

VOLVO OCEAN RACE - PUBLIC NOTICES

GALWAY HARBOUR COMPANY - LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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VOLVO OCEAN RACE - RACING MARKS

ALL MARINERS, SHIP OWNERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN, RNLI, GARDA WATER UNIT, IRISH NAVAL SERVICE, IRISH COAST GUARD, IRISH WATER SAFETY, CIVIL DEFENCE, GALWAY SUB AQUA CLUB, AND BOAT OWNERS.

Galway Harbour Company hereby gives notice that racing marks will be placed in Galway Bay for the purposes of the Volvo Ocean Race [May 23rd to June 6th 2009]. The racing marks will be highly visible inflatable marks clearly identified as Volvo Ocean Race. The racing marks will be laid during the morning on the following dates:

May 28th – Trial Day May 29th – In-Port Practice Day May 30th – In-Port Racing
May 31st – Pro-Am Racing June 6th – Re-Start Of Volvo Ocean Race

To ensure the safety and security of the racing Volvo Open 70 fleet, a flotilla of approximately 40 (forty) clearly flagged vessels will marshal the race course on Saturday 30th May; Sunday 31st May and Saturday 6th June 2009. The race course will be under surveillance by the Race Marshals and Race Marshal Co-ordinators.

The Garda Water Unit, Irish Navy, RNLI, Irish Coast Guard, Civil Defence & Galway Sub Aqua Club will also be in attendance on the water to assist as necessary.

Mariners are hereby given notice that under no circumstances shall any craft other than craft authorised and flying an appropriate official VOR Flag by the Harbour Master or Volvo Event Management, enter the buoyed exclusion zone which encompasses the windward/leeward course that the race marks will define. Marshal craft will be clearly identified with authorised flags to patrol the race exclusion area.

In addition to the race marks an overall exclusion zone will exist in Galway Bay in the vicinity of Mutton Island extending to Margareta lateral buoy for the purposes of safety of navigation. Mariners are requested to remove all surface marks such as moorings or fishing gear/pots to avoid damage and to ensure the security of the on water event. Details of this exclusion zone can be viewed on the internet at www.galwayvolvoceanrace.com

Craft on Galway Bay may be inspected by the Garda Water Unit for compliance of The Maritime Safety Act 2005.

Navigational broadcasts will be made by the event controller on VHF* promulgating information regarding the In-Port & Pro-Am Race and for the Restart of leg 8 of the Volvo Ocean Race.

The Irish Coast guard will continue to monitor on VHF CH 16, 67, 04 & DSC 70 for Galway Bay for distress and routine radiotelephony.

Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Marine Notice No. 7 of 2009 issued by the Maritime Safety Directorate for the operation of passenger vessels in Galway for the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover.

*see notice boards and www.galwayvolvoceanrace.com for broadcast frequencies

Captain Brian Sheridan - Harbour Master & Pilotage Superintendent

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VOLVO OCEAN RACE - ON WATER SAFETY

ALL MARINERS, SHIP OWNERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN, RNLI, GARDA WATER UNIT, IRISH NAVAL SERVICE, IRISH COAST GUARD, IRISH WATER SAFETY, CIVIL DEFENCE, GALWAY SUB AQUA CLUB, AND BOAT OWNERS.

Galway Harbour Company hereby gives notice that the safety of all while afloat during the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover at Galway is of prime importance. To this end you are reminded of the basic rules of on-water safety.

1. Check the weather forecast before planning your trip.
2. Ensure your vessel is fit for purpose and is in a seaworthy condition.
3. Wear a personal flotation device [lifejacket] at all times.
4. Do not take command of any craft under the influence of alcohol.
5. Ensure that you have sufficient fuel on board for the intended trip allowing for delays such as adverse weather and tidal streams.
6. Carry a first aid kit, some tools to affect repairs, flares and a means of communicating with the shore.
7. Advise a responsible person ashore when you are leaving, details of your planned trip, your expected time back home and the number of persons on board.
8. Do not overload your vessel.
9. Be ever vigilant to the crafts seaworthiness, capability and the changing weather conditions.
10. Have thought out a plan should the unexpected occur.

The Irish Coast Guard will continue to monitor the following VHF Channels on Galway Bay: Ch 16, 67, 04 & Digital Selective Calling DSC70.

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VOLVO OCEAN RACE – PASSENGER VESSELS

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Galway Harbour Company hereby gives notice that passenger boats and passenger ships intending to operate from Galway during the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover must observe the following:

1. All passenger craft must observe the conditions laid down in Marine Notice No.7 of 2009 issued by the Maritime safety Directorate [MSD] which can be downloaded from the internet at www.transport.ie/marine/MaritimeSafetyDirectorate/MarineNotices/index.asp
2. All passenger craft must complete and sign the operating agreement issued from the Harbour Masters Office setting out the conditions of safe operation in Galway Harbour which can be requested from the Galway Harbour Company.
3. All craft must provide copies of the following to the office of the Harbour Master before approval to operate from Galway Harbour is granted:
 - Passenger Boat Licence issued by the Maritime Safety Directorate which shows Galway as a port of departure.
 - Licence to establish a wireless telegraph ship station
 - Commercial endorsement – Merchant Shipping (passenger Boat Manning) Regulations
4. Approved passenger craft will be required to display a bow sticker whilst operating at Galway Harbour during the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover. The bow sticker is available from the Galway Harbour Company.
5. All passenger craft must register with the organisers of the Volvo Ocean Race Stopover at Galway [Lets Do It Galway] before operation of passenger vessels will be permitted at Galway Harbour.

Passenger Vessels not registered and approved will be refused entry into Galway Harbour.

Captain Brian Sheridan - Harbour Master & Pilotage Superint