



IRC & RC35 KEELBOAT WEEKEND

Royal Ulster Yacht Club

24th & 25th June 2023

Notice of Race

This Notice of Race applies to **ALL RACES** except where otherwise specifically stated.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) for the Series is Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 The Series will be governed by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 1.4 The prescriptions of the RYA apply to the Series.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available for each individual race no later than two weeks prior to the date of each race of the Series at www.ruyc.co.uk.
- 2.2 Any change to the SIs will be posted online and at Bangor Marina at least two hours before the scheduled start of any appropriate individual race on any day that 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.ruyc.co.uk. Copies of all documentation may be available on the RUYC noticeboard at Bangor Marina and on the sailing notice board in the hall of RUYC.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on *channel 37 (M) and 72 (M2)*.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 With the exception of NoR 3.3 (above), from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The events are open to all boats that have a valid 2023 IRC handicap.
- 4.2 Classes for the Series are defined as follows:

IRC 1	IRC handicap rules	1.041 & above
IRC 2 (including RC35 members)	IRC handicap rules (including RC35 members)	1.005-1.040
IRC 3	IRC handicap rules	1.004 & below



- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, to *Hon Sailing Secretary, C/O RUYC, 101 Clifton Road, Bangor, BT20 5HY* at least **one week** prior to the first race. Entries can be made electronically by emailing the entry form to sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk and calling the Club office on (028) 9127 0568 where payment will be taken by card.

5. ANCHORS

No anchor carried on deck shall project forward of the bow.

6. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

If paid before the end of 30 th April	£100 for the series	All Classes
If paid after 30 th April until 17 th June	£125 for the series	All Classes

* PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE BERTHING

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

For RC35/IRC boats there will be no limit on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one-designs, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

8. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 Schedule of Races

	Date	Description	Warning Signal
Saturday	24 th June 23	3 x windward/leeward type courses – All classes	11:55 hours
Sunday	25 th June 23	2 x windward/leeward type courses – All classes	10:55 hours

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall produce (if requested) or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate.
10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.
10.3 Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

11. VENUE

The sailing area will be Belfast Lough.

12. COURSES

- 12.1 All races will follow a windward/leeward format.
12.2 Courses for each race will be given in detail in the Sailing Instructions.
12.3 Courses will be set on the day of the race.



13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.
- 13.2 An Arbitration System will be available for each race and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boat penalised under the System may accept a 20% penalty.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Boats will be scored in each class with the exception of IRC 2 which will be scored as an overall class as well as those being paying members of RC35 being scored separately.
- 14.2 Each individual race will be scored separately and prizes awarded accordingly.
- 14.3 There will also be overall prize for each of the classes with IRC 2 having prizes for those falling within RC35 as well. There will be no discard. This amends RRS 90.3 and Appendix A.
- 14.4 Rule A5.3 applies.

15. DATA PROTECTION

The OA maintains a data protection policy, which is available on request.

16. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes**

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 Million per incident or the equivalent.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be given to the winners of each class in each race.
- 18.2 Prizes will be given to the overall winners of each class.
- 18.3 Second or Third prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 18.4 Boats qualifying to sail under RC35 in IRC 2 will be eligible for an overall prize.
- 18.5 Overall Second or Third prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA for those qualifying to sail under RC35.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk and request it be forwarded to Rory Flannigan.