



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION

1. RULES and CLASSES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions and the appropriate class rules. Cruiser handicap classes (except the Belfast Lough ¼ Ton (BLQT) Class will sail IRC or CYCA and a copy of their valid certificate shall be lodged with the Honorary Sailing Secretary. The BLQT Class will sail under NHC. The Cruiser Whitesail Class will additionally have results calculated using the NHC system.

2. STARTING TIMES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING PROCEDURE

In amendment of RRS 26 the start times and procedure will be as follows:

	Class Flags	Thursdays
Warning Signal		19:00
Preparatory Signal		19:03
IRC 1 - (0.900 and above)	1	19:06
Sigma 33	2	
CYCA Whitesail	3	19:09
Belfast Lough Quarter Ton	Q	19:12
IRC 2 - (0.899 and below)		
Laser Standard and Radial	5	19:15
Laser 4.7 and Topper	J	
Bay and Waverley	T	19:18
RS Elite	E	
Large Dinghy (PY of less than 1200)	R	19:21
Multihull	F	

2. STARTING TIMES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING PROCEDURE (Continued)

Signals will be made at three-minute intervals. After the first preparatory signal flag 'P' shall be left displayed until the last Class starts and the hoisting of the Class code flag will be the preparatory signal for that Class and the warning signal for the next Class.

3. IDENTIFICATION

Class flags shall be displayed from or near the back stay on IRC 1, IRC 2, Sigma 33, BLQT Class and Whitesail Cruisers.

4. COURSES

In amendment of RRS 27.1, the course for each class will be displayed with, or as soon as possible after the preparatory signal for that class. The course to be sailed will be displayed on numeral boards displayed on the front wall of the battery. These boards will have either RED or GREEN backgrounds indicating how the marks are to be rounded (leaving them to port or to starboard, respectively). Second and subsequent rounds may be port and will be displayed as above when the leading boats approach the finish of the previous round(s).

Two buoys ('A' & 'B') will be laid to the South-West and North-East, respectively, of the red starting line buoy and approximately in line with that buoy. The buoys 'A' and 'B' have no significance when starting. At the end of a round, or when Finishing, the Start/Finish line shall be crossed only in the direction that it was crossed when starting. When crossing the Start/Finish Line West to East marks 'A' and 'B' shall be left to Port. When crossing the Start/Finish Line East to West marks 'B' and 'A' shall be left to starboard.

When a boat finishes (in accordance with the definition) the second of the two buoys ('A' or 'B', as appropriate) no longer has a required side.

5. STARTING LINE

The Starting Line will be between a red buoy (shown as 'F' in the diagram) and a white pole with an X topmark in front of the battery.

6. STARTING TIME LIMIT

A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

7. FINISHING

The finishing signal shall be Flag 'S' displayed on its own if all Classes are to finish, or with Class Flags if only the Classes designated by those flags are to finish. In amendment to RRS 'Race Signals' sound signals will not normally be made when displaying this signal.

The Finishing Line will be between a red buoy (shown as 'F' in the diagram) and a white pole with an X topmark in front of the battery.

8. GENERAL RECALLS

In amendment of RRS 26 and 29.2, a Class subject to a general recall shall take as its preparatory signal the lowering of the Class flag for the last Class shown in SI 2. If a second or subsequent Class is subject to a general recall its preparatory signal will be the lowering of the Class flag of the preceding recalled Class.

9. TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be 21:30 during May, June and July and 21:00 in August and September. In amendment to RRS 35, if a boat in any class finishes within the time limit, the time limit will be extended by ½ hour for all other boats in that class. If the final round is not completed within the time limit by the leading boat of a class, the finishing time of the penultimate round of that class will be taken and points awarded accordingly.

10. SIGMA 33 & IRC Boats

On Thursday nights (Inshore Club Racing) the crew limitation rule for Sigma 33s and IRC Boats shall not apply.

11. ANCHORS

No anchor carried on deck shall project forward of the bow.

12. PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged with the Race Officer or Honorary Sailing Secretary on the prescribed form within 1 hour of the finishing time of the boat or boats involved.

13. SAFETY

The attention of competitors is drawn to the requirements of RRS 1.2 and 40 in respect of personal buoyancy. In amendment of RRS 40 all persons in the Multihull and all dinghy classes shall wear buoyancy at all times while afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not acceptable as personal buoyancy.

All keel boats shall carry an anchor with 20 metres of warp.

14. SERIES and DISCARDS

The Early Season Series will run from 3rd May to 21st June (8 races). The Late Season Series will run from 19th July to 6th September (8 races). The Overall Series will run from 3rd May to 6th September (16 races). In any series there will be no discard if fewer than 4 races are sailed and 2 discards if 8 or more races are sailed, 3 discards if 12 or more races are sailed and 4 discards if 16 races are sailed. RRS A9 will apply.

15. RE-CROSSING THE FINISHING LINE

Boats that have already finished shall not re-cross the finishing line.

16. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone."

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damaged or loss to the extent caused, by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000

18. LIKENESS

By participating in one or more of the events described I grant to the Royal Ulster Yacht Club the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion or still pictures of me without compensation.

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