



19th-20th July 2025

Bangor, Co Down

Royal Ulster Yacht Club

IRC NORTHERN IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS





IRC Northern Ireland Championship 2025

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Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

1	Organising Authority
1.1	The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Ulster Yacht Club. We invite sailors of all yachts to participate in the IRC Northern Ireland Championships 2025.
2	Rules
2.1	The Event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2.2	IRC rules parts A, B & C shall apply to IRC racing.
2.3	Handicapping by RYA YTC shall apply as appropriate.
2.4	IRC rule 22.4 (Crew limitations) is modified. See NoR 8.8 'Measurement'.
3	Advertising
3.1	Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
4	Eligibility
4.1	The Championship is open to all boats holding an IRC Certificate. Yachts holding only a YTC handicap shall race in the classes listed below and to any other Classes accepted by the OA.
4.2	Fleets <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IRC (IRC Certificate)• YTC (YTC Certificate)
4.3	One-design yachts will race within the relevant IRC class.
4.4	IRC class splits will be decided after the closing date of 30 th June 2025.

4.5	YTC is a free handicapping system. Competitors in YTC must apply for a YTC rating online at: https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc
4.6	The Organising Authority reserves the right to merge or subdivide any class, combine the starts of classes, or cancel racing for any class.
4.7	A minimum entry of 3 boats per class is expected for a start.
5	Entry
5.1	Yachts shall belong to, or be chartered to and be under the control of, a member of a yacht club affiliated to the RYA or other equivalent national authority.
5.2	Entries shall be made online through the <u>IRC NI Championship website</u> at www.ruyc.uk
5.3	Boats should enter before midnight Monday 30 th June 2025.
5.4	Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
5.5	In the event of a race(s) being abandoned or cancelled, entry fees will not be refunded.
5.6	A list of confirmed entries will be posted on the event website.
5.7	To be considered, an entry at the event, a boat shall complete all parts of the entry form and pay all relevant fees.
6	Mobile phones and WhatsApp
	The race committee may post changes to Sailing Instructions and courses and other important information to WhatsApp using a single mobile telephone number that has been registered to the boat.
7	Measurement
7.1	IRC Boats shall present a valid 2025 IRC certificate with the race entry form, or submit it at registration, and this copy shall be available for inspection by another competitor at any time.
7.2	IRC certificates shall have a VALIDITY DATE no later than 12 th July 2025.
7.3	No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this cut-off date except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Office errors. Such errors shall be certified in writing as such by the Rating Office.

7.4	A boat's owner and any other person in charge shall ensure that the boat is maintained to comply with her measurement, and that her rating certificate remains valid for all races in the series.
7.5	The validity date may be extended in extraordinary circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA. The boat seeking the extension shall apply in good time in writing setting out the grounds for the extension.
7.6	The OA reserves the right to inspect any boat to ensure compliance with IRC certificates.
7.7	Cruiser Class should obtain a valid YTC certificate online in advance of the event at: https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc .
8	Crew Limitations
8.1	Crew limits for IRC Classes are limited to the number on the boat's IRC certificate plus one 18 year old and under. Crew limits do not apply for YTC Classes.
9	Sailing Instructions – Registration and Skippers Briefing
9.1	Sailing Instructions will be available as a downloadable pdf file prior to the event.
9.2	Should the Race Committee amend the schedule whilst afloat the committee boat will fly code flag L as defined in the RRS
9.3	Details of registration will be communicated via the website and the WhatsApp group.
9.4	A skippers' briefing will be communicated via WhatsApp by 12:00 on Friday.
10	Schedule
10.1	Briefings - all fleets - Saturday 19 th July 09:00.
10.2	All Fleets: The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start will be 10:10 BST on Saturday 19 th and 10:25 BST on Sunday 20 th . The latest warning signal on Sunday is 13:30 BST.
10.3	It is intended that all fleets will start from a Committee Boat.

10.4	The intention of the OA is for all classes to race six races over the two days of the event with no more than 4 races sailed on any one day. The format of racing may include Windward /Leeward and a coastal race.
11	Scoring
11.1	Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
11.2	Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series
11.3	After 4 races completed 1 discard will apply.
12	Venue
12.1	The Sailing Area will be Belfast Lough.
13	Penalty System
13.1	Appendix T will apply.
14	Risk Statement
14.1	RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.”
14.2	Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
14.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate; (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances; (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15	Insurance
15.1	Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
16	Prizes
16.1	The prize giving for the IRC Northern Ireland Championships 2025 will take place at Royal Ulster Yacht Club's clubhouse on Sunday 20th July 2025.
16.2	The prize giving for the Irish Sea Nations Cup will also take place at Royal Ulster Yacht Club's clubhouse on Sunday 20th July 2025.
16.3	Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the OA as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
16.4	Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
17	Further information
17.1	For further information please contact: Major Events Committee Royal Ulster Yacht Club sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk 028 91270586 or from Rol: 04891270586

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