

# CLYC Saturday Cruiser Racing for 2010

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For the rest of the Cruiser season, a fixed mark system will be used, using the CLYC cruiser Outer Limit Mark, the Woodhouse Mark (yellow buoys) and various Channel Marks.

Please bear in mind that the Channel Marks are navigation buoys (see the Chart, below), and so contact is to be avoided. Any boat coming into contact with any of these must notify Warrenpoint Harbour Radio as soon as possible on VHF Channel 12 in order that maintenance or repositioning can be carried out quickly. This also allows a safety warning to be broadcast to lough users in the meantime. The owner/skipper of the boat involved will be solely responsible for any costs incurred.

The first Warning Signal will be at 1355 BST SHARP. The Start/Finish line will be between the CLYC battery's centre window and the Outer Limit Mark. The Course will be announced and Warning Signals will be given by a CLYC OD boat as sound signals at 5 minutes, one minute and Start. Each boat will record her own finishing time and convey this to the OD or Cruiser Secretary Brian McCann on VHF Channel 6.

**Shortened courses.** We aim to have races lasting approximately 2 hours, so we may have to finish at a different mark to facilitate people getting ashore for a period of social time, and announcement of the results. If the course is to be shortened by the OD, whichever mark the leading boat is approaching at 1 hour 45 minutes from the start, will be the Finish Mark. It will be up to the leading boat to contact the OD boat and to receive confirmation that the course is to be shortened **and** of the position of the Finish Line.

The Finish Line will then be between that mark and the mast of the finishing boat when the mark is abeam, passing it in the same direction as specified in the course instructions.

The decision on whether or not to shorten the course will be made considering the wind strength and tides on the day.

**If you have any ideas on developing this system, please contact me at [brianmccann@btinternet.com](mailto:brianmccann@btinternet.com)**

**The aim is to have fun!**

**Brian McCann, CLYC Cruiser Secretary**

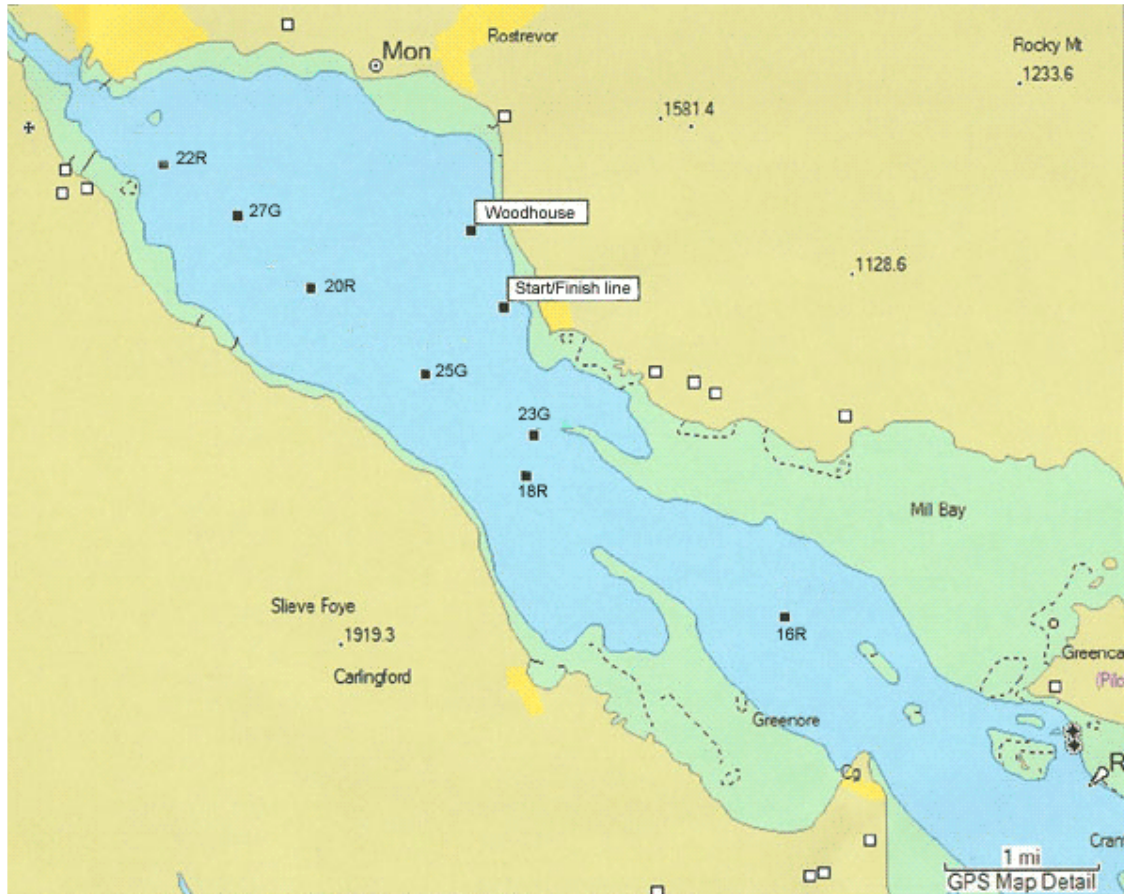
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The **Sailing Instructions** are as follows:

1. All-comers are welcome to join in the races – please have a VHF radio, listening to Channel 6, before, during and after the race.
2. The time of the first Warning Signal will be at 1355 SHARP on Saturdays except for those weekends when other events may be running, and the normal Saturday race will be postponed.
3. The course to be sailed will be conveyed to all skippers (where possible) before the race, on VHF Channel 6.
4. Finishing times will be recorded by individual boats and must be received by the CLYC Cruiser Secretary as soon as possible after the race.
5. Series Points will be awarded to all participating cruisers.
6. CLYC trophies will be awarded to the best CLYC boats (skipper fully paid-up for all races).
7. In Special Cup Races, prizes will be awarded on the same day at CLYC, if possible, to all winning boats at the discretion of the Cruiser Secretary.
8. Each boat's Progressive Handicap will be adjusted using the CLYC-ECHO system, after each race, starting the first race with the Base ECHO values shown below.
9. The new handicap value will comprise a combination of 75% of the existing handicap and 25% of the CLYC-ECHO value.
10. The scoring system will be the Low Points Scoring System (RRS Appendix A.).
11. Rules RRS A4.2 and RRS A9 are changed so that a boat that does not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored TEN points more than the number of competitors starting in a race.
12. The handicap for any boat will not be allowed to change by more than 3 per cent after each race.
13. The sum total of all handicaps for the boats in the race will not change. This is to prevent "creep" over time.
14. The quota for any boat in a series will be half of the races sailed, rounded up, plus 1.

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## Chart



The best estimates we have of Base ECHO numbers are as follows:

Sail No	Boat	Helm	Base ECHO
4880T	Aquabat	Paul Kavanagh	0.960
423C	She Dhu	Dan Gamble	0.835
19	Golden Shamrock	Ian O'Gorman	0.890
26	Gannet	Brian McCann	0.965
3225C	MaxiMeyes	Mick McCann	0.875
IRL152	Atlantic Diva	Gerry Byrne	0.895
17	Shenanigan	John McKeivitt	0.905
8	Aurora	Michael O'Hare	0.996
68	Silverstream	Graham Woods	0.840
7	Cal	Michael O'Farrell	0.985
140	Synergy	Chris Cassidy	0.840
798	Aurora Maria	David Cooper	0.870
27	Thetis	Don Campbell	0.995
24	Humdinger	Michael McCabe	1.016