ISORA – Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association

Chairman's Report to ISORA AGM.
14th November 2026

This season ISORA organised 19 races this season – 9 Offshores, 5 Irish Coastal race and 5 UK Coastal races. 38 boats took part in the series. Although entry numbers were reasonable, the number of boats competing in the races was disappointing. ISORA assisted in the Round Ireland Race, Inisteraght Race and the Beaufort Cup with the use of the YB trackers.

All the races in 2026 were run under a new ISORA safety governance regime. This requires that a "Race Risk Assessment" is prepared and submitted to an Irish Sailing or RYA registered Race Officer. It is then the decision of the Race Officer to approve, cancel or amend the details of the race. Their decision is final. This regime was adopted very successfully and operated without any significant hitches. I would like to thank **Barry MacNeaney and Larry Power** who helped to formulate a workable protocol and who also acted as Race Officers and Race Starters for most races this season. Without their cooperation, we could not have organised our races in 2026.

A huge thank you to our title sponsor for this season, **Musto**. I also want to thank our long standing sponsors on the Irish side, **Viking Marine**, **Hendrick Ryan Associates** and **Jack Ryan Whiskey;** and on the Welsh side, **Plas Heli** and **Tudor Auctioneers**.

Recently a **WhatsApp Discussion** group was created where significant items were raised and discussed. The summary of the discussion was issued. Some of the findings from that summary will be the basis of the agenda for this meeting. It is hoped that we can arrive at a Race Schedule and Format that will attract an increased number of boats to take part in ISORA in 2027.

With reduced entries being received this year and most of our costs being fixed, we now have to rely on our sponsors and benefactors to help us fund our racing. I would like to appeal for new sponsors or benefactors for 2027.

ISORA is run by volunteers who generously freely give of their time during the season. They are as follows:

- Website Manager – Stephen Tudor.
- Race results – Stephen Tudor.
- Online Entry – Olivier Proveur.
- Bernard McGranaghan - ISORA CrewManager App.
- Race Starters - Larry Power, Barry MacNeaney, Robin Evans, and Dawn Russell.
- Safety Officer - Anita Begley
- YB Tracker Manager – Grainne Ryan
- Facebook Page Manager – Vicky Cox.
- Trophy Secretary – Michael Horgan.

I would like to thank the Officers and committee of ISORA:

- Vice Chairman – Peter Dunlop
- Hon Secretary – Stephen Tudor
- Hon Treasurer – Grainne Ryan

I would like to thank our **Race Management Committee**. The Race Management Committee dealt with the back of house work and decided on issues associated with the races.

The **Irish and UK WhatsApp groups** is proving to be a great method of communicating with those taking part in the races and also in seeking suggestions / feedback when courses are being.

There is a huge amount of preparation required before and after each race. This work is presently been done by a few people. WE urgently need more people to get involved in the race management.

The CewManager app, developed by **Bernard McGranaghan** has been used extensively to date. The use of the app is mandatory for all boats taking part in ISORA as it is the main instrument in the Safety and Responsibility regime.

The social highlight of the year is tonight's annual ISORA prize giving dinner in the NYC. Over 150 people are expected to attend.

I would like to thank the **National Yacht Club** for their continued support and assistance for ISORA. They are the **Organising Authority** for our races. The Commodore of the NYC, **Rosemary Cadogan**, is attending the dinner tonight.

In finishing I would particularly like to thank our Hon Secretary – **Stephen Tudor**. Without him, ISORA would not run as efficiently as it does.

As Chairman since 2007 I wish to thank all of you for your support.

Wishing ISORA a safe and engaged year in 2027.

Peter Ryan
Chairman ISORA 14th November 2026