



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Rollins Insurance SPRING SERIES 2019

Sunday 14th April, Saturday 27th April
and Sunday 28th April

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

The sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA and the appropriate class rules. Crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes will be posted on the RUYC notice board at Bangor Marina by 9.30 on the morning of the race (12.30 on Saturday 27th April). If changes are made code flag "L" will be flown from the Marina flagpole

3 Safety Regulations

Each boat shall carry an anchor and 20 metres of warp, and also personal flotation devices for all members of the crew.

4 Classes & Identification

Boats shall display the following identification pennants from or near their backstay

Class 1	IRC & NHC Unrestricted	Pennant 1
Class 2	BLQTC Class (NHC)	Code Flag Q
Class 3	CYCA/NHC Restricted sail	Pennant 3

Class 1 will sail under IRC & NHC. Copies of 2019 IRC certificates shall be lodged with the Hon. Sailing Secretary.

Class 2 shall be members of BLQTC (Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class) and their NHC numbers will be the handicaps resulting from the final race of the 2018 Autumn Series. Any boats that did not compete in that series will start with NHC Base Numbers.

Class 3 shall have results calculated using CYCA and NHC handicaps, a copy of the boat's CYCA handicap certificate shall be lodged with the Hon Sailing Secretary.

5 Dates and Start Times

Five races are scheduled, two races on Sunday 14th (races 1 & 2), one race on Saturday 27th April 2019 (race 3 on Saturday is also Opening Day) and two races on Sunday 28th April (races 4 & 5). Starting will be in accordance with Rule 26 for races 1,2,4 & 5 the starting arrangements for race 3 will be published later.

Races One, Two, Four and Five

The first warning signals on Sundays 14th and 28th April are scheduled for 10.25 am (races 1 and 4), the second race each of these days (races 2 and 5) will start as soon as possible after the first race each day has finished.

Class starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer.

For Race Three on Saturday 28th April the first warning signal will be 14.00hrs. Notice of the class starting times will be posted on the Club Notice board and at the marina before 12.30 on the day of the race. Rule 26 will not be followed for this race.

6 Courses

Courses will be selected from the 2019 RUYC Course Card. Competitors are advised that courses may be different from previous years. The 2019 Course Card and Inshore Sailing Instructions can be downloaded from the link in the Quick Links box on the RUYC web site: www.ruyc.uk

7 Starting Line / Finishing Line

The races will start from RUYC Battery. The start & finish lines will be as described on the 2019 RUYC Course Card. (See above re download)

8 Scoring

One race must be completed to constitute a series. Races cancelled or abandoned will not be re-sailed.

The race on Saturday 27th April is also Opening Day, boats which only participate on Opening day, and not on any of the other races will have their position disregarded when the Spring Series results are calculated. This amends Rule 63.1.

9 Late Starters

In amendment to Rule 42.1 a boat which has not reached the vicinity of the Start Line when her Preparatory Signal is made may continue to motor until she reaches the starting area. The boat's engine must then be stopped and the boat turned through 720 degrees under sail before crossing the start line.

10 Protests

Protests must be lodged with the Race Office within two hours of the boat finishing the last race of the day.

11 Time Limits

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes, will be scored "Did Not Finish" without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

12 Prizes

Prizes will be presented at RUYC after racing on Sunday 28th April.

13 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; &
- (f) 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.

14 Insurance

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