

Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Round the Lough Race

12th July 2018

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority

This event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3. Racing Rules (RR), Race Signal A4, 35, 61.3, 62.2, & A2 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4. The crew number restrictions within the IRC, ¼ Ton and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RUYC notice board in Bangor Marina

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions (SIs)

- 3.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted before 10:00 on the day 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

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at Bangor Marina.
- 4.2. When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

Thursday 12th July 2018

- 5.1. One race is scheduled.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal is **13:30**.

6. Class Flags

Class 1	IRC	Numeral Pennant 1
Class 2	Sigma 33 Class	Numeral Pennant 2
Class 3	Restricted Sail Class (NHC & CYCA)	Numeral Pennant 3
Class 4	¼ Ton Class	Code Flag Q

7. Racing Area

7.1. Racing will take place in Belfast Lough.

8. The Course

8.1. The course will be displayed on the frame at the front of the RUYC Battery.
The marks are listed in Appendix A.

8.2. The direction of rounding will be dependent on the background colour. Green round mark to starboard, Red round mark to port.

9. Marks

9.1. Marks are RUYC & Carrickfergus SC Club marks and various navigation marks found in Belfast Lough.

9.2. All yachts racing should not impede commercial shipping in the vicinity of these navigation marks.

10. The Start

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

10.2. Boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes rule A4.

11. The Finish

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

12. Penalty System

12.1. The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Boats penalised under this system may accept a 20% penalty

13. Time Limits

13.1. The time limit for all races in this series is 16:30. If a boat in a class finishes within the time limit the time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all boats in that class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes rules 35 & A4.

14. Protests & Requests for Redress

- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the race office at RUYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit (PTL).
- 14.2. The PTL is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 & 62.2
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the PTL to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. Notices of protest by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5. All notices will be posted on the sailing notice board in RUYC.
- 14.6. Breaches of Sis 18, 19, 20 & rule 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for such breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. All races will count.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The Battery will be monitoring channel 37 (M).

17. Radio Communication

- 17.1. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

18. Prizes

- 18.1. Separate prizes will not be awarded for this race.

19. Risk Statement

- 19.1. Rule 4 of the RRS states: ***“The responsibility for a boats 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:
 - 19.1.1. They are aware of the inherent 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;
 - 19.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 19.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 19.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

19.1.5. Provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event does not relieve them of their responsibilities.

20. Insurance

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

Appendix A

Number	Mark	Description
1	RUYC No 1	Red Spherical Buoy, with a 1 on it
2	South Briggs	North Cardinal mark approx. 54.41.182N, 005.35.732W
3	RUYC No 3	Red Spherical Buoy, with a 3 on it
4	Kilroot Buoy	Green Pillar Buoy approx. 54.42.85N, 005.42.85W
5	Helens Bay Buoy	Red Pillar Buoy approx. 54.41.86N, 005.42.85W
6	Rockport outfall (Carrick C)	Yellow Buoy X top mark approx. 54.40.43N, 005.45.92W
7	RUYC No 7	Black spherical buoy numbered 7
9	RUYC No 10	Red Spherical Buoy, numbered 10
10	RUYC No 11	Black spherical Buoy, number 11.