



CARRICKFERGUS SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

Autumn Series 2026

Every Sunday from 13th September to 25th October 2026

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3. Class rules for individual participating classes will apply where relevant.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online prior to the event at:
<https://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2026/autumn-series-2026/>

3. COMMUNICATION & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official online noticeboard on the event webpage:
<https://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2026/autumn-series-2026/>

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the following classes:
 - **Keelboats:** Ruffian 23, YTC Unrestricted, YTC Restricted
 - **Dinghies:** RS400, PY Dinghy
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online via the club website on the official event page prior to racing.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee is £10, or free for members of Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. **Dates:** Racing will take place every Sunday from 13th September 2026 to 25th October 2026.
- 6.2. **Number of Races:**
 - **Keelboat Classes:** 1 race per day (7 races total scheduled).
 - **Dinghy Classes:** 2 back-to-back races per day (14 races total scheduled).
- 6.3. **First Warning Signal:** 13:55 hrs each Sunday for all classes.

7. COURSES & START LINES

- 7.1. **Start Line:** Racing for all classes (Keelboats and Dinghies) will start from the **Club Battery line**.
- 7.2. **Keelboat Classes (Ruffian 23, YTC Unrestricted, YTC Restricted):**

- **Course:** CSC Club Fixed Marks.

7.3. Dinghy Classes (RS400, PY Dinghy):

- **Course:** Windward/Leeward.

8. SCORING & DISCARDS

8.1. The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

8.2. Discards will be applied as follows:

- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores (0 discards).
- When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score (1 discard).
- When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores (2 discards).

9. PROTESTS AND HEARING REQUESTS

9.1. RYA Arbitration (Appendix T) will apply. Decisions from arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

10. PRIZES

10.1. Prizes will be awarded in each class based on the average number of starters:

- **1st Prize:** 3 or more
- **2nd Prize:** 4 or more
- **3rd Prize:** 5 or more

11. RISK STATEMENT

11.1. 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."

11.2. 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:

- 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 while taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 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;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any notice given for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

12. PRIVACY STATEMENT

12.1. The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to receive information about future events, the organizing authority will use your personal information to contact you for this purpose. If you apply to take part in a regatta or event, your personal information will be processed in accordance with the Carrickfergus Sailing Club Privacy Policy. Information regarding how your data will be collected, stored, and processed is available on the club website.

13. INSURANCE

13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further details, please contact Carrickfergus Sailing Club or visit the event webpage:

- **Web:** <https://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2026/autumn-series-2026/>
- **Location:** Rodgers Quay, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland
- **Email:** sailing@carrickfergussc.org