



SPRING SERIES 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Royal Ulster Yacht Club



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The event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club (OA).

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

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with, at least, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B Inshore Racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available no later than 31st March 2026 at www.ruyc.co.uk.
- 2.2. Any change to the SIs or NoR will be posted online and on the RUYC Notice Board 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. COMMUNICATION

- 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.
- 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 broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing 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 2026 IRC and/or YTC handicap.
- 4.2. Classes for the event are defined as follows:

IRC & YTC Unrestricted sail Class 1 IRC \geq 0.970	IRC & YTC handicap rules
IRC & YTC Unrestricted sail Class 2 IRC \leq 0.969	IRC & YTC handicap rules
White Sail Restricted	YTC handicap rules
- 4.3. Classes may be altered, divided, and amalgamated or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on JotForm using this link: [Entry form](#) or via the RUYC web site [here](#).
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.



5. FEES

- 5.1. There is an entry fee of £50 for the series, details are on the entry form
- 5.2. For members of RUYC the entry fee is waived, but an Entry Form must still be submitted prior to racing

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Boats racing in IRC & YTC 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.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 8.1. Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Date	Course Description	First Warning Signal
4 th April 2026 (Saturday)	Windward Leeward (2 races)	10:25
12 th April 2026 (Sunday)	Round the Lough (1 races)	09:55
19 th April 2026 (Sunday)	Windward Leeward (2 races)	10:25
26 th April 2026 (Sunday)	Windward Leeward (2 races)	10:25

- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. The OA may change the order of the schedule of races in accordance with NoR 2.2.
- 9.4. If code flag T is displayed at Bangor Marina then racing will be run from the 'Battery'.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. A boat may be inspected at any time during the series.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1. Does not apply.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The races will be held in Belfast Lough.

13. COURSES

- 13.1. Courses for each race will be detailed in the SIs.



14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event.

15. SCORING

15.1. Boats will be 'dual scored' in Class 1 & 2.

15.2. Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

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

15.4. Rule A5.3 applies.

15.5. One race completed shall constitute a series.

15.6. Any changes to handicap rating after the start of the series will be at the discretion of the OA with only an increase in handicap rating being considered.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. Does not apply.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

18.1. Does not apply.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

20.1. Does not apply.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.



22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. Rule 3 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:

- (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 organiser 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

INSURANCE

22.2. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **£3,000,000** per incident or the equivalent.

23. PRIZES

23.1. 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.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk

END OF NOTICE OF RACE