

Notice of Race



Autumn Series

Sunday 12th September to Sunday 24th October

COVID Statement

[DP] By taking part in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Organising Authority's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with this statement may lead to a penalty as deemed appropriate by the event protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the RYA apply to Series.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available prior to the event at www.ruyc.co.uk.
- 2.2 Any change to the SIs will be posted online and also at Bangor Marina at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day on any day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.ruyc.co.uk. Copies of all documentation may be available on the RUYC noticeboard at Bangor Marina and on the sailing notice board in the hall of RUYC.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on *channel 37 (M) and 72 (M2)*.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] With the exception of NoR 3.3 (above), from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats that have a valid 2021 IRC and/or NHC handicap.
- 4.2 Classes for the event are defined as follows:

IRC & NHC Unrestricted sail	IRC & NHC handicap rules
White Sail Restricted	IRC & NHC handicap rules

Note that NHC Base Numbers will be used for this event.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to *Hon Sailing Secretary, C/O RUYC, 101 Clifton Road, Bangor, BT20 5HY*. Entries can be made electronically by emailing the entry form to sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk and calling the Club office on 02891270568 where payment will be taken by card.

5. ANCHORS

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

6. FEES

Entry fee is as follows:

All Classes	£40
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7. CREW LIMITATIONS

Boats shall comply with their IRC crew limits as published on their current 2021 IRC Certificate. For NHC boats there will be no limit on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one-designs, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

8. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 There will be no separate registration for this event but prior entry must have been made in accordance with NoR 4.3.

9.2

Date	Course Description	Warning Signal
12 th September	Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
19 th September	2 short Windward/Leeward type courses	10:25
26 th September	Round the Lough type course	10:25
3 rd October	2 short Windward/Leeward type courses	10:25
10 th October	Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
17 th October	2 short Windward/Leeward type courses	10:25
24 th October	Windward/Leeward type course	10:25

9.3 On days when there are 2 races scheduled the second race will be started ASAP after the last boat in that Class finishes the first race.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce (if requested) or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.3 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

11. VENUE

The events will be held in Belfast Lough.

12. COURSES

12 Courses for each race will be detailed in the SIs.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.

13.2 An Arbitration System will be available for each race and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boat penalised under the system may accept a 20% penalty.

14. SCORING

14.1 Boats will be 'dual scored' in each class.

14.2 If 4 or more races are completed there will be one discard.

14.3 Rule A5.3 applies

14.4 One race completed shall constitute a series.

15. DATA PROTECTION

The OA maintains a data protection policy, which is available on request.

16. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes**

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 *Million* per incident or the equivalent.

18. PRIZES

If a class has less than 4 entries a first place will be awarded, between 4 & 6 entries, first and second and over 6 first, second & third prizes will be awarded. All prizes will be awarded at a prize giving at RUYC, as soon as possible after the last race.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk