

# Royal Ulster Yacht Club

## SPRING SERIES

Sunday 4th April to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

## Sponsored by T Oscar Rollins Marine & Home Insurance

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 Rules

The sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescription of the RYA and the appropriate class rules.

#### 2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes will be posted on the RUYC notice board at Bangor Marina by 9.30 on the morning of the race. If changes are made code flag "L" will be flown from the Marina flagpole. Changes may be announced on channel M.

#### 3 Safety Regulations

Boats must comply with ORC Safety Regulations Category 4. Sportsboats are exempt from this ruling, but their crew shall wear lifejackets when racing.

#### 4 Classes & Identification

Boats must display the following identification pennants from their backstay, Sportsboats are exempt from this ruling should they not have a backstay.

Class 1	IRC, Sigma 33 & Unrestricted Class.	Pennant 1
Class 2	Whitesail Cruiser	Pennant 2
Class 3	RS Elite and Sports Boats	Pennant 3

Classes 1 & 2 will sail under IRC. Copies of 2010 IRC certificates should be lodged with the Hon. Sailing Secretary.

Class 3.(RS Elite and Sports Boats) Results will be based on the finishing positions.

## **5 Dates and Start Times**

Four races are scheduled on Sundays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 is the last race and Opening Day.  
Starting will be in accordance with Rule 26.for races one to four.

### **Races One to Four**

Class 1	Warning signal 10.30am
Class 2	Warning signal 10.35am
Class 3	Warning signal 10.40am

**For race four on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April** the first warning signal will be 14.00hrs. Notice of the class starting times will be posted on the Club Notice board and at the marina before 12.30 on the day of the race. Rule 26 will not be followed for this race.

## **6 Course**

Courses will be selected from the new 2010 RUYC Course Card.

## **7 Starting Line / Finishing Line**

The races will start from RUYC Battery. The start & finish lines will be as described on the new 2010 RUYC Course Card

## **8 Scoring**

One race must be completed to constitute a series. Races cancelled or abandoned will not be re-sailed.

The low points system in the RRS will be used. There will be no discard if one or two races are sailed,

The race on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April is also Opening Day, boats which only participate on Opening day, and not on any of the other races will have their position disregarded when the Spring Series results are calculated.

## **9 Late Starters**

In amendment to Rule 42.1 a boat which has not reached the vicinity of the Start Line when her Preparatory Signal is made may continue to motor until she reaches the starting area. The boat's engine must then be stopped and the boat turned through 720 degrees under sail before crossing the start line.

## **10 Protests**

Protests must be lodged with the Race Office within two hours of the boat finishing.

## **11 Time Limits**

The time limit for each class is 12.30 hours (16.00 hours on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April), in amendment to Rule 35 if one yacht in a class finishes within this time, all other yachts in that class will have their time limit extended to 13.00 hours (16.30 hours on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April)

## **12 Prizes**

Prizes will be presented at RUYC after racing on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April

## **13 Disclaimer**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for Material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

## **14 Insurance**

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

Participants are invited back to the club for refreshments and lunch. Lunch should be booked with the club caterers prior to the each race.

**Kenneth Hunter**  
**Honorary Sailing Secretary**