



Royal Ulster Yacht Club & Ballyholme Yacht Club

Autumn Series 2016

11th September 2016 until 23rd October 2016

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority

This event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply
- 1.3. Racing Rules (RR), Race Signal A4, 28.1, 32.2, 35, 61.3, 62.2, 66 & A2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RUYC notice board in Bangor Marina.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the scheduled of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole 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

5. Schedule of races etc

Date	Race
Sunday 11 th September 2016	1, then one race per week until
Sunday 23 rd October 2016	7.

- 5.1. Seven races are scheduled
- 5.2. The scheduled time of first warning signal is 10:30



6. Class Flags

Class 1	IRC	Numeral Pennant 1
Class 2	Sigma 33 Class	Numeral Pennant 2
Class 3	Restricted Sail Class (NHC & CYCA)	Numeral Pennant 3
Class 4	NIRKRA Class	Code Flag Q
Class 5	Waverley Class	Code Flag E

7. Racing Area

Racing will take place immediately to the north of Bangor. The Committee Boat may be up to 1.5 miles from the Marina.

8. The Course

The course will be Windward Leeward. The diagrams in attachment A show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks, other than start and finish marks will be **yellow** inflatables. The start mark will be **green**; the finish mark will be **green**.
- 9.2. A 'race committee' boat signalling a change of leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started using rule 26 with the following addition: The Orange Start Line Flag may be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before the warning signal for each race.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the green port-end starting mark.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11. Change of the next leg of the course

- 11.1. To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. Boats shall pass between the 'race committee' boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1



12. Shortening the course at the Start/Finish

- 12.1. If the race is to be shortened at the start/finish line, Flag F will be displayed, with repetitive sound signals near to Mark 3. This changes rule 32.2. Boats should round Mark 3 and sail directly to the finish.

13. The Finish

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

14. Penalty System

The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

15. Time Limits

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boats sails the courses and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 & A4

16. Arbitration

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.

17. Protests & Requests for Redress

- 17.1. Protest forms are available at the race office at RUYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and the protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4. Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).



- 17.5. Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 20 & rule 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches may be less than disqualifications if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.6. A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

18. Scoring

- 18.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. Safety Regulations

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

20. Equipment & Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be inspected by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. Radio Communication

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.

22. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

Classes with more than 6 entries 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Classes with between 4 & 6 Entries 1st & 2nd

Classes with less than 4 entries 1st

Daily prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee



23. **Risk Statement**

Rule 4 of the RRS states: “*The responsibility for a boats 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:

- 23.1. They are aware of the inherent 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;
- 23.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 23.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 23.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 23.5. Provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- 23.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

24. **Insurance**

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



Attachment A

Windward/Leeward

Classes 1 & 2 will sail: 1P,2P,3P,1P,2P,3P,1P,2P,3P,F

Classes 3 & 4 will sail: 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 2P, 3P, F

Class 5 will sail: 1P, 2P, 3P, F

