



GBR IRC Northern Ireland Championship Carrickfergus Sailing Club

8th & 9th August 2026

Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule 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. The IRC Rules 2026, Parts A, B, and C (or D) shall apply.
- 1.3. The YTC System 2026 shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing instructions will be available after 1st August at www.carrickfergussc.org.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 37(M).
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3. [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 all boats with valid 2026 IRC or YTC certificates.
- 4.2. The IRC handicap system applies to boats racing in IRC classes.
- 4.3. The RYA YTC rating system applies to boats racing in YTC classes.
- 4.4. Classes will be defined once entry closes.
- 4.5. Boats may enter the event by registering online at www.carrickfergussc.org.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. Boats competing under IRC shall submit a copy of their IRC certificate on or before 1st August 2026. No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors.
- 4.8. IRC Certificates shall have a validity date of 1st August 2026.
- 4.9. Boats competing under YTC shall submit a copy of their valid 2026 RYA YTC certificate on or before 1st August 2026.
 - (1) Boats racing under YTC shall declare by this time the YTC sail configuration with which they will compete.
 - (2) No alteration in a boat's rating or handicap will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a protest or to correct IRC rating office or YTC rating errors.
- 4.10. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the race committee.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees are as follows:

Length Overall	Early Entry Fee until 14th June	Standard Fee
Under 9m	£80	£120
Under 11m	£100	£150
11m and over	£120	£180

5.2. Entry is free for Under 25 Teams.

5.3. Berthing is not included. A subsidised rate £45 for 3 nights berthing is available to be purchased at the time of entry.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. The following crew limitations apply: the number on the boat's IRC certificate plus one person aged 18 or under on the 8th August 2026.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. Registration:

Friday 7th August 1800 to 2000

Saturday 8th August 0830 to 0915

7.2. Dates of racing: 8th and 9th August 2026

7.3. Number of races: 6

7.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:55.

7.5. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:30.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1. [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1.

9. VENUE

9.1. The Racing Area will be on Belfast Lough close to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

10. COURSES

10.1. The course(s) to be sailed will be as follows: Windward/Leeward, Fixed Marks, Coastal.

11. SCORING

11.1. Boats will be dual scored in IRC / YTC.

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

11.3. (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. BERTHING

12.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the marina.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'
- 13.2. Sailing is by its nature 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 organizer 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
 - (i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3million against third party claims.

14. INSPECTIONS

- 14.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

15. PRIVACY STATEMENT

- 15.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes will be given as follows:
1st, 2nd, 3rd overall in each class with 5 or more entries.
Individual race prizes may be awarded.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 17.1. For further information please contact sailing@carrickfergussc.org.