

Welcome to the 5th Emerald Isle Classic. This is the first of a series of newsletters that will be sent out before the event. Please do take the time to read the Newsletter, act upon the information and return booking forms as necessary. **The ferry booking form should be returned as soon as possible.**

Route Categories

We would just like to emphasise the differences between the different route categories: **Clubmen** – in addition to the map marking instructions this has a tulip style route book issued on a daily basis. It includes most of the daylight competitive tests, navigation and regularity sections. **Masters** has a route book based on map marking instructions, does all the special tests, navigation and regularity section. It also has an “evening” leg.

Hotels

The entry fee includes six night’s hotel accommodation (and evening meals) in a twin or double room. A limited number of single rooms are available and can be booked via the enclosed form. If you require accommodation prior to the start this can also be booked on the same form.

Ferries

The ferry booking form is enclosed. The earlier you return the form the more likely you are to get your preferred ferry. Stena have reduced the

capacity on the route by cancelling one of the HSS services and this means that some sailings are already nearly full.

Entries

We have been very pleased with the quality of the entry received so far and are please to welcome many new competitors. If you are thinking of entering please contact us as soon as possible – a £500 deposit will secure your place.

Tyres

Could we please remind you that current Historic Motorsport Regulations in the UK and Ireland require the use of tyres with a profile of at least 70%. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a scrutineering penalty being applied. We have made representations to the MSA to have this regulation revised to be more closely matched to the FIA Regulations but to date they have stood firm. If you have difficulty in obtaining suitable 70% series tyres please can you contact us.

Vredestein

We are pleased to announce that Vredestein will be supporting the 5th Emerald Isle Classic. They produce a wide range of tyres suitable for the event and further details can be seen in the brochures already sent out or on their website. The enclosed order form will enable you to obtain tyres at a discounted price. If you require tyres please do try and order as soon as possible

as not all tyres are available from immediate stock.

Rally School

Subject to demand we’ll run a Rally School prior to the event. This would be specifically targeted at competitors who are entering the Emerald Isle Classic. It will be suitable for novice crews and crews who have done a couple of events and now seeking to improve their performance. Course tutor is the very experienced co-driver Willy Cave. It will cover as many aspects of the event as possible with particular emphasis on route plotting and timing. If you are interested please give us a call and we will arrange a convenient date.

Route Information

Most route information will be provided approximately three weeks before the event and will be in the form of map references for you to plot. The list of maps required is attached along with a list of the “edition” numbers that were used to compile the route information.

Baggage Van

We will be running a baggage van. A small charge per kg will be made purely to cover the costs of the service. Luggage will be collected at the start and will be available at all night halts. A booking form enclosed.

Any Questions?

If there is any further information you require please don’t hesitate to get in touch.