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CORK WEEK

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The 2022 edition of Volvo Cork Week held in July in Crosshaven saw 192 boats taking part in a full five-day programme of racing inside and outside Cork Harbour.

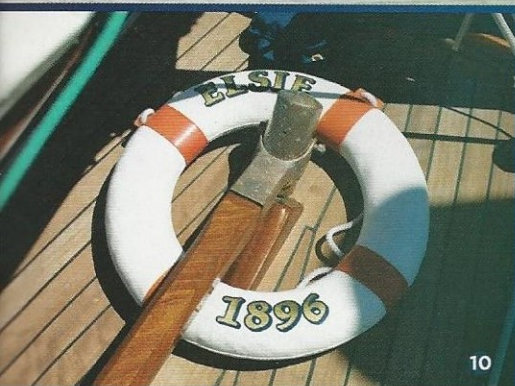
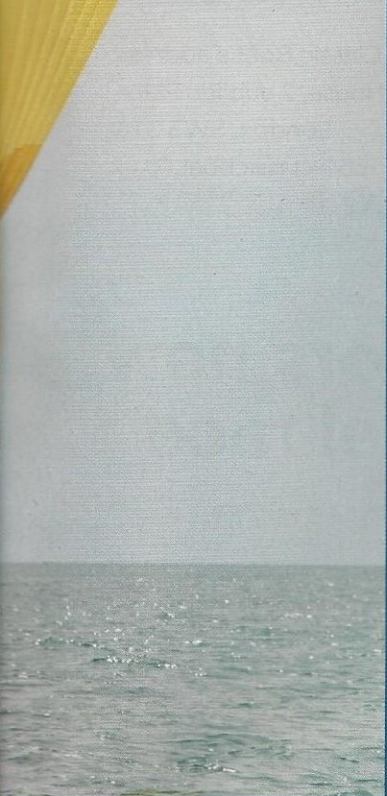
Racing took place on five separate courses with 14 different classes taking part, including the Classic Class, which enjoyed tremendous sailing in Mediterranean conditions on a series of windward/leeward courses off Roaches Point. A total of 18 classic yachts attended the regatta with nine entering the racing including two Cork One-Designs: *Elsie* owned by Patrick Dorgan and *Jap*, which was helmed by Harold Cudmore for the week.

The 2022 classics regatta was the result of the postponed Cork 300 event, which had been scheduled for 2020. Colin Moorhead the Admiral of Royal Cork Yacht Club at the time felt there was an opportunity to capitalise on a burgeoning classic scene in southern Ireland. "The Atlantic Yacht Club in France had committed to a 'Go to Cork' initiative for 2020 and were keen to finally make it happen in 2022. "Our event in 2022 was very much a toe in the water but it was a great success and certainly bodes well for the future. We hope to make an announcement soon about a stand alone Cork Classic Regatta for 2025."

JJ Ollu's French classic *Bilou-Belle*, from Atlantic YC, won the Classic Class by just two points from Patrick Dorgan's Cork Harbour One-Design *Elsie*. Third was Dafydd Hughes' Welsh S&S 34 *Bendigedig*, which also won the Prince of Wales 300th Anniversary Trophy. "The Prince of Wales Trophy is going to Wales!" commented Dafydd Hughes. "If the weather systems allow me, I will be racing *Bendigedig* around the world in the 2023 Global Solo Challenge."

Other notable yachts at the regatta included local boat *Lady Minn* from Schull Harbour Sailing Club owned by Simon O'Keefe and *Erin* from the Royal Cork Yacht Club owned by Terry Birtles. Although not officially in the Classic Class, the imperious Ron Holland-designed *IMP* looked glorious all week.





- 1 JJ Ollu's *Bilou Belle* leading the way chased by *White Dolphin*
- 2 Intricate name plate on *Serifa*
- 3 Hanging out on *Erin*
- 4 Charles Terrin made the trip from Monaco
- 5 Recently restored Ron Holland classic *Imp* makes a welcome return to Cork
- 6 Cork Harbour One Design *Elsie*
- 7 *Elsie* tows *Jap* to Royal Cork Yacht Club
- 8 *Jap* heading out to the race course
- 9 *Erin* under Roches Point Lighthouse
10. *Elsie* in the glorious sunshine
11. Pascal Stefani - President of Atlantic Yacht Club - trims for speed
12. *Jap* and *Elsie* finished for the day
13. *Imp* powering along in the harbour
14. Daffyd Hughes, winner of the Prince of Wales 300th Anniversary Trophy and second overall at the Classic Regatta
- 15 *White Dolphin*