



IRC & RC35 KEELBOAT WEEKEND

Royal Ulster Yacht Club

24th & 25th June 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 These sailing instructions change Racing Rules Race Signals AP, 32, 33, 34, 60.1 (a), 61.3, , A5.1, A5.2 and A10 The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of Royal Ulster Yacht Club and duplicated at Bangor Marina.
- 3.2 The race office is located at Royal Ulster Yacht Club, 101 Clifton Road, Bangor, Co Down BT20 5HY.
- 3.3 As per NOR 3.3 any courtesy broadcasts to competitors will be made on VHF channel 37 or 69
- 3.5 [DP] With the exception of SI 3.3 (as per NOR 3.4), 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 phones.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Marina flagstaff.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 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

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 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.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are:

IRC 1	Numeral pennant 1
IRC 2 (including RC35 members)	Numeral pennant 2
IRC 3	Numeral pennant 3

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is Belfast Lough.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The courses will be windward leeward as per Appendix 1
- 9.3 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Mark(s) except for the start & finish marks will be yellow spherical marks.
- 10.2 When a gate mark is used, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. This changes RRS 34.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 None

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a green spherical mark.
- 12.4 [NP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 [NP] A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.
- 13.2 Minor courses changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark which will be a red spherical mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 See NOR 13

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The target time is 45 minutes. The time limit is 90 minutes.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within a 20 minute after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is ninety (90) minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the race office.
- 17.3 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 room at RUYC.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 See NOR 14.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

- 22.1 N/A

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1 The committee vessel will be an Oceanis 331.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS

- 24.1 [DP] Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 25.1 Trash will not be taken onto official vessels.

26 BERTHING

- 26.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

27.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

28.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event.

28.2 Keelboats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means during the event.

29 PRIZES

29.1 As per NOR 18

30 RISK STATEMENT

30.1 As per NOR 16.

31 INSURANCE

31.1 As per NOR 17.

Appendix 1

Windward – Leeward

L2 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P, Finish

1A ● ● 1

L3 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P/4S, 1, 1A, 4P, Finish

Marks 4P/4S are a gate.

Marks 1, 1A and 4P to be rounded to Port.

