

Spring Series 2026

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Sunday 29th March to 26th April 2026

Sailing Instructions

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

The notation '[SP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the standard penalty for a breach of the rule may be applied by the race committee or technical committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1100 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by VHF broadcast for Keelboat classes, and verbally from safety boats for Dinghy classes..

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.carrickfergussc.org.
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Starting Battery, email sailing@carrickfergussc.org.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 37(M1).
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 37(M1); courses, change of courses, shortening, postponement, abandonment, recalls
- 3.5. [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. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Starting Battery.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. See Notice of Race 6.
- 6.2. The intention to run a 2nd optional race each day will be notified to competitors by the flying of numeral 2 along with class flags for those classes which it applies to before the first boat in each class finishes the first race that day.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags are:
Designation - Class - Flag
1 - YTC Unrestricted - Numeral pennant 1
2 - Ruffian 23 - Numeral pennant 4
3 - YTC Restricted Sail - Numeral pennant 5
4 - RS400 - Flag F
5 - PY Dinghy - Flag T

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area is on Belfast Lough near to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the approximate position of all the marks.
- 9.2. The table in Addendum 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.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. 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.
- 9.5. 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.
- 9.6. When the letter 'F' is displayed above a class designation, that class shall finish.
- 9.7. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks are:

R	Red Outer Limit of start line
G	Green Outer Limit of start line
1	Round yellow N 54:42.5 W 5:47.5
2	Round yellow N 54:41.9 W 5:47.1
3	Round yellow N 54:41.5 W 5:48.8
4	Round yellow N 54:42.2 W 5:49.2
D	Round yellow N 54:41.7 W 5:47.9
- 10.2. The positions listed are approximate.

11. THE START

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 37(M1). A boat may not request redress based on the race committee's failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. 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, and the green limit mark (G) if the previous mark was left to port.
- 12.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. See Notice of Race 10.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 90 minutes.
- 14.2. The Finishing Window is 45 minutes.
- 14.3. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the Starting Battery.
- 15.3. 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 room, located as posted, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) do not apply.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. See Notice of Race 11.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 19.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

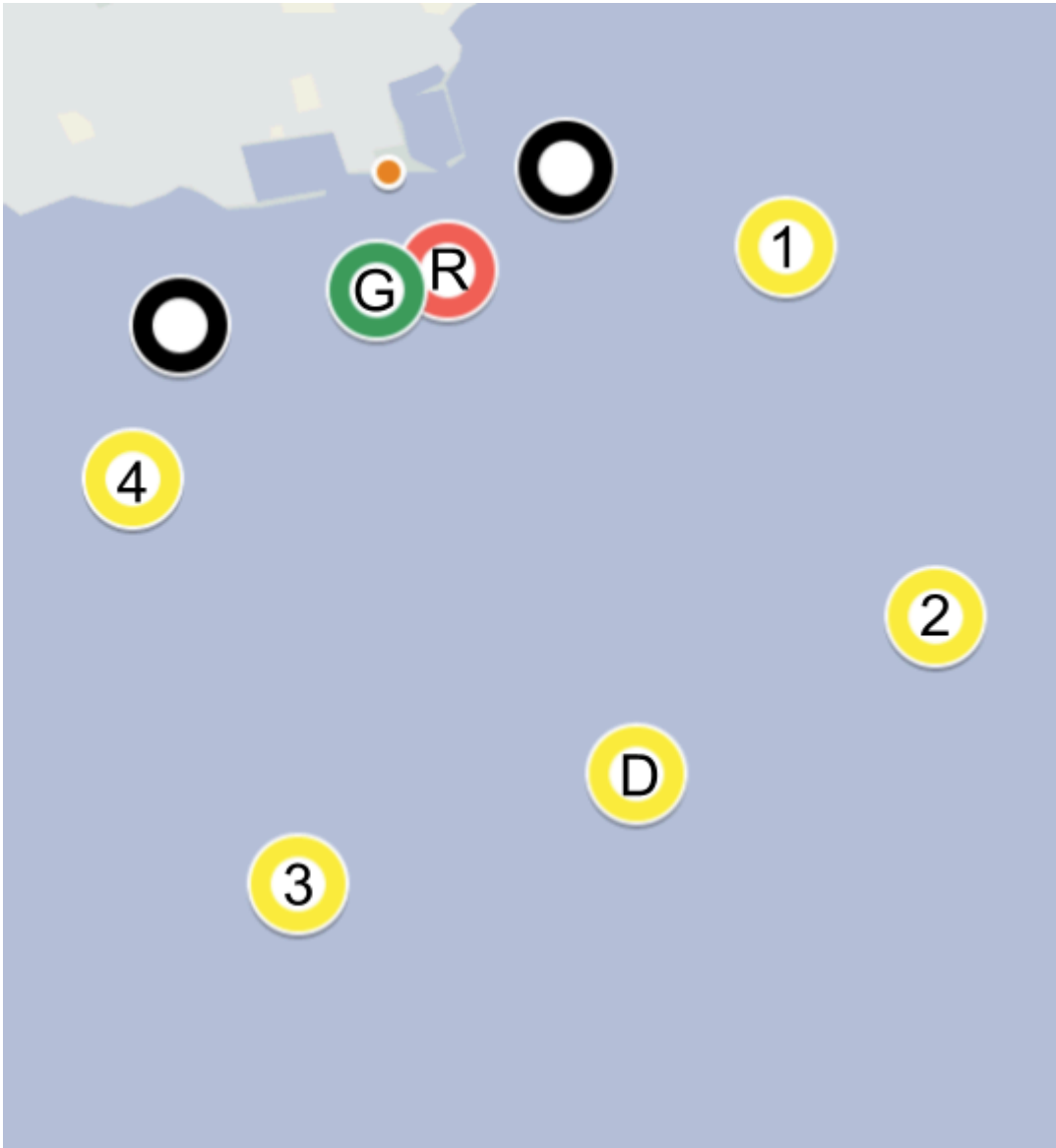
20. PRIZES

- 20.1. See Notice of Race 15.

21. RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1. See Notice of Race 12.

Addendum A - Racing Area



Addendum B - Course List

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

Course Letter	Red board Starting East to West Leave marks to port					
A	4	3	1	R	G	
B	4	D	1	R	G	
C	4	2	1	R	G	
D	4	3	R	G		
E	4	D	R	G		
G	4	2	R	G		
H	D	2	R	G		
I	4	1	R	G		
J	2	R	G			
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