



Royal Ulster Yacht Club & Ballyholme Yacht Club Autumn Series 2019

8th September 2019 until 20th October 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority

This event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series 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 rules, Race Signal, 28.1, 32.2, 35, 61.3, 62.2, 66 and A2 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the IRC Class, BLQT Class, CYCA, and the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) will apply.
- 1.5 Entrants may be required to carry sponsors advertising decals.
- 1.6 The crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.
- 1.7 Yachts racing in this series may remove their berth cushions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to boats of the IRC Class, NHC, BLQT Class, CYCA & NHC (Restricted Sail) Keelboats.
- 2.2 Classes will be split or amalgamated as necessary.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

3 FEES

Required fees are as follows: £60.00 per boat for the ten races organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
8 th September 2019	1
15 th September 2019	2 & 3
22 nd September 2019	4
29 th September 2019	5 & 6
6 th October 2019	7
13 th October 2019	8 & 9
20 th October	10

4.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 10:00

4.3 Class Flags

Class 1	IRC 1 & NHC 1	Numeral Pennant 1
Class 3	Restricted Sail Class (HNC & CYCA)	Numeral Pennant 3
Class 4	IRC 2 & BLQT Class	Code Flag Q

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.ruyc.co.uk

6 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in Belfast Lough off Bangor.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward with a Committee Boat start.

8 SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 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.

9 ARBITRATION

An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 20% penalty.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Classes with more than 6 entries	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd
Classes with between 4 & 6 Entries	1 st & 2 nd
Classes with less than 4 entries	1 st

Daily prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

12 INSURANCE

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



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 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 organizer 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.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 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.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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