



Notice of Race

Royal Ulster YC PeopleAlign Spring Series

Sundays 6th, 13th, & Saturday 19th April 2025

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the RYA apply to this Series.
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with, at least, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B Inshore Racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available prior to the event at www.ruyc.co.uk.
- 2.2 Any change to the SIs or this Notice of Race (NoR) will be posted online and on the RUYC Notice Board at Bangor Marina at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day on any day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.ruyc.co.uk. Copies of all documentation may be available on the RUYC noticeboard at Bangor Marina.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on *channel 37 (M) and 72 (M2)*.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [DP] With the exception of NoR 3.3 (above), from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats that have a valid 2025 IRC and/or YTC handicap.
- 4.2 Classes for the event are defined as follows:

IRC & YTC Unrestricted sail Class 1	IRC \geq 0.970	IRC & YTC handicap rules
IRC & YTC Unrestricted sail Class 2	IRC \leq 0.969	IRC & YTC handicap rules
White Sail Restricted		YTC handicap rules
- 4.3 Classes may be altered, divided, and amalgamated or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on JotForm using this link: [Entry Form](#) or via the RUYC web site ruyc.uk

5. FEES

There is no Entry Fee, but an Entry Form must still be submitted prior to racing.



6. ANCHORS

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

7. CREW LIMITATIONS

Boats racing in IRC & YTC there will be no limit on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one- designs, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

8. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1 There will be no separate registration for this event but prior entry must have been made in accordance with NoR 4.3.

9.2	Date	Course Description	First Warning Signal
	6 th April 2025	Round the Buoys (2 races)	10:25
	13 th April 2025	Round the Buoys (2 races)	10:25
	19 th April 2025	Round the Buoys (2 races)	10:25

9.3 On days when there are 2 races scheduled the second race will be started ASAP after the last boat in that Class finishes the first race.

9.4 The Organising Authority may change the order of the schedule of races in accordance with NoR 2.2.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Each boat shall produce (if requested) or verify the existence of a valid rating certificate.

10.2 Boats may be inspected at any time.

10.3 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 when presented for inspection.

11. VENUE

The races will be held in Belfast Lough.

12. COURSES

The courses for each race will be as described in the **2024 Club Racing Sailing Instructions** which includes the course chart.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies.

13.2 An Arbitration System will be available for each race and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under the system may accept a 20% penalty.

14. SCORING

14.1 Boats will be 'dual scored' in Class 1 & 2.

14.2 If 4 or more races are completed there will be one discard.

14.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

14.4 One race completed shall constitute a series.



15. 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.

16. 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.

17. PRIZES

If a class has less than 4 entries a first place will be awarded, between 4 & 6 entries, first and second and over 6 first, second & third prizes will be awarded. All prizes will be awarded at a prize giving at RUYC, as soon as possible after the last race.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk