



# Autumn Series 2025

## Notice of Race

**Sundays - 7<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The Organising 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 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](http://www.ruyc.co.uk).
- 2.2 Any change to the SIs or this Notice of Race (NoR) will be posted online on the Autumn Series WhatsApp Group at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day on any day that it will take effect.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at [www.ruyc.co.uk](http://www.ruyc.co.uk).
- 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 current IRC and/or YTC handicap.
- 4.2 Classes for the event are defined as follows:

IRC & YTC Unrestricted Sail	IRC & YTC handicap rules
Whitesail Restricted	YTC handicap rules

- 4.3 Classes may be altered, divided and amalgamated or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
  - 4.4 All boats must be entered using this Entry Form: [LINK](#) - also available via the RUYC web site event page.
- 5 Entry is **free**

### **6 ANCHORS**

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



## 7 CREW LIMITATIONS

Boats shall comply with their IRC crew limits as published on their current 2025 IRC Certificate, however, the limit is increased by one where that one is under 25 years of age at the start of the series or female. For YTC boats there will be no limit on crew numbers 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 4.4.

9.2 A maximum of two Windward/Leeward races may be sailed as outlined in the table below.

9.3

	Course Description	First Warning Signal
7/9/25	Club Racing Course	10:25
14/9/25	Windward/Leeward course	10:25
21/9/25	Windward/Leeward courses	10:25
28/9/25	No Race	
5/10/25	Windward/Leeward course	10:25
12/10/25	Windward/Leeward course	10:25
19/10/25	Windward/Leeward course	10:25
26/10/25	Windward/Leeward course	10:25

9.4 The Organising Authority may the 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 events will be held in Belfast Lough and its approaches.

## 12 COURSES

Courses for each race will be detailed in the SIs

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix T - Arbitration applies.



## **14 SCORING**

**14.1** Boats will be 'dual scored' in Unrestricted (IRC/YTC) Classes

**14.2** If 5 or more races are completed there will be one discard, if all 8 races are completed there will be 2 discards.

**14.3** Rule A5.3 applies

**14.4** One race completed shall constitute a series

## **15 DATA PROTECTION**

The OA maintains a data protection policy, which is available on request.

## **16 RISK STATEMENT**

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".

- 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:

- 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;

- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other

property whether afloat or ashore;

- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their

own actions or omissions;

- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

- 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;

- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme

weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

- 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.

## **17 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.

## **18 PRIZES**

Prizes will be issued at the discretion of the OA. All prizes will be awarded at a prize giving at RUYC, as soon as possible after the last race.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact: [sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk](mailto:sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk)