



## Grange Wine Merchants Autumn Series

22<sup>nd</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Sailing Instructions

The notation [NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (Sis) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Notice of Race (NoR) 1.

1.1 The Sailing Instructions take precedence where they conflict with the Notice of Race

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sis will be posted online and on Autumn Series WhatsApp group at least two hours before the scheduled start of the race.

#### 3 CLASS FLAGS & CLASS BANDINGS

Class flags are as follows:

	Class	Flag
IRC / YTC Unrestricted Sail Class 1	IRC / YTC handicap rules	Numeral Pennant 1
IRC / YTC Unrestricted Sail Class 2	IRC / YTC handicap rules	Numeral Pennant 2
White Sail Restricted	YTC handicap rules	Numeral Pennant 3

3.1 IRC 1 – (IRC  $\geq$  0.970) & YTC Unrestricted

IRC 2 (IRC  $<$  0.970) & YTC Unrestricted

Whitesail YTC

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the top of the access ramp at Bangor Marina and will also be displayed from the Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC) battery.

4.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

#### 5 STARTING

5.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

5.2 For the windward/leeward courses the starting line will be between an orange mast, displaying an orange flag, on the committee boat at the starboard end and a green port-end starting mark.

5.3 For the Round the Lough course the starting line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.

5.4 For the RUYC Club mark course the starting line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.

5.5 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races

5.6 Classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.



- 5.7** A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS AS.1 and AS.2.
- 5.8** If one or more boats are subject to RRS 29.1 the Race Committee may attempt to broadcast their sail number(s) on VHF channel 37 (M) and or hail their sail number(s). Failure to make a broadcast (or to time it accurately) or failure of the boat(s) to hear a hail, if made, (or the order in which boats are hailed) will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be as described in NoR 11.

## **7 COURSE**

- 7.1** The courses to be sailed are described in Appendix A below
- 7.2** RUYC If code flag T (tango) is displayed at Bangor Marina, racing will be started from Royal Ulster Battery and use the club marks as outlined in the RUYC Thursday night Sailing Instructions. These sailing instructions are available on the website at <https://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/>.
- 7.3** For the Round the Lough courses the marks are defined in appendix B below.

## **8 MARKS**

- 8.1** For the Windward/Leeward courses, marks 1, 1a, and 2s, 2pb will be yellow inflatables.
- 8.2** Marks for the Round the Lough race will be selected from the list shown in Appendix B
- 8.3** For the RUYC marks course please see Appendix C

## **9 FINISHING**

- 9.1** The finishing line for the windward/leeward courses will be the same as the start line for that race. Boats finishing will pass through the line with the Committee Boat to port and the green inflatable mark to starboard.
- 9.2** For the Round the Lough course the finishing line will be between a white pole with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable mark at the Northern end.
- 9.3** For any race sailed under code flag T the finishing line will that defined in the Thursday Night racing Sis.

## **10 TIME LIMIT**

On dates where there are 2 races scheduled boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

NoR 13 applies.



## **12 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 12.1** If a boat intends to protest another boat or to request redress, she shall lodge a protest within 90 minutes of finishing the final race of the day, or retiring. Boats shall inform the RO on finishing any race.
- 12.2** Written protests shall be delivered to the race officer and/or Hon Sailing Secretary at Royal Ulster Yacht Club.
- 12.3** The protest hearing time will be posted on the official notice board at RUYC and also on the website.

## **13 COMMUNICATIONS**

All communications will be as described in NoR 3. Channel 37 will be the primary channel for communication. If the Race Committee displays flag 'R' then VHF channel 72 (M2) will be used

## **14 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".

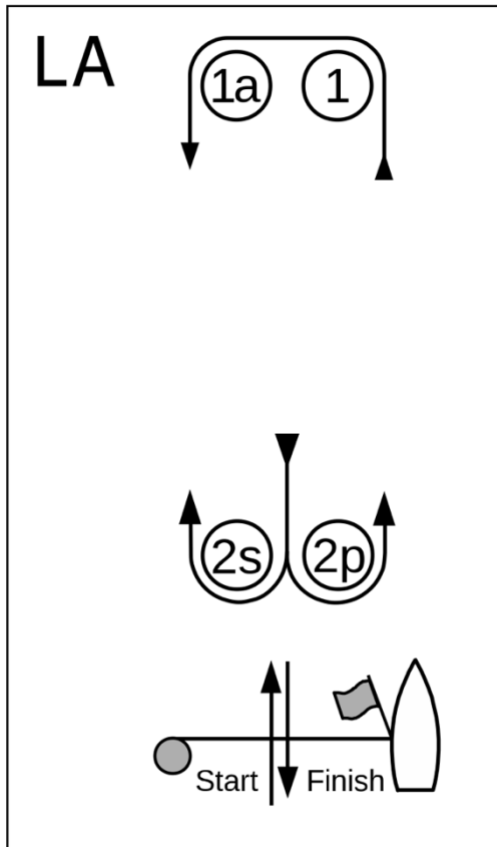
Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 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.

## **15 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.

## Appendix A



### Course 1 for IRC Unrestricted Sail - ONLY

Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p  
 - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p  
 - 1 - 1a - Finish

### Course 2 for White Sail Restricted - ONLY

Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p  
 - 1 - 1a - Finish

**NOTES** There are TWO separate courses shown in the above diagram.

1. The longer course comprises of **3 ROUNDS** and is for boats sailing under **Numeral Pennant 1 & 2**
2. The shorter course comprises of only **2 ROUNDS** and is for boats sailing under **Numeral Pennant 3 - ONLY**

### Appendix B

No	Mark	Description	Co-ordinates
1	RUYC No1	Red spherical buoy to the north of the Long Hole Bangor	
2	RUYC No 3	Red spherical buoy approx. 0.75 Nm north of the Long Hole	
3	RUYC No 5	Red spherical buoy approx. 0.5 Nm north of Ballymacormick Point	
4	RUYC No 7	Black spherical buoy, just west of Ballymacormick Point, Bangor	
5	Kilroot	Green Pillar Buoy	54° 42.85'N 005° 42.85'W
6	South Briggs	North Cardinal Buoy	54° 41.182N, 005° 35.732W
7	Rockport Special Mark	Yellow Buoy with a yellow X top mark approx. North of Rockport pumping station	54° 40.43'N 005° 45.92'W
8	Cloghan Jetty Buoy	Green Lateral Starboard Buoy	54° 44.125N 005° 41.606W
9	Helen's Bay	Red Pillar Buoy	54.41.86N, 005.42.85W

### Appendix C

