



# Royal Ulster Yacht Club

## Thursday Night Windward/Leeward Series

**Note: All competitors are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of their boat and crew in these difficult times. Owners and skippers are responsible for ensuring that they have carried out a risk assessment and comply with the current government guidelines.**

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Rules of the IRC Class and the National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) will apply.
- 1.4 The crew number restrictions within the IRC, NHC classes will not apply to this event.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Bangor Marina and will also be posted on the Sailing Notice Board at RUYC and on the RUYC Website.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 17:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Bangor Marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

| <u>Date</u>                    | <u>Race</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2020   | 1 & 2       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2020   | 3 & 4       |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2020   | 5 & 6       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 | 7 & 8       |

- 5.2 Eight races are scheduled.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 18:55 hrs.



## 6. CLASS FLAGS

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| Class 1 - IRC 1 & HNC unrestricted    | Numeral Pennant 1 |
| Class 3 - Restricted Sail Class (HNC) | Numeral Pennant 3 |

## 7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Belfast Lough, north of Bangor.

## 8. COURSES AND PROHIBITED AREA

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward with a Committee Boat start as shown in Appendix A.
- 8.2 Boats shall not closely approach the Start/Finish Line when sailing on the leg between Mark 2 and Mark 3. Boats so doing may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## 9. MARKS

Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be yellow inflatables. The Start/Finish Mark will be a green inflatable.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between an Orange mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a green port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3 Classes may be started alongside other classes depending on the number of starters.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. If the change of direction is deemed "slight", no signal will be displayed and RRS 33(a) is changed so that it will not apply.

## 12. SHORTENING COURSE TO FINISH AT THE START/FINISH LINE (Class 1 only)

Flag F displayed (with repetitive sound signals) near to Mark 3 indicates that the race is to be shortened to one round only and will finish at the Start/Finish Line. Boats in Class 1 shall, after rounding Mark 3, proceed directly to the Start/Finish Line. This changes RRS 32.2 and 33(b).

(This SI shall not apply to boats in Class 3 and those boats should ignore any such signal.)

## 13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and a green port-end finishing mark.

## 14. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at Royal Ulster Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within Protest Time.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat to finish on that day and that time will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board at RUYC.



- 15.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.4 Protest Notices will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board at RUYC no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5 Hearings will take place in the protest committee room, the location of which will be stated on the Protest Notice.
- 15.6 An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 20% penalty. See the Sailing Notice Board at RUYC for details.
- 15.7 Breaches of SIs 17 and/or 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 17.2 Boats shall not race with an anchor on deck projecting forward of the bow. Boats infringing this instruction shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **19. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the Overall Class Winners at the annual prize giving or at a time to be notified to competitors by the race committee.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 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:

- (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 the venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

**21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 Sterling or the equivalent.

## Appendix A

The course is as follows:

**Class 1:** Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

**Class 3:** Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

All marks to be rounded to port

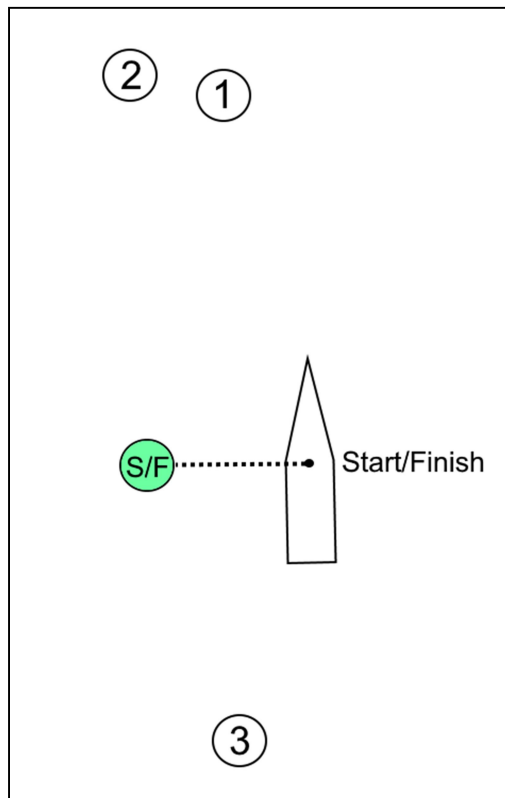


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