



1720 Eastern Championships 2025

Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY This event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC) in conjunction with the 1720 Class Association.

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.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

1.3 1720 Class Rules. As per "1720 Sportsboat Class Rules", v.9 approved May 2024. As listed on 1720sportsboat.org. C.2.4. Sail restrictions will apply and changes RRS Race Signals.

1.4 Bowsprits shall not be extended on an upwind leg. An upwind leg is a leg on which spinnakers cannot be set. The upwind leg starts 5 boat lengths after rounding the mark at the beginning of the leg and finishes at Mark 1 when the stern of the boat crosses the extension of an imaginary line drawn through the centre of Gate 2s/2p and Mark 1, after rounding Mark 1.

For the purposes of this SI the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a is NOT an upwind leg. (This means that bowsprits can be extended but boats cannot claim an overlap with a bowsprit if they couldn't fly a spinnaker on that leg.) For the purposes of RRS 18 when it is possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is extended. When it is not possible to set a spinnaker the normal position of the bowsprit is retracted.

The penalty for infringing this SI shall be a one turn penalty, or a minimum of three points if on the water penalty is not taken.

1.5 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 44.2, 60.1, 60.3(b), 61.1(a), 61.2(b), 61.4(b)(1), A2, A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the notice of race or in these sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted no later than two hours prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official noticeboard at [RUYC Event page](#) and a WhatsApp Group for the Event offered.

3.2 Racing Rules of Sailing.org (RRS.org) will be utilised to manage the Event.

3.3 On the water, the race committee may monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77

3.4 [DP] While racing, 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.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagpole at the top of the marina bridge.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes race signals AP.

5.3 [DP] Flag D displayed with one sound signal means the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes from this signal. Boats shall not leave their berth until this signal is made.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 As per **NoR 9**.

6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.3 To signal that an extra race will be sailed the Race Committee will display code flag R (Romeo) at the finish of the third scheduled race of the day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The 1720 Class Flag will be used.

8. RACING AREA

The Race area will be Belfast Lough in the vicinity of the Co. Down coast.

9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 The number of rounds to be sailed will be indicated on a board on the starboard side of the committee signal vessel.

9.3 When a leeward gate (2s/2p) is set, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes RRS 34.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2s & 2p are large yellow cylindrical buoys.

10.2 The pin end mark of the Start Line will be a large green cylindrical buoy.

10.3 The finish mark will be a red buoy.

10.4 The Committee Vessel may intentionally attach a yellow buoy to the aft quarter near the stern of the vessel for protection.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS

Does not apply

12. THE START

12.1 The starting line shall be between an orange pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Signalling Vessel at the starboard end and green cylindrical mark at the port end.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG AND SHORTENING OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 Minor changes will be made by moving the original marks and will not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

13.3 In addition to RRS 32.2 to shorten the course, the race committee may display code flag F(Foxtrot) at mark 1 or at the gate (2s/2p) with repeated sound signals, competitors shall leave the mark on the required side and then sail directly to the finish and SI.14 will apply.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line shall be between a staff or pole displaying a blue flag on a Committee Vessel and the finish mark. (Note the Start line pin end mark may still be set ready for the next race.)

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The penalty for breaking a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS shall be a One-Turn Penalty. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

15.2 [DP] For infringements of the Class Rules the Protest Committee may impose penalties other than disqualification.

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 The Time Limit for the Fleet is 90 mins

16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit for protests about an incident observed in the racing area is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The protest time limit for other protests is 60 minutes after the relevant information is available to the protestor. This changes RRS 60.3(b) and 61.2(b)(1).

17.2 Hearing Requests are to be logged online: [Racing Rules of Sailing](https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12541/event) link. <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/12541/event>. If there is a problem using the online system, forms are available at the race office.

17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room.

17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 61.2(b).

18. SCORING

As per **NoR 15**

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. CREW WEIGHT LIMITS, REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

20.1 The weighing scales provided by the 1720 Class Association shall be used for all competitors. The scales used are deemed to be accurate and, in amendment of RRS 61.1, no redress will be granted in respect of this.

20.2 Weight limits shall apply: 1720 Class – 450kg

20.3 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee and adherence to all Class and Sailing Instruction rules.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPLIED BOATS

As Per **NoR 17**.

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

The Committee Vessel will be a large Motorboat. Other official vessels will be RIBs with numbered flags.

24. SUPPORT TEAMS

As Per **NoR 16**.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

26. BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the marina.

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

As per **NoR 19**.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

As per **NoR 20**.

29. PRIZES

As Per **NoR 24**.

30. RISK STATEMENT

As Per **NoR 22**.

31. INSURANCE

As Per **NoR 23**.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. Competitors' Media waiver: As per NoR 21.
- b. Competitors shall be deemed temporary Members of Royal Ulster Yacht Club for the duration of the Event.
- c. For further information please contact: Major Events Committee, Royal Ulster Yacht Club sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk or 028 91270586 or from Rol: 04891270586



ADDENDUM A

Course **LA** – Windward / Leeward with an offset Mark. Leeward Finish

Signal Board	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

Mark 1 to be rounded to port

Mark 1a is an offset to be rounded to port

Marks 2s/2p is a Gate

