



Grange Wines Autumn Series

17th September to 29th October 2023

Sailing Instructions

IMPORTANT

Competitors are reminded that the 2021-2024 RRS have significantly increased the importance of the Notice of Race (NoR), which now contains rules that rank the same as the Sailing Instructions (Sis). A number of rules that had previously been shown within the Sis will now be found in the NoR as they form part of the information that competitors may need before deciding whether or not to race. They are not necessarily repeated in the Sis.

COVID Statement

[NP][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.

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

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sis will be posted online and on Autumn Series Whatsapp group at least two hours before the scheduled start of the race.

3. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags are as follows:

IRC / YTC Unrestricted Sail
Sail Restricted

IRC / YTC handicap rules
YTC handicap rules

Class Flag

Numeral Pennant 1 White
Numeral Pennant 3

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the access ramp at Bangor Marina and will also be displayed from the Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC) battery.
- 4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5. STARTING

- 5.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 5.2 For the windward/leeward courses the starting line will be between an orange mast, displaying an orange flag, on the committee boat at the starboard end and a green port-end starting mark.



- 5.3 For the Round the Lough course the starting line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.
- 5.4 For the RUYC Club mark course the starting line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.
- 5.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 5.6 Classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 5.7 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS AS.1 and AS.2.
- 5.8 If one or more boats are subject to RRS 29.1 the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast their sail number(s) on VHF channel 37 (M) and or hail their sail number(s). Failure to make a broadcast (or to time it accurately) or failure of the boat(s) to hear a hail, if made, (or the order in which boats are hailed) will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 6. RACING AREA**
The racing area will be as described in NoR 11.
- 7. COURSE**
 - 7.1 The courses to be sailed are described in Appendix A below.
 - 7.2 If code flag T (tango) is displayed at Bangor Marina, racing will be started from Royal Ulster Battery and use the club marks as outlined in the RUYC Thursday night Sailing Instructions. These sailing instructions are available on the RUYC website at <https://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/>.
 - 7.3 For the Round the Lough courses the marks are defined in appendix B below.
- 8. MARKS**
 - 8.1 For the Windward/Leeward courses, marks 1, 1a, and 2s, 2pb will be yellow inflatables.
 - 8.2 Marks for the round the laugh race will be selected from the list shown in Appendix B
 - 8.3 For the RUYC marks course please see Appendix C
- 9. FINISHING**
 - 9.1 The finishing line for the windward/leeward courses will be the same as the start line for that race. Boats finishing will pass through the line with the Committee Boat to port and the green inflatable mark to starboard.
 - 9.2 For the Round the Lough course the finishing line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable mark at the Northern end.
 - 9.3 For any race sailed under code flag T the finishing line will that defined in the Thursday Night racing Sis.
- 10. TIME LIMIT**
On dates were there are 2 races scheduled boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 11. PENALTY SYSTEM**
NoR 13 applies.



12. HEARING REQUESTS

- 12.1 If a boat intends to protest another boat or to request redress, she shall lodge a protest within 90 minutes of finishing the final race of the day, or retiring. Boats shall inform the RO on finishing any race.
- 12.2 Written protests shall be delivered to the race officer and/or Hon Sailing Secretary at Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 12.3 The protest hearing time will be posted on the official notice board at RUYC and also on the website.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

All communications will be as described in NoR 3. Channel 37 will be the primary channel for communication. If the Race Committee displays flag 'R' then VHF channel 72 (*M2*) will be used.

14. RISK STATEMENT

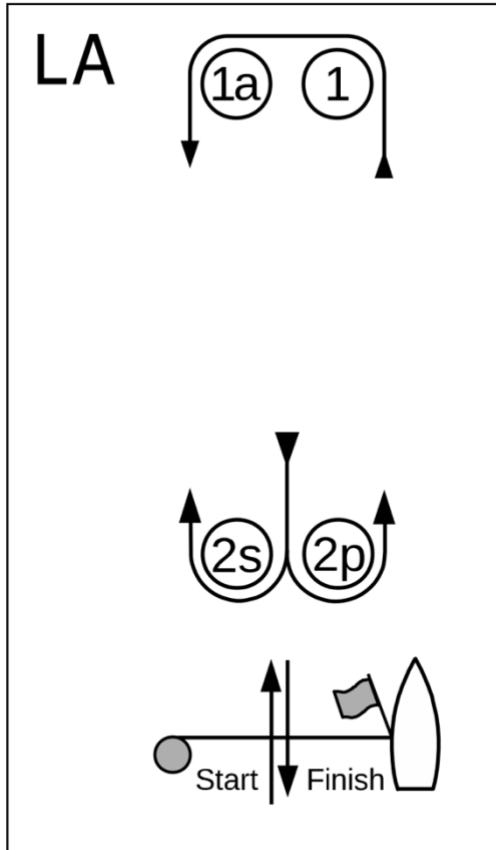
RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough 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.**

15. 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.



Appendix A



Course 1 for IRC Unrestricted Sail - ONLY

Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p
- 1 - 1a - 2s/2p
- 1 - 1a - Finish

Course 2 for White Sail Restricted - ONLY

Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p
- 1 - 1a - Finish

NOTES There are TWO separate courses shown in the above diagram.

1. The longer course comprises of **THREE ROUNDS** and is for boats sailing under **Numeral Pennant 1**
2. The shorter course comprises of only **TWO ROUNDS** and is for boats sailing under **Numeral Pennant 3 - ONLY.**

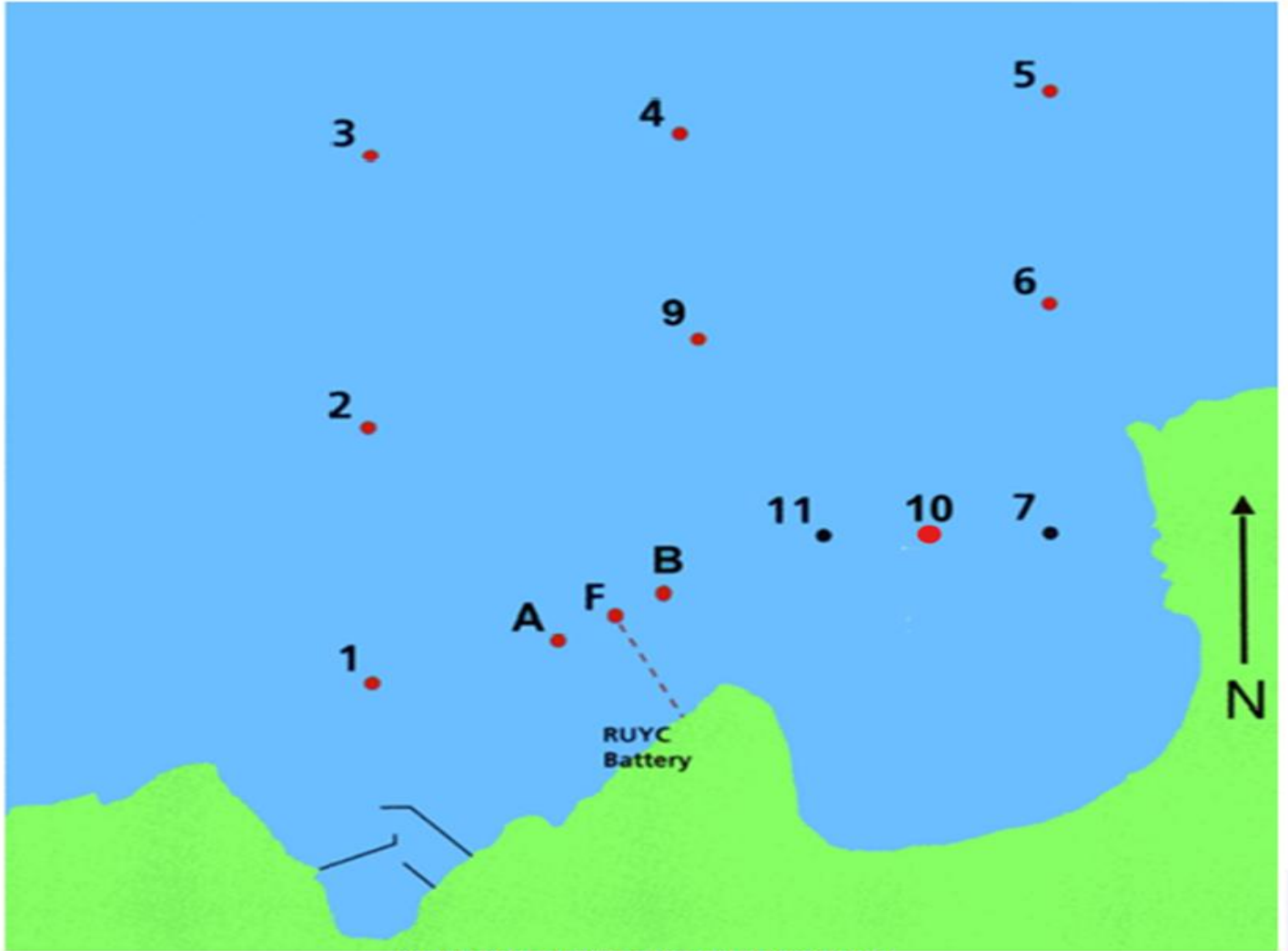


Appendix B

No	Mark	Description	Co-ordinates
1	RUYC No1	Red spherical buoy to the north of the Long Hole Bangor	
2	RUYC No 3	Red spherical buoy approx.. 75 Nautical Mile north of the Long Hole	
3	RUYC No 5	Red spherical buoy approx.. .5 Nautical Mile north of Ballymacormick Point	
4	RUYC No 7	Black spherical buoy, just west of Ballymacormick Point, Bangor	
5	RUYC No 11	Black Spherical buoy, NE of Luke's Point, Bangor	
6	South Briggs	North Cardinal Buoy	54.41.182N, 005.35.732W
7	Rockport Special Mark	Yellow Buoy with a yellow X top mark approximately North of Rockport pumping station	
8	Cloghan Jetty Buoy	Green Lateral Stb Buoy approx.	54.44.125N, 005.41.606W
9	Helen's Bay	Red Pillar Buoy approx.	54.41.86N, 005.42.85W



Appendix C



NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATION