



GBR IRC Northern Ireland Championship Carrickfergus Sailing Club

8th & 9th August 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.carrickfergussc.org, and in the [CSC IRC Skippers Group on WhatsApp](#).
- 3.2. The race office is located at 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 M2/P4.
- 3.4. The following communications [may][will] be made by the race committee on VHF channel M2/P4; 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 7.

- 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.
- 6.3. A maximum of 4 races per day may be scheduled.
- 6.4. Flag A displayed at the finish line while boats are finishing means 'No more races today.'

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flags are:

Class	IRC	YTC	Flag
1	0.990 and above	870 and under	Numeral Pennant 1
2	0.989 and below	871 and over	Numeral Pennant 2

- 7.2. For class allocation IRC handicap takes precedence.

8. RACING AREA

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

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum A and B show the courses,
- 9.2. The type of course to be sailed will be indicated by a flag flown on the committee boat: Flag W - Windward/Leeward, Flag R - Fixed Mark/Coastal.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Mark(s) are as described in Addendum A and B .

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. 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 M2/P4. 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 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.
- 12.2. Minor changes to the next leg of the course will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

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.
- 13.2. For the Fixed Mark/Coastal course, when marks G or R are designated as the final mark then the finishing line will be formed between the orange pole at the CSC battery and the red limit mark (R) when finishing from west to east, and the green limit mark (G) when finishing from east to west.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. The Race Time Limit is:
Windward/Leeward 90 minutes,
Fixed Mark/Coastal 180 minutes.
- 15.2. The Finishing Window is:
Windward/Leeward 30 minutes,
Fixed Mark/Coastal 45 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. 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.
- 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.

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.
- 19.2. [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels.

21. BERTHING

- 21.1. [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the Marina.

22. PRIZES

- 22.1. See Notice of Race 16.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1. See Notice of Race 13.

Addendum A - Windward/Leeward



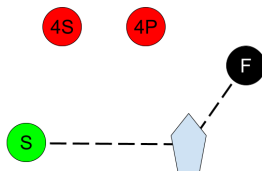
Class 1 - S - 1 - 2 - 4P/4S - 1 - 2 - 4P - F

Class 2 - S - 3 - 4P/4S - 3 - 4P - F



Marks 1, 2, 3 to be rounded to Port.

Marks 4P/4S are a gate.



Marks 1, 2, 3, 4S, 4P are Red spherical

Mark S is Green spherical

Mark F is Black spherical

Addendum B - Fixed Mark/Coastal

- B.1. Courses will be selected from the list of fixed marks detailed below.
- B.2. No later than the Warning Signal for each class, the Race Committee will announce the designated course by broadcast on VHF Channel M2/P4, and by message sent to the official Competitor WhatsApp Group.
- B.3. The announcement will specify the sequence of fixed marks to be rounded and the required side on which each mark shall be left.

Mark	Mark Name	Mark Location	Lat	Long	Description
1	CSC 1	East of Clubhouse	N 54:42.51	W 005:47.50	Yellow Round Buoy
2	CSC 2	South East of Clubhouse	N 54:41.95	W 005:47.12	Yellow Round Buoy
3	CSC 3	South West of Clubhouse	N 54:41.54	W 005:48.78	Yellow Round Buoy
4	CSC 4	West of Clubhouse	N 54:42.15	W 005:49.20	Yellow Round Buoy
A	CSC A	East of Clubhouse	N 54:42.42	W 005:49.70	Red Round Buoy
B	CSC B	West of Clubhouse	N 54:41.63	W 005:45.91	Red Round Buoy
C	CSC C	West of Greypoint	N 54:40.41	W 005:47.90	Yellow Conical Mark
D	CSC D	South of Clubhouse	N 54:41.71	W 005:46.63	Yellow Round Buoy
G	CSC G	CSC Finish line East to West			Orange pole to Green Round Buoy
R	CSC R	CSC Finish line West to east			Orange pole to Red Round Buoy
5	Laid Mark in Helens Bay	Helens Bay	N 54:40.64	W 005:43.97	Red Round Buoy
6	Laid Mark at Jordanstown	Jordanstown	N 54:40.47	W 005:51.99	Red Round Buoy
7	Helens Bay Mark	North of Helens Bay	N 54:41.88	W 005:42.82	Red Navigational Mark
8	Kilroot Mark	South of Kilroot	N 54:42.85	W 005:42.85	Green Navigational Mark
9	Cloghan Jetty Mark	South of Cloghan Jetty	N 54:44.14	W 005:41.62	Green Navigational Mark
10	Port Road Special Mark	North of Blackhead	N 54:46.55	W 005:41.13	Yellow Conical Mark
11	MB2	1.4 NM north of Channel marker 9	N 54:41.09	W 005:50.65	Yellow Conical Mark
12	MB3	0.8 NM north of Channel marker 9	N 54:40.44	W 005:50.76	Yellow Conical Mark
13	MB4	0.2 NM North of Chanel marker 9	N 54:39.82	W 005:50.83	Yellow Conical Mark
14	Laid Windward Mark				Red Round Buoy

