



RS 400 SPRING 2025 RS 200

SHAKE DOWN

SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Carrickfergus Sailing Club in conjunction with The Irish RS Class Association.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 61.1(a), 60.3(b), 61.4(b), 61.2(b), A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at: <https://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2025/rs-spring-shakedown/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at ground floor window of the Alcorn Room below the balcony on the seaward side of the clubhouse.
- 3.2 [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.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS 400, RS 200 classes.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form [Entry Form](#)
- 4.3 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

	Up to 18:00 Friday 25/4/2025	After 18:00 Friday 25/4/2025
RS 400 Seniors	£15.00	£20.00
RS 400 Juniors/Students	£10.00	£15.00
RS 200 Seniors	£15.00	£20.00
RS 200 Juniors/Students	£10.00	£15.00

Juniors – both helm and crew must be under 18 on 31st December 2025 or a student with valid undergraduate student ID.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: Sunday 27th April 2025 09:00 to 10:30
- 9.2 Briefing – A briefing will be held at 09:30 on 27th April 2025.
- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Sunday 27 th April 2025	Races 1 to 4
- 9.4 Four races are scheduled.
- 9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race 11:00.
- 9.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 9.7 No warning signal may be made after 15:30.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

Racing Will Take place on Belfast Lough Near Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 Appendix T and the Exoneration Penalty apply to this event. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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:

- (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 circumstances;
- (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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third for each class with six or more starters,
First and second for 4-6 starters,
First for classes with 3 or less starters.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: sailing@carrickfergussc.org

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

The event will coincide with Carrickfergus Sailing Club's Opening Day. There will be a BBQ, entertainment and activities for kids so please feel free to bring the family along and enjoy the hospitality.