



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Todd Navigation Ailsa Craig Race

14th June 2019

(Part of the Todd Navigation NI Offshore Points Series)

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

The organising authority for this event is Royal Ulster Yacht Club. The race will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, and the class rules particular to the IRC and CYCA Classes

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 6pm on the evening of the race. If changes are made code flag "L" will be flown from the marina flagpole

3 Safety Regulations

Boats must comply with ORC Safety Regulations Category 3, and in addition must carry a liferaft or liferafts sufficient to carry all persons on board.

4 Classes and Identification

Class 1 is open to yachts with valid 2019 IRC and/or NHC handicaps
Class 2 is open to yachts with valid CYCA and/or NHC handicaps
Boats must fly the following identification pennants from their backstay:

Class 1	IRC/NHC(Unrestricted Sail Class)	Pennant 1
Class 2	CYCA/NHC (No spinnaker class)	Pennant 2

5 Start Times

Starting will be in accordance with RRS 26. Times in BST
The warning signal for the first start shall be at 8pm
A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **DSQ** without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

6 Course

The course will be indicated by numbered boards displayed at RUYC battery, read from east to west. A green board indicates that the mark shall be rounded to starboard, a red board indicates that it shall be rounded to Port.

- 1 RUYC No 1 mark
- 2 Ailsa Craig
- 3 Kilroot buoy
- 4 South Hunter buoy
- 5 Milleur point buoy
- 6 South Briggs buoy
- 7 RUYC No 7 Mark
- 8 Deputy buoy

Note that the Kilroot buoy is a Belfast Lough channel marker and yachts should give way to shipping entering or leaving the channel. South Hunter, Milleur and South Briggs are cardinal marks indicating the presence of nearby rocks and due care should be taken when rounding them. The Deputy buoy is a channel marker in Donaghadee Sound.

7 Starting line

The start line is between a pole with an 'X' top mark at RUYC Battery and a red buoy to the north of the Battery. Note that RUYC marks "A" and "B" are not used in this race.

8 Finishing Line

The finishing line shall be between a pole with an 'X' top mark at RUYC Battery and a red buoy to the north of the Battery. Note that RUYC marks "A" and "B" are not used in this race.

Competitors must record their own finishing time. To ensure consistency in timing it is requested that finishing times should use the clock on the yacht's GPS unit, converted if needed to BST. If this is impossible competitors may use a watch but should check it against a GPS as soon as possible after the race.

9 Protests

Protests must be lodged with the Honorary Sailing Secretary or his representative within 48 hours of the boat finishing.

10 Declarations

Declaration Forms must be completed by all competitors, including non-finishers, and must be given to the Honorary Sailing Secretary or his representative, or lodged in the RUYC office within 4 days of the start of the race.

Failure to hand in a Declaration on time shall result in the boat being scored DSQ. This changes Rule A4.

Deliver Declarations to RUYC 101 Clifton Rd, Bangor BT20 5HY
Or Fax to: 028 9127 3525 or e-mail to sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk

11 Retirements

The skipper of a boat which retires must inform the Club as soon as possible.

12 Prizes

Prizes will be presented at the RUYC Annual Prizegiving.

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.



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DECLARATION

PLEASE HAND THIS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FINISH OF THE RACE

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Boat Name.....

Race: Todd Navigation Ailsa Craig Race 2019

I hereby declare that with the exception of the infringement(s), if any, particulars of which are given below:

- 1 I was on board and in charge of the above named boat throughout the race.
- 2 The course was completed in compliance with the Sailing Instructions
- 3 There was no infringement of RRS, RYA Prescriptions and ORC Safety Regulations
- 4 There was no infringement of International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.
- 5 The finishing time was as shown below.

Finishing Time (BST) Hours Minutes Seconds

SIGNED

SIGNED (witness)

DATE

Particulars of infringements (use back of sheet if necessary)