



Opening Day

26th April 2025

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

Notice of Race

1. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The official notice board is located within the RUYC Clubhouse and online official notice board is located at: www.ruyc.uk/sailing/

2. ELIGIBILITY

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

3. SIGMA 33, NHC & IRC BOATS

The crew limitation rule for Sigma 33, YTC and IRC boats shall not apply.

4. COURSES

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

5. ANCHORS

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

6. 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.

7. 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.



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES and CLASSES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2024-2028, the RYA Prescriptions and the appropriate class rules. Cruiser handicap classes will sail IRC or YTC and a copy of their appropriate valid certificate shall be lodged with the RUYC Hon Sailing Secretary. Dinghy handicap classes will sail under PY.

2. STARTING TIMES, CLASS FLAGS AND STARTING PROCEDURE

Signals will be made at three-minute intervals. After the first preparatory signal flag "P" shall be left displayed until the last Class starts and the hoisting of the Class code flag will be the preparatory signal for that class and the warning for the next Class.

In amendment of RRS 26 the start times and procedures will be as follows:

	Class Flags	Times
Warning Signal		14.00
Preparatory Signal		14.03
IRC/YTC 1 – (IRC 0.970 and above)	1	14.06
IRC/YTC 2 – (IRC <0.970)	2	14.09
Whitesail (YTC)	3	14.12
ILCA7 / ILCA6	5	14.15
ILCA4 and Topper	J	14.18
Large Dinghy (PY of less than 1200)	R	14.18

3. IDENTIFICATION

Class flags shall be displayed from or near the back stay on IRC and YTC classes.

4. COURSES

For ALL Classes, and in amendment to RRS. 27.1, the course for each class will be displayed with, or as soon as possible after the preparatory signal for that class. The course to be sailed will be displayed on numeral boards displayed on the front wall of the Battery. These boards will have either RED or GREEN backgrounds indicating how the marks are to be rounded (leaving them to port or starboard, respectively). Second and subsequent rounds may be sailed and will be displayed as above when the leading boats approach the finish of the previous round(s).

Two buoys ('A' & 'B') will be laid to the South-West and North-East, respectively, of the red starting line buoy and approximately in line with that buoy. The buoys 'A' & 'B' have no significance when starting. At the end of a round, or when Finishing, the Start/Finish line shall be crossed only in the direction that it was crossed when starting. When crossing the Start/Finish Line West to East marks 'A' and 'B' shall be left to Port. When crossing the Start/Finish Line East to West marks 'A' and 'B' shall be left to Starboard.

When a boat finishes (in accordance with the definition) the second of the two buoys ('A' or 'B', as appropriate) no longer has a required side.



5. STARTING LINE

The Starting Line will be between a red buoy (shown as "F" in the diagram) and a white pole with an X topmark in front of the battery.

6. STARTING TIME LIMIT

A boat that does not start within 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS. A5.1. and A5.2.

7. FINISHING

The finishing signal shall be Flag 'S' displayed on its own if all Classes are to finish, or with Class Flags if only the Classes designated by those flags are to finish. In amendment to RRS. 32.2 sound signals will not normally be made when displaying this signal.

The Finishing Line will be between a red buoy (shown as 'F' in the diagram) and a white pole with an X topmark in front of the battery.

8. RE-CROSSING THE FINISHING LINE

Boats that have already finished shall not re-cross the finishing line.

9. GENERAL RECALLS

In amendment of RRS.26 and 29.2, a Class subject to a general recall shall take as its preparatory signal the lowering of the Class flag for the last Class shown in SI 2. If a second or subsequent Class is subject to a general recall its preparatory signal will be the lowering of the Class flag of the preceding recalled Class.

10. TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be 16.15. In amendment to RRS. 35, if a boat in any class finishes within the time limit, the time limit will be extended by ½ hour for all other boats in that class. If the final round is not completed within the time limit by the leading boat of a class, the finishing time of the penultimate round of that class will be taken and points awarded accordingly.

11. PROTESTS

Protests shall be lodged with the RUYC Hon Sailing Secretary on the prescribed form within 1 hour of the finishing time of the boat or boats involved.

12. 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 keelboats shall carry an anchor with 20 metres of warp.

13.INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

14. LIKENESS



By participating in one or more of the events described I grant to the RUYC the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion or still pictures of me without compensation.

15. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 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 theirs alone."

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:

- (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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

