



## RS Northern Championships 2026

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Carrickfergus Sailing Club, Rodgers Quay, Carrickfergus, BT38 8BE

### 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 on  
<http://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2026>

#### 3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The 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, RS Aero and RS Feva classes.

4.2 At least one of helm or crew shall be a member of the RS Ireland or other National RS Class Association.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by <http://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2026>

4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.5 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:

	Earlybird Entry Fee Up until Friday 03.04.26	Standard Entry Fee From Saturday 04.04.26
RS 400 Seniors	£50.00	£60.00
RS 400 Juniors/Students	£40.00	£50.00
RS 200 Seniors	£50.00	£60.00
RS 200 Juniors/Students	£40.00	£50.00
RS Feva	£40.00	£50.00
RS Aero	£40.00	£50.00

Juniors – both helm and crew must be under 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026 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: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 1900 to 2030. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026 0900 to 1030

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on the Saturday is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 1055.

- 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 A fourth race may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention, the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of Race 3.
- 9.8 No Warning signal may be made after 15.30 on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## **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 or Trapezoid.

## **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 their 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.

First Junior (under 19 on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2025)

First Female Helm (or crew if no female helm)

First Masters (over 55)

## **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact [sailing@carrickfergussc.org](mailto:sailing@carrickfergussc.org)

## **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

- Camping facilities are available on site, prior notice would be appreciated
- Premier Inn offering economical accommodation adjacent to the club
- Catering and entertainment will be provided on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, Details to follow
- Clubhouse bar opening hrs, Fri 1700-2300, Sat 1300- late, Sun 1300-2000  
Access to the club grounds is controlled by automated gates. Should competitors require access before 1700 on Friday evening please contact before arrival