



## Carrickfergus Sailing Club - Castle Cup 2024 (Race 3 in the Royal Ulster YC Rollins Insurance Coastal Series 2024)

### Sunday August 18th, 2024 Sailing instructions

Yachts who have attended CSC Regatta on the 17th are welcome to stay overnight and if requiring accommodation are advised to book the Premier Inn (adjacent to the club) early. M&EA & Carrickfergus Marina have kindly offered free berthing for the night of the 17th for participating yachts.

Yachts included in the RUYC Coastal Series will be scored in the Class as defined in the RUYC Offshore and Inshore Notice of Race. Entry online using Jotform can be accessed at (<https://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/>). Entry Fee payable to RUYC is £10 to be included in the series.

#### 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 (SI's). A number of rules that had previously been shown within the SI's 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. The NoR is given in the NIOPS section of the RUYC website (<https://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/>)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SI's) 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)

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted online and CSC notice board at least two hours before the scheduled start of the race, additionally broadcasts may be made 15 to 30 minutes prior to the first start on VHF Ch 37 (M1). Any change to the schedule will be posted online by 20:00hrs. on the day before it will take effect.

#### 3. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags are as follows:

Class	Class flag
IRC, YTC Unrestricted	Numeral pennant 1
IRC, YTC Restricted	Numeral pennant 2

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the starting battery.

#### 5. STARTING

This race will start from CSC start line and finish at RUYC Finish Line as per SI 9, 9.1

5.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

5.2 The first warning signal for this race will be made at 12:00hrs.

5.3 The start line is formed between the orange pole at the front of the battery and a green limit mark (G) if a green board is displayed at the battery, or a red limit mark (R) if a red board is displayed at the battery. An orange limit mark will be laid approximately on the start line. Boats shall not pass between this inner limit mark and the shore.

5.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

5.5 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 A5.1 and A5.2.

5.6 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 (M1) 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 Section 16 below

#### 7. COURSE

7.1 The course to be sailed will be defined by the order of boards displayed on the front wall of the CSC Battery. (As per section 16 below)

7.2 Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.

7.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. The course for the restricted class will, if necessary, be changed during the period from the first start to the preparatory signal of the second start. This changes RRS 33.

## 8. MARKS

The marks to be used are described in Section 16 of these sailing instructions.

## 9. FINISHING

9.1 The finishing 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.

## 10. TIME LIMITS

10.1 The time limit for all classes is 16:45hrs.

10.2 If a boat in a class finishes within the time limit the time limit shall be extended by 30 minutes for that class.

10.3 Failure to finish within the time limit (or extended time limit, if applicable) will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 Boats failing to finish within the time limit, and not subsequently retiring, penalised 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 an "Intent to Protest or Request Redress" by email to [sailing@carrickfergussc.org](mailto:sailing@carrickfergussc.org) or [sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk](mailto:sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk) within 90 minutes of finishing the race, or retiring.

12.2 The protest hearing time will be posted on the official notice board at CSC.

## 13. COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 All communications will be on VHF channel 37 (M1)

13.2 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.

16. The following marks may be used:

Round to Port	Round to Starboard	Mark	Description	Approx. Lat/Long
A	B	CSC No.1	Red spherical buoy.	5 <sup>o</sup> 442.5'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 47.5'W
C	D	South Briggs	North Cardinal buoy	54 <sup>o</sup> 41.18'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 35.73'W
E	F	CSC No.4	Red spherical buoy	54 <sup>o</sup> 42.2'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 49.2'W
G	H	Kilroot buoy	Green Pillar buoy	54 <sup>o</sup> 42.85'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 42.85'W
I	J	Helens bay buoy	Red pillar buoy	54 <sup>o</sup> 41.86'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 42.85'W
K	L	Cloughan Jetty Buoy	Green Pillar buoy	54 <sup>o</sup> 44.13'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 41.61'W
M	N	CSC No.2	Red spherical buoy.	54 <sup>o</sup> 41.9'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 47.1'W
O	P	Rockport special mark.	Yellow special mark located North of Rockport pumping station (west of Grey Point)	54 <sup>o</sup> 40.43'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 45.93'W
Q	R	CSC No.3	Red spherical buoy.	54 <sup>o</sup> 41.5'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 48.8'W
S	T	BLC-MB3	Yellow special mark, 8 cables N of BHC No.9 Green channel Pile.	54 <sup>o</sup> 40.44'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 50.76'W
U	W	BLC-MB4	Yellow special mark, 2 cables N of BHC No.9 Green channel Pile.	54 <sup>o</sup> 39.82'N 005 <sup>o</sup> 50.82'W
1		RUYC No 1 Mark left to Port	Red spherical Buoy NE of entrance to Bangor Harbour	

20. Competitors are advised, should the course cross the Victoria Channel, that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea (COLREGS) apply at all times and especially Rule 9 NARROW CHANNEL Parts (b) & (d)

(9b). A vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

(9d) A vessel shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within such channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use the sound signal prescribed in Rule 34(d) if in doubt as to the intention of the crossing vessel.

End of Sailing Instructions

Visiting boats are invited to join the Bangor crews at RUYC after racing on Sunday.