mandatory for all competitors in Category 3 and Category 3+ Life Rafts races. Category 4 races – AIS is recommended and encouraged.

Mandatory in Cat 3+ Advisory in Cat 4 (working towards compulsory in 2027)

For Coastal Races - all competitors are encouraged to purchase a transmitting and receiving AIS on safety grounds and will work towards compulsory use in Cat 4 in 2027. *Discuss*

ISORA has arranged for AIS shore bases to give better coverage in the Irish Sea.

Technical Committee Proposal – No change for 2026 – as above.

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Professional Crews – There are presently no restriction applicable since 2023.

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