



Royal Ulster Yacht Club & Ballyholme Yacht Club

Autumn Series 2018

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) Race Signal, 28.1, 32.2, 35, 61.3, 62.2, 66 and A2 will be changed. The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the IRC Class, the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class, the BLQTC and IRC2 class and the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) will apply.
- 1.5 The crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 classes will not apply to this event.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Bangor Marina

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Bangor Marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.



5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date	Race
9 th September 2018	1
16 th September 2018	2 & 3
23 rd September 2018	4
30 th September 2018	5 & 6
7 th October 2018	7
14 th October 2018	8 & 9
21 st October 2018	10

5.2 Ten Races are scheduled

5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 10:00 hrs.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

6 CLASS FLAGS & STARTING SEQUENCE

6.1 Starting Sequence

Class 5 Waverley Class	Code Flag E
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 BLQTC and IRC2 Class	Code Flag Q

6.2 All yachts, with the exception of the Waverley Class, shall fly their class flag from or near their back stay at all times whilst racing. Failure to do so will result in the yacht being scored as DNS.

7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Belfast Lough, north of Bangor

8 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward with a Committee Boat start as shown in Appendix A

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be yellow inflatables. The Start/Finish Mark will be a green inflatable.

9.2 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in sailing instruction 11.2.



10 THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between an Orange mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the green port-end starting mark.
- 10.2** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.3** Classes may be started alongside other classes depending on the number of starters.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2** Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

12 SHORTENING COURSE AT START/FINISH

If the race is to be shortened at the Start/Finish Line, Flag F will be displayed, with repetitive sound signals near to Mark 3. This changes rule 32.2. Boats should round Mark 3 and sail directly to the finish.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the green port-end finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1** The Official Notice Board is at Bangor Marina and any notices will be copied and posted on the sailing notice board at Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 15.2** The RYA Arbitration system will be used. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 20% penalty. This will be placed on the Official Notice Board for information.
- 15.3** Protest time is 90 minutes after the finish time of the last boat to finish on that day.
- 15.4** Protest forms are available at Royal Ulster Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within Protest Time. The expiration of Protest Time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.5** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, located at Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 15.6** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).



- 15.7** Breaches of sailing instructions 17 and/or 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.8** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if a requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When between four & eight races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 9 or more races have been completed a boats series will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2** Boats shall not race with an anchor on deck projecting forward of the bow. Boats infringing this instruction shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.
- 17.3** Persons competing in the Waverley Class shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wetsuits or drysuits are not adequate buoyancy

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the Overall Class Winners. If five or more boats, there will be a 2nd prize. The Overall Prize Giving will be held on 21st October at Royal Ulster Yacht Club after racing has been completed and any protests heard.



20 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:

- (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 the venue or 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 Pounds Sterling or the equivalent.



APPENDIX A

The course to be sailed is as follows:

Class 1 & Sigma Class	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
¼ Ton/IRC2 and Restricted Sail	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
Waverley Class	Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

All marks to be rounded to port

