



# BRITISH INTERNATIONAL HARMSWORTH TROPHY ADVANCE NOTICE OF RACE

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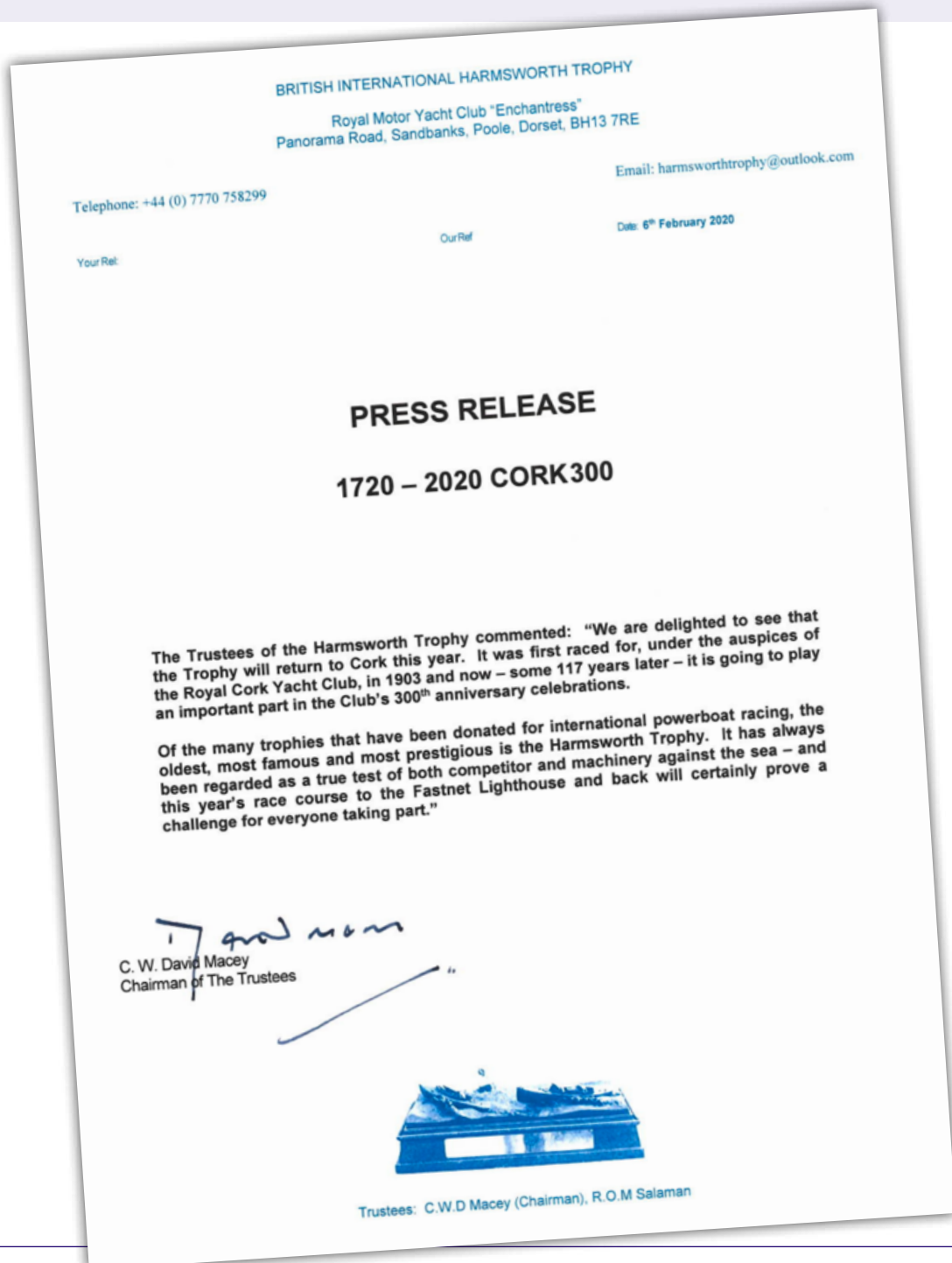


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In 1903, Alfred Charles William Harmsworth (Viscount Northcliffe, Baron Northcliffe of the Isle of Thanet) who was born in Chapelizod, County Dublin commissioned the Harmsworth Trophy, (then known as the British International Trophy for Motorboats) as the first perpetual international award for Motorboat Racing.

The Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland, and its offshoot, the Marine Motor Association (MMA) planned to manage a race of motorboats for a magnificent new prize, the Harmsworth Trophy in the summer of 1903. The race was to be run along similar lines and rules as automobile racing's Gordon Bennett Cup, whose rules and conditions were in turn duplicated from sailing's America's Cup. The aim of all three trophies was that the contest should be a test of nations rather than individuals, and that the vehicles used should be constructed in the represented nation, and raced by citizens of that country. The inaugural 1903 Harmsworth motorboat race was held in Queenstown Harbour, Cork, as a new dimension to the auto-car Gordon Bennett Cup race program.

England won the trophy with a Napier powered boat at an average speed of 19.53 mph.



The Trustees of the British International Harmsworth Trophy commented: "We are delighted to see that the Trophy will return to Cork this year. It was first raced for, under the auspices of the Royal Cork Yacht Club, in 1903 and now some 117 years later - it is going to play an important part in the Club's 300th anniversary celebrations.

Of the many trophies that have been donated for international powerboat racing, the oldest, most famous and most prestigious is the Harmsworth Trophy. It has always been regarded as a true test of both competitor and machinery against the sea - and this year's race course to the Fastnet Lighthouse and back will certainly prove a challenge for everyone taking part."

## VENUE & DATES

**Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven, Co. Cork, Ireland.**

**Race Day will Saturday 11th July 2020. (Weather permitting)**

**Dry Pits will open on Thursday 9th July and will close on Sunday 12th July. Wet Pits will be available at RCYC**

**Crosshaven from 10.00 hrs on Friday 10th July until 18.00 hrs on Saturday 11th July.**

## RACING RULES

Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the UIM Pleasure Navigation Rulebook 2020 (Section 506), the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) or any other rules as set down in the Race instructions.

## CLASSES

Class	Length as per t UIM Measuremen	Maximum HP	Minimum Number of engines	Minimum Weight (Kg per HP) Including fuel, equipment and Crew at end of race.
Super Marathon (A)	Min - 10m Max - 16m	Free	2	Cockpit 3 Kg/HP Open 4.0 Kg/HP
Grand Prix (C)	Min - 9m Max - 15m	1200 HP	2	Cockpit 3.50 Kg/HP Open 4.0kg/HP
Grand Sport (S)	Min -7.5m Max - 10m	600 HP	2	Cockpit 3.75 Kg/HP Open 4.25 kg/HP
Grand Touring (E)	Min -7.5m Max - 10m	450 HP	1	Cockpit 4 Kg/HP Open 4.50 kg/HP

## ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The British International Harmsworth Trophy event is open to all Powerboats which meet the specifications as laid down in

**UIM Pleasure Navigation Rulebook – Section 506 - RULES FOR UIM ENDURANCE MARATHON RACING**

Number of crew: **Minimum 2, Maximum 6.**

Minimum age: **18**

## LICENCE

All competitors must hold a 2020 UIM International Racing Licence.

Please refer to **UIM Pleasure Navigation Rulebook**

**506.1.4 – LICENCE / 506.1.5 - SEA SURVIVAL CERTIFICATE**

## PRIZES

### "British International Harmsworth Trophy"

In keeping with the Historic nature of this trophy, it will be awarded to the Overall Winner who has achieved the best overall average speed throughout the competition.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be deemed to be the boat with the best average speed over the longest leg. If there is still a tie, the boat with the lesser Horse Power will be deemed the winner.

## CLASS AWARDS

1st, 2nd, 3rd will be awarded in each of the 4 Marathon Classes.



# RACE FORMAT

(Please refer to the Race Instructions for a more detailed overview, available from 1st March)

Competition for the 2020 British International Harmsworth Trophy event will take place over two races. Weather permitting, both races will be held on the same day.

**Be advised that some changes to the course may occur in the Final Race Instructions.**

**Race 1:** Course is approximately 136 Nautical Miles in length. To honour the inaugural race, the muster area will be similar to the one used in 1903. This is in the harbour area adjacent to the 1903 Royal Cork Yacht Club building (Now the Sirius Arts Centre) in Cobh, Co. Cork. The race course then proceeds through Cork Harbour, turning south west to run alongside the Cork coast until it reaches Ireland's most southerly point at Mizzen Head. At Mizzen Head the route will turn toward the iconic Fastnet Rock Lighthouse and once it is rounded, will head east on the designated return route to the finish line at a fixed point near the entrance of Cork harbour.



**Race 2:** Course is approximately 65 Nm in length. The Start/ Finish Line will be a designated fixed point near the entrance of Cork harbour. Race course will complete a circuit from and to Cork harbour through a designated route off the south/ south east coast of Co. Cork.



**Race 1 to Race 2:** The Start/Finish Line for race 2 is also the Finish line for race 1. Once the Team has crossed the finish line for Race 1, the team has 1 Hour before it has to start race 2, If the team wish to continue racing or not avail of full 1 hour break, they can request permission to an earlier start time by contacting the OOD. This gives the Teams the option of a break in racing if they choose to do so. In the case a boat fails to start race 2 at its allocated time, the timekeeper will register the Boat's race 2 start time as per its allocated Time and allow a further 30 mins for the boat to cross the start line. Failure to cross the start line during this extra 30 mins will lead to disqualification.

**Bad Weather Course:** Details of Bad weather Course will be published in the Advance Programme / Race instructions.

## ENTRY OPEN – 24TH FEBRUARY 2020

Entry Fee : Discounted rate €850 for entries received by 1st April 2020 - €975 for entries received between 1st April and the closing date of 1st June.

Be advised that all entries in this event will automatically get a **FREE Entry** into the UIM Marathon World Championship. **For Safety & Logistics reasons, the maximum number of entries has been set at 24 Boats for all classes inclusive.** Priority will be given to the **first 6 entries** received in each class.

## SOCIAL

All "British International Harmsworth Trophy" competitors are welcome to enjoy the comprehensive entertainment schedule at the Royal Cork Yacht Club. Additionally, tickets may be purchased for the Royal Cork Yacht Club Tricentenary Black Tie Gala Dinner which will be held at Cork City Hall on the evening of Saturday 11th July.



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