



Grange Wine Merchants Autumn Series 2023

Notice of Race

Sunday 17th September to Sunday 29th October 2023

COVID Statement

[DP] By taking part in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Organising Authority's COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. Failure to comply with this statement may lead to a penalty as deemed appropriate by the event protest committee.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the RYA apply to Series.
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with, at least, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B Inshore Racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (Sis) will be available prior to the event at www.ruyc.co.uk.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sis or this Notice of Race (NoR) will be posted online and on Autumn Series Whatsapp Group at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day on any day that 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.
- 3.2 [DP] 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 broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sis.
- 3.4 [DP] 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 event is open to all boats that have a current IRC and/or YTC handicap.

4.2 Classes for the event are defined as follows:

IRC & YTC Unrestricted sail	IRC & YTC handicap rules
White Sail Restricted	YTC handicap rules

4.3 Classes may be altered, divided and amalgamated or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

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*. Entries can be made electronically by emailing the entry form to sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk and calling the Club office on 02891270568 where payment will be taken by card.

5. **ANCHORS**

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

6. **FEES**

Entry is **free**.

7. **CREW LIMITATIONS**

Boats shall comply with their IRC crew limits as published on their current 2022 IRC Certificate. For NHC 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**

There will be no separate registration for this event but prior entry must have been made in accordance with NoR 4.3.

Date	Course Description	Warning Signal
17 th September	2 x Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
24 th September	2 x Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
1 st October	2 x Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
8 th October	1 x Round the Lough type course	10:25
15 th October	2 x Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
22 nd October	2 x Windward/Leeward type course	10:25
29 th October	1 x Round the Lough type course	10.25

9.1 On days when there are 2 races scheduled the second race will be started ASAP after the last boat in that Class finishes the first race.

9.2 The Organising Authority may the change the order and format of the schedule of races in accordance with NoR 2.2.



10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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

11. VENUE

The events will be held in Belfast Lough.

12. COURSES

Courses for each race will be detailed in the Sis.

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. Boats penalized under the system may accept a 20% penalty.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Boats will be 'dual scored' in each class.
- 14.2 If 5 or more races are completed there will be one discard. If 10 or more races are completed there will be two discards.
- 14.3 Rule A5.3 applies.
- 14.4 One race completed shall constitute a series.

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

If a class has less than 4 entries a first place will be awarded, between 4 & 6 entries, first and second and over 6 first, second & third prizes will be awarded. All prizes will be awarded at a prize giving at RUYC, as soon as possible after the last race.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk