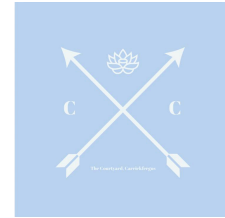




# Ruffian Ulster Championship

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Saturday 16th May 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 0900 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.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [www.carrickfergussc.org](http://www.carrickfergussc.org).
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Starting Battery, email [sailing@carrickfergussc.org](mailto:sailing@carrickfergussc.org).
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 37(M).
- 3.4. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 37(M); 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.

- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1. See Notice of Race 6.
- 6.2. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## **7. CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1. The Ruffian 23 Class flag is Numeral Pennant 4.

## **8. RACING AREA**

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

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1. The diagram(s) in SI Addendum A show(s) the course(s), including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. 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. Mark(s) are Red/White/Green spherical.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

## **13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. See Notice of Race 10.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 60 minutes.
- 15.2. The Finishing Window is 30 minutes.
- 15.3. 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.

## **16. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat 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.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the Starting Battery.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. RRS 61.2(b)(2) and 63.7(b)(2) do not apply.

## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. See Notice of Race 11.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **20. PRIZES**

- 20.1. See Notice of Race 15.

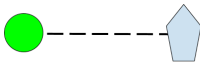
## **21. RISK STATEMENT**

- 21.1. See Notice of Race 12.

# Addendum A - Course

2

1



3S

3P

S - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - S/F - 1 - 2 - 3P/3S - F

Marks 1 and 2 to be rounded to Port.

Marks 3P/3S are a gate.