

Gortmore Bell 2018



Saturday, September 8th 2018
Iniscealtra Sailing Club
Mountshannon , Co.Clare

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The Gortmore Bell Race 2018 (“Gortmore Bell”) is organised by Iniscealtra Sailing Club.

1.2 All Entries and enquiries should be addressed to The Racing Captain, iniscealtrasailingclub@gmail.com or at 087-6667015.

2. Rules

2.1 The Gortmore Bell will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association (ISA), the Iniscealtra Handicapping Rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2.2 Other than as set out in the Sailing Instructions, the requirements of Waterways Ireland, with regard to Shannon Navigation will apply.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 To be eligible to compete in the Gortmore Bell boats shall:

- a) Be a ballast keel sailing cruiser, agreed as such by ISC race committee.
- b) Have a rating provided and/or recognised by Iniscealtra Sailing Club.
- c) Comply with the relevant Iniscealtra Sailing Club rating and handicapping arrangements.

Eligible boats may register on the day with completion of form and payment required by 10.00hrs, 8th September at ISC site.

Early registration is advised as ISC cannot be responsible for delay due to last minute queue.

3.2 Boats without current ISC / GSC handicap are recommended to register early with details to establish a fair rating.

3.3 Late entries from eligible boats after 10.00hrs on Saturday, September 8th will be at the sole discretion of Iniscealtra Sailing Club.

3.4 Entries from eligible boats will be divided into 2 Classes, with Class 1 provisionally set as comprising boats of a handicap equal to or greater than 0.870 T.C.F., but may change to suit overall entries.

4. Fees

€25 per boat

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5. Schedule

5.1 Full registration will be available at Iniscealtra Sailing Club premises as follows:

Day and date	Saturday (8 th September 2018)
From	08.30hrs to 10:00hrs

5.2 The briefing will take place at 10:00hrs at the Iniscealtra Sailing Club premises.

5.3 The scheduled time of the 5 minute warning signal for the Gortmore Bell is:

Class 2	10:40hrs
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Class 1	11:10hrs
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Will be confirmed at the briefing.

5.4 On completion of the Gortmore Bell Race, there will be a BBQ (included in entry fee) followed by the prize giving at approximately 19:30hrs at the Iniscealtra Sailing Club premises.

6. Handicaps

Each boat entered shall have or be provided with an Iniscealtra Sailing Club handicap.

7. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available at Iniscealtra Sailing Club on the morning of the race.

8. Venue

Racing will take place on Lough Derg with the start, unless otherwise advised at the briefing or by VHF radio (as set out below), being in Mountshannon Bay.

9. The Course

The course to be sailed will be notified to competitors at the briefing, Subject to wind and weather conditions which might cause the course to be changed and/or shortened, it is intended that the course be from the start in Mountshannon Bay and on to the Gortmore Bouy "H" (to port) near Terryglass at the north end of Lough Derg, back down the lake passing Coose Bouy (to port), thence to the Mountaineer Buoy (to starboard) and on to a finish line in Mountshannon Bay, taking all Shannon Navigation buoys (other than those specified above) on their required side.

10. Scoring & Prizes

10.1 Boats will be scored on her corrected time, being the elapsed time adjusted for the handicap supplied by Iniscealtra Sailing Club.

10.2 Overall Prizes and Trophies will be awarded to Class 1 and 2 depending on the number of entries in each class as well as one design, line honours and other prizes as appropriate.

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11. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, or otherwise as directed by the Race Officer, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

All boats participating in the race should carry a VHF radio, which in addition to channel 16, will be capable of transmitting and receiving channels 6,8,72 and 77. Weather forecast information may be available from Lough Derg Coast Guard on channel 61 at scheduled times.

The Race Officer will, if conditions or circumstances so require, and to advise competitors of changes in the course, communicate with competitors using channel 72. Where this channel is not available or is being used for other communications, the Race Officer will advise of the new working channel by broadcasting on channel 16.

12. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the Gortmore Bell entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for the safety of competing boats and their crews lies solely with the competitors. The wearing of personal flotation devices by all members of each crew is required at all times. The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the person in charge (RRS 46) who must do his/her best to ensure that the boat is well found, thoroughly seaworthy, has all its equipment (and safety equipment) in good working condition, and that their boat is manned by an experienced crew who have necessary experience and training to deal with the weather and sea conditions encountered. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Gortmore Bell.

13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

14. Further Information

For further information please contact the Racing Captain, Iniscealtra Sailing Club, at Iniscealtrasailingclub@gmail.com or 087 6667015