

Carrickfergus Sailing Club
Autumn Open Series 2017
Sunday 10th September – 29th October 2017

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 organising authority is Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 1.3. Rules of the National Handicap for Cruisers will apply to NHC classes.
- 1.4. Ruffian class rules apply to the Ruffian class.
- 1.5. RS 400 class rules apply to the RS 400 fleet.
- 1.6. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 will apply to the Dinghy class.
- 1.7. Racing rules 26, 32.1, A4, A5, 62.1(a), 35, 63.1, 62.2, 66, 60.1(a) and 40 will be changed. The changes will 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 in Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule 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 Club Battery.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. Dates of racing: Sunday 10th September to Sunday 29th October 2017
- 5.2. Number of races: Eight
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 14:10 for NHC classes, 14:15 for the Ruffian Class and 14.20 for the RS 400 Class and 14.25 for the Dinghy class
- 5.4. If the Race Committee decides to sail additional races on any day Flag D shall be displayed at the finish of the preceding race.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class boards and flags will be as follows:

Designation	Class	Flag
1	NHC Unrestricted	Numeral pennant 1
2	NHC Restricted	Numeral pennant 5
3	Ruffian	Numeral pennant 4
4	RS 400	Flag D
5	Dinghy	Flag F

- 6.2. Each boat shall conspicuously display the flag appropriate to its class, as described above, from or near the backstay (or starboard shroud if no backstay) at the start and finish of each race (Except in the case of the RS 400 and Dinghy classes where no flag is required).

7. Racing Areas

- 7.1. The Racing Area will be on Belfast Lough to the south of Carrickfergus Sailing Club

8. The Courses

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the approximate position of all the marks. The table in Attachment B shows the courses, including the course signals, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee will display the course board above the class designation mounted on the Club Battery indicating the course to be sailed.
- 8.3. Course direction will be indicated by a red or green board located under the class flags. A red board indicates starting East to West and leaving all marks to port. A green board indicates starting West to East and leaving all marks to starboard.
- 8.4. On completion of a round of a course, boats shall continue on a further round if the course letter is still displayed above their class designation. If the course letter has changed, boats shall complete a round of the new course displayed above their class designation.
- 8.5. When the letter 'F' is displayed above a class designation, that class shall finish.
- 8.6. Alternative courses may be used for the RS 400 and PY Dinghy classes and will be notified to competitors before going afloat, in which case the preceding Sailing Instructions in this section will not apply.

9. Marks

- 9.1. Marks will be as follows:

R	Red Outer Limit of start line		
G	Green Outer Limit of start line		
1	Round yellow N 54:42.556 W 005:47.593	4	Round yellow N 54:42.154 W 005:49.226
2	Round yellow N 54:41.948 W 005:47.120	D	Round yellow N 54:41.711 W 005:47.901
3	Round yellow N 54:41.545 W 005:48.785		
- 9.2. Additional Red inflatable marks may be used for the RS 400 and PY Dinghy class and will be notified to competitors before going afloat.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started by using rule 26, modified to **start in fleets** rather than classes, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. Fleets will be comprised as follows:

Fleet	Classes	Fleet Flag
A	NHC (Unrestricted and restricted)	Numeral pennant 1
B	Ruffian	Numeral pennant 4
C	RS 400	Flag D
D	Dinghy	Flag F

Note: Competitors should be aware that although the individual classes have amalgamated into fleets for the start **they will use course designations corresponding to their class**, as described in SI 6.1.

- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4. The race committee will attempt to broadcast sail numbers of boats that must comply with rule 29.1 or rule 30.1 on VHF Channel 37. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.5. A boat which has not reached the vicinity of the Starting Line when its preparatory signal is made may proceed under power until it nears the Starting Line, when the engine shall be stopped and the boat shall then take a Two-Turns Penalty before crossing the line to start.
- 10.6. The start line is formed between the orange pole at the front of the battery and a green limit mark (G) if the first mark is to be rounded to starboard, or a red limit mark (R) if the first mark is to be rounded to port.
- 10.7. An orange inner limit mark will be laid approximately on the start line. When starting boats shall not pass between the inner limit and the shore.
- 10.8. Boats shall not cross the line between mark R and the Orange Pole, or the line between mark G and the Orange Pole, except on the first leg of the course or when required by RRS 28 "Sailing the Course".
- 10.9. An alternative start line may be used for the RS 400 and PY Dinghy classes and will be notified to competitors before going afloat, in which case the preceding Sailing Instructions in this section will not apply.

11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line will be formed between the orange pole at the battery and the red limit mark (R) if the previous mark was left to starboard, or the green limit mark (G) if the previous mark was left to port.
- 11.2. An orange inner limit mark will be laid approximately on the finish line. When finishing boats shall not pass between the inner limit and the shore.
- 11.3. An alternative start line may be used for the PY Dinghy classes and will be notified to competitors before going afloat, in which case the preceding Sailing Instructions in this section will not apply.

12. Time Limits

- 12.1. The time limit will be **1 hour and 30 minutes** from the starting signal for NHC restricted, NHC unrestricted, Ruffian and RS 400 classes.
- 12.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes (45 minutes for NHC Restricted) after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.3. In the event of a second or subsequent round being designated, should no boat finish that round within the time limit for their class, or should the race be abandoned, the time of boats taken at the end of the last round completed shall be used for the result of the race. Boats not racing at the time limit or the time of abandonment will be recorded as Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.4. For the dinghy class there will be no time limit. The Race Committee may abandon racing at any time after the start for whatever reason. This changes rule 32.1.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 13.1. The Exoneration Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See official notice board for details.
- 13.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.3. Protest forms are available at the race office located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the Protest Time. The expiration of Protest Time will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 13.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 13.5. Breaches of instructions 10.3, 15, 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 13.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 13.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14. Scoring

- 14.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15. Safety Regulations

- 15.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. Boats shall not race with an anchor on the bow. Boats infringing this instruction shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1

- 15.3. Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat (except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment) in accordance with the provisions of rule 40 except that flag Y will not be displayed and no sound signal will be made. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS.
- 15.4. Boats shall give way to any ship underway in the Victoria Channel.

16. Radio Communication

- 16.1. 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.

17. Prizes

- 17.1. Prizes will be given in each class as follows:

1st place	3 or more entries,
2nd place	4 or more entries,
3rd place	5 or more entries.

18. 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 boat 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.

19. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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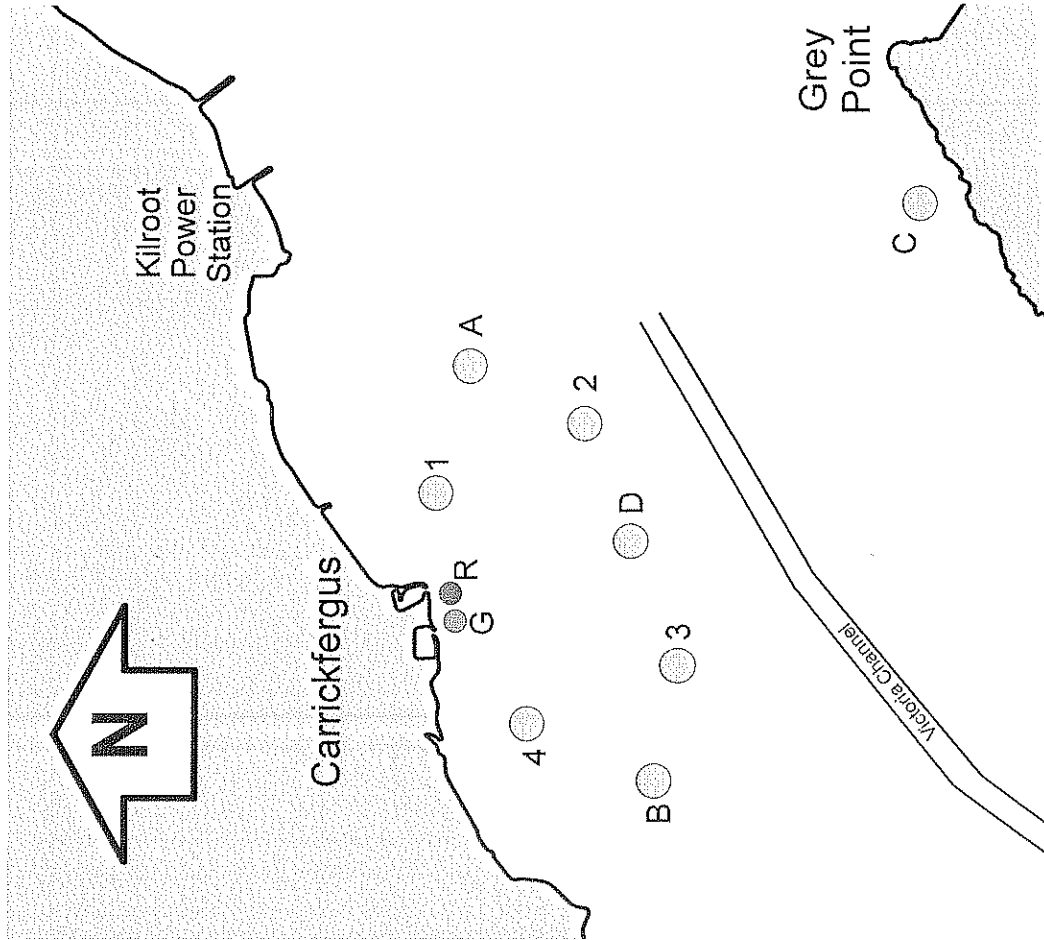
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Attachment A - Racing Area



Attachment B - Course List

Course Letter	Green board		Course Letter	Red board	
	Starting	West to East		Starting	East to West
	Leave marks to starboard	Leave marks to starboard		Leave marks to port	
A	1	2 4 G R	A	4	3 1 R G
B	1	D 4 G R	B	4	D 1 R G
C	1	3 4 G R	C	4	2 1 R G
D	1	2 G R	D	4	3 R G
E	1	D G R	E	4	D R G
G	1	3 G R	G	4	2 R G
H	1	B G R	H	4	A R G
I	1	4 G R	I	4	1 R G
J	1	C 4 G R	J	4	C 1 R G
K	1	C B G R	K	4	C A R G
L	1	2 3 G R	L	4	3 2 R G
M	1	G R	M	4	R G
N	1	2 3 4 G R	N	4	3 2 1 R G
P	A	C B G R	P	B	C A R G
R	A	B G R	R	B	A R G
S	A	3 4 G R	S	B	2 1 R G
T	A	D B G R	T	B	D A R G
U	A	G R	U	B	R G
V	2	3 4 G R	V	3	2 1 R G
W	2	B G R	W	3	A R G
X	2	4 G R	X	3	1 R G
Y	2	G R	Y	3	R G
Z	D	G R	Z	D	R G

NOTE MARKS A, B AND C WILL NOT BE USED FOR THIS SERIES