

# Royal Ulster Yacht Club

## Notice of Race

### Thursday Evening RBCA Club Racing 2024 Season 2<sup>nd</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC) is the Organising Authority for racing on Thursday evenings in Bangor Bay from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The Sailing Programme giving details of dates and times will be posted to RUYC web site and Official Notice Board.

#### **1 RULES**

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA Prescriptions, and the appropriate class rules.

#### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RUYC website and hard copies may be obtained from the Clubhouse.

#### **3 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

The Official Notice Board is located within the RUYC clubhouse, and the online official notice board is located at [www.ruyc.uk/sailing/](http://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/)

#### **4 ELIGIBILITY**

**4.1** The event is open to all boats registered to Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Ballyholme Yacht Club and Cockle Island Boat Club. Other boats may compete at the discretion of the RUYC Hon. Sailing Secretary. Racing will be scored using IRC and YTC handicaps for Cruiser Racer Classes and Portsmouth Yardstick for dinghies.

**4.2** Eligible classes and starting times are as set out in SI 2.

**4.3** Competitors shall lodge, with the Hon Sailing Secretary at RUYC in advance of entering their first race of the season, their boat details including IRC and/or YTC handicaps and certificates and contact details for the owner/skipper using the JotForm available. There is no Entry Fee for these series.

#### **5 SIGMA 33, IRC & YTC Boats**

On Thursday nights (Club Racing) the crew limitation rule for Sigma 33, IRC and YTC Boats shall not apply.

#### **6 COURSES**

The courses will be "Round the buoys" type and will be designated as set out in SI 4.

## **7 SERIES and DISCARDS**

The Early Season Series will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 20<sup>th</sup> June (8 races). The Late Season Series will run from 18<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> September (8 races). The Overall Series will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> September (16 races). In any series there will be no discard if fewer than 4 races are sailed and 2 discards if 8 or more races are sailed, 3 discards if 12 or more races are sailed and 4 discards if 16 races are sailed. RRS A5.3 will apply.

## **8 ANCHORS**

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

## **9 SAFETY**

The attention of competitors is drawn to the requirements of RRS 1.2 and 40.1 in respect of personal flotation devices. In amendment of RRS 40.1 all persons in the Multihull and all dinghy classes shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat.

All keel boats shall carry an anchor with 20 metres of warp.

## **10 INSURANCE**

Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

## **11 RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is her's 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 of 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.