



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Autumn Series 2020

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

- 5.1 Racing will take place on Sundays from 13th September until 25th October 2020
- 5.2 A total of Eleven races are scheduled over the seven Sundays shown above. At the absolute discretion of the Race Committee, more than one race may be held on any one Sunday. No more than two races will be held on any one day.
- 5.3 If an Orange Flag is displayed from the committee boat when the first race of that day is finishing there will be a second race and boats should stand-by in the proximity of (but not obstructing) the finishing line to await new starting signals.
If no Orange Flag is displayed there will be no further racing that day and boats should return to the Marina.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 09:55 hrs.



6. CLASS FLAGS

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

8.1 There will be two types of Courses – Windward-Leeward and Round the Lough.

8.2 The type of race will be indicated at Bangor Marina by 08:30 on the morning of the race. If Flag **W** is displayed a Windward-Leeward Course will be set and the start will be from a committee boat. See Appendix A

If Flag **R** is displayed a Round the Lough type Course will be set and the start will be from the RUYC Battery. See Appendix B

9. STARTING INFORMATION (Applicable to both courses)

9.1 At the absolute discretion of the Race Committee, Classes may be started together depending on the number of starters.

9.2 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. FINISHING INFORMATION (Applicable to both courses)

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.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 Protest forms are available at Royal Ulster Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within Protest Time.

11.2 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.

11.3 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

11.4 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.

11.5 Hearings will take place in the protest committee room, the location of which will be stated on the Protest Notice.

11.6 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.

11.7 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.

12. SCORING

12.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If between 4 & 8 races are completed then a boat's series score will be her total score minus her worst result. If 9 or more races are completed then a boat's series score will be her total score minus her worst two results.



13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 13.2 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.

14. 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.

15. PRIZES

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

16. 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.

17. 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.



The following Sailing Instruction (No 18) is applicable **ONLY** to boats sailing
WINDWARD-LEEWARD Courses

18. (a) **THE START**
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.
- (b) **MARKS**
For the Windward/Leeward courses, marks 1, 2, and 3 will be yellow inflatables. The Start/Finish Mark will be a green inflatable.
- (c) **PROHIBITED AREA**
When sailing a Windward/Leeward course 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.
- (d) **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.
- (e) **SHORTENING COURSE TO FINISH AT THE START/FINISH LINE**
If a race for boats in Class 1 is to be shortened to finish at the Start/Finish Line, Flag F will be displayed, with repetitive sound signals near to Mark 3. Boats shall round Mark 3 and sail directly to the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2.
(This SI shall not apply to boats in Class 3 and those boats should ignore any such signal.)
- (f) **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.
(Note that, if an Orange flag is displayed, there will be a second race)

The following Sailing Instruction (No 19) is applicable **ONLY** to boats sailing
ROUND THE LOUGH Courses

19. (a) **THE START**
The starting line will be between a white post with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.
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.
At the absolute discretion of the Race Committee, Classes may be started together depending on the number of starters.
- (b) **COURSE**
The course will be displayed on a frame at the front of the RUYC Battery. The courses are given in appendix A. The marks are listed in appendix B; The direction of rounding will be shown in the courses in Appendix A
- (c) **MARKS**
Marks are RUYC & Carrickfergus SC club marks and various navigation marks found in Belfast Lough. They are all described in Appendix B
- (d) **FINISH**
The Finishing line will be between a white post with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the northern end.
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.



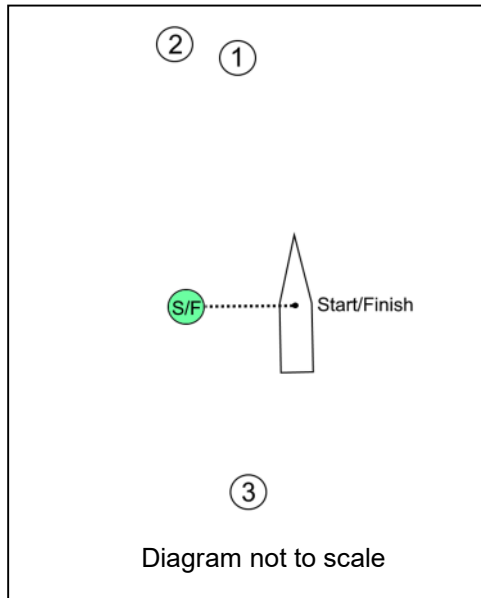
Appendix A

The course is as follows:

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

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

All marks to be rounded to port



Appendix B

Course 1	1s, 9s, 5s, 2s, 11s, Finish
Course 2	1s, 4p, 9p, 5s, 11s, Finish
Course 3	11p, 9s, 5s, 7s, Finish
Course 4	7p, 4s, 2s, 1p, Finish
Course 5	7p, 2p, 5p, 1p, Finish
Course 6	11p, 5p, 1p, Finish
Course 7	1s, 5s, 2s, 11s, Finish
Course 8	1s, 2s, 7s, 11s, Finish

The letters “p” & “s” in the above table indicate that the appropriate Mark is to be rounded to port or starboard, respectively

Number	Mark	Description
1	RUYC No 1	Red spherical buoy
2	South Briggs	North Cardinal mark approx 54.41.182N, 005.35.732W
3	Copeland Islands	
4	Kilroot Buoy	Green Pillar Buoy approx. 54.42.85N, 005.42.85W
5	Helens bay Buoy	Red Pillar Buoy approx. 54.41.86N, 005.42.85W
6	Carrick A	Red inflatable Buoy WSW of Kilroot Power station
7	RUYC No 7	Black spherical buoy
9	Rockport Special Mark	Yellow Buoy approximately North of Rockport pumping station with a yellow X top mark
11	RUYC No 11	Black Spherical buoy