



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Copelands Races

Race 1: Saturday 10th May 2025

Race 2: Saturday 12th July 2025

Sailing Instructions

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 **RULES**

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SIs will be posted online and at Bangor Marina at least two hours before the scheduled start of the race, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 **CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags are as follows:

IRC/YTC Class 1 Unrestricted sail IRC/YTC handicap rules (≥ 0.970) - Numeral Pennant 1

IRC/YTC Class 2 Unrestricted sail IRC/YTC handicap rules (≤ 0.969) - Numeral Pennant 2

YTC Restricted sail YTC handicap rules - Numeral Pennant 3

4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the access ramp at Bangor Marina and will also be displayed from the Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC) battery.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 **STARTING**

5.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.

5.3 The first warning signal for this race will be made at 12:00.

5.4 The starting line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.

5.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

5.6 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

5.7 If one or more boats are subject to RRS 29.1 the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast their sail number(s) on VHF channel 37 (M) and or hail their sail number(s). Failure to make



a broadcast (or to time it accurately) or failure of the boat(s) to hear a hail, if made, (or the order in which boats are hailed) will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

6 **RACING AREA**

The racing area will be as described in NoR 11

7 **COURSE**

7.1	RUYC No 1 Buoy	Rounded to Starboard
	South Briggs Buoy	Passed to Starboard
	All Three Copeland Islands	Rounded in either direction
	South Briggs Buoy	Passed to Port
	Finishing Line	

This amends Notice of Race 12 Courses, 12.1 second sentence

7.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

7.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

8 **MARKS**

The marks to be used are described in NoR 12.2.2.

9 **FINISHING**

9.1 The finishing line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.

10 **TIME LIMIT**

10.1 The time limit for all classes is 17:00hrs.

10.2 If a boat in a class finishes within the time limit the time limit shall be extended by 30 minutes for that class.

10.3 Failure to finish within the time limit (or extended time limit, if applicable) will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 Boats failing to finish within the time limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

11 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

NoR 13 applies.

12 **HEARING REQUESTS**

12.1 If a boat intends to protest another boat or to request redress, she shall lodge an "Intent to Protest or Request Redress" by email to sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk within 90 minutes of finishing the race, or retiring.

The protest hearing time will be posted on the official notice board at RUYC and on the website.

13 **COMMUNICATIONS**

13.1 All communications will be as described in NoR 3.

13.2 If the Race Committee displays flag 'R' then VHF channel 72 (M2) will be used.



14 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

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

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) [[For offshore races] They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew]; and
- (i) [If not covered elsewhere in the Notice of Race] Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims];

15 **INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 Million per incident or the equivalent

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