



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Notice of Race

Opening Day

Saturday 2nd May 2026

The event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club (OA).

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

1. RULES

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

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available from the RUYC website; <https://www.ruyc.co.uk/sailing/>

2.2 Any change to the SIs or NoR will be posted online and on the RUYC Notice Board at Bangor Marina at least two hours before the scheduled start of the first race of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.ruyc.co.uk. Copies of all documentation may be available on the RUYC noticeboard at Bangor Marina.

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.

3.4 DP] While racing 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 registered to Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Ballyholme Yacht Club and Cockle Island Boat Club. Other boats may compete at the discretion of the RUYC Hon. Sailing Secretary. Racing will be scored using IRC and YTC handicaps for Cruiser Racer Classes and Portsmouth Yardstick for dinghies.

4.2 Eligible classes and starting times are as set out in SI 7.

4.3 Eligible competitors shall lodge, with the Hon Sailing Secretary at RUYC in advance of entering their first race of the season, their boat details including IRC and/or YTC handicaps and certificates and contact details for the owner/skipper using the JotForm entry form available using this [LINK](#). There is no Entry Fee for these series.

5. Fees

5.1 There is no Entry Fee for this race.

6. Crew limitations

6.1 The crew limitation rule for Sigma 33, IRC and YTC Boats shall not apply.

7. Advertising

7.1 Does not apply.

8. Qualifying series and final series

8.1 Does not apply

9. Schedule

9.1

Date	Course Description	First warning signal
Saturday 2nd May 2026	Round the buoys	14:00 hours

10. Equipment Inspection

10. A boat may be inspected at any time by the OA.

11. Clothing and Equipment

11.1 Does not apply

12. Venue

12.1 The sailing area will be Bangor Bay, Belfast Lough.

13. Courses

13.2 The courses will be "Round the buoys" type and will be designated as set out in SI 5 and SI Appendix A.

14. Penalty system

14.1 Appendix T will apply.

15. Scoring

15.1 Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

15.2 As there is only one race, no discards will apply.

16. Support Person Vessels

16.1 Does not apply

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats

17.1 Does not apply.

18. Berthing

18.1 Does not apply

19. Haul-out restrictions

19.1 Does not apply

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pool

20.1 Does not apply

21. Data Protection

21.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.'

22.2 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 circumstance;
- g) 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.

23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

24. Prizes

24.1 Prizegiving will take place in Royal Ulster Yacht Club Clubhouse as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 2nd May 2026.

24.2 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the OA.
24.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

25. Further Information

25.1 For further information please consult the sailing section of RUYC's website; <https://www.ruyc.uk/sailing/> or email: sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk