

Ballyholme Yacht Club



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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Ballyholme Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules 26, 27.1, 28.1, 29.2, 32.2, 33, 40, 61.3, 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the various Class Associations will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Club Points Racing is open to all members' boats that fall into one of the classes as defined in SI 5 below.
- 2.2 Racing is also open to invited guests from Royal Ulster Yacht Club and Cockle Island Boat Club.
- 2.3 There is no formal entry form – boats must be registered with the club.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the front door of Ballyholme Yacht Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 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.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Points Racing will be split into four series, dates as follows:

Series	Start Date	Finish Date	Races	Comments
Tuesday Early Season	2 nd May	27 th June	9	
Tuesday Late Season	4 th July	5 th Sept.	10	
Sunday Early Season	30 th April	25 th June	7	No racing 21 st May & 4 th June
Sunday Late Season	2 nd July	3 rd Sept.	9	No racing 20 th Aug.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions are attached to this document and are available on the Club Website at www.ballyholme.com.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Courses will be around fixed marks.
- 7.2 If Flag W is displayed at the Summer Battery courses will be windward Leeward as described in the BYC Club Racing Supplementary Sailing Instructions – available on the club Website.

8 SCORING

- 8.1 Class Captains will be responsible for the production of results for their Class.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats in their class.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Each Fleet will have their own separate series and prizes will be awarded for each Series.

10.2 Each Fleet will have a prize for the complete series.

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”

Sailing by its nature is 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 organiser 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.

12 INSURANCE

12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 Sterling or the equivalent.

13 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

13.1 By participating in this series a competitor automatically grants to the organisers and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the summer battery in the north dinghy park.

5 CLASSES AND FLAGS

- 5.1 Start Times, Class flags and Course designations

Class		Class Flag	Start Time Tuesdays	Start Time Sundays	Course	Start on Flag
Slow Dinghy	Topper	T	1906	1436	Topper	T
	Topper 4.2	Q				
	Laser 4.7	J				
	RS Feva	G				
Fast Dinghy		V	1909	1439	Short	V
Multihull		F	1912	1442	Medium	F
Laser & Laser Radial		R	1915	1445	Short	R
NIRKRA		K	1918	No Racing	Long	K
NHC Keelboats		H	1921	No Racing	Long	H
Waverley & Bay		E	1924	1449	Medium	E

6 SAIL NUMBERS

- 6.1** Boats may sail with a sail number different from their allotted number, provided that notice of this intention is given to the Class Captain for each individual race of a series before going afloat. Failure to comply with this will result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 A4 and A5

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1** Each Class will sail the course as indicated in the BYC Club Racing Course Diagrams as per attachments A & B
- 7.2** The course to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the north side of the Summer Battery. The top board indicates courses to be sailed by classes using the long course and the lower board indicates courses to be sailed by all other classes.
- 7.3** In amendment of RRS 27.1 and RRS 33 the course to be sailed may be displayed shortly after the preparatory signal or when a subsequent round is to be sailed, when the leading boats in a class approach the finishing Line at the end of the preceding round.
- 7.4** Instead of Marks 11 and 7 the Topper and Topper 4.2 classes will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11 and 7.

8 MARKS

- 8.1** Marks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and F(RUYC) are red inflatable marks. Marks 7, 8, 11 and F are black inflatables. Mark TM is a green inflatable.

9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1** After starting correctly the finish line between the orange pole on the summer battery and the black mark F shall rank as an obstruction except when finishing or completing a round. Boats contravening this SI will be scored as DSQ without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 9.2** This rule shall also apply to boats after finishing.

10 THE START

- 10.1** The starting line will be between an orange mast on the Summer Battery and the course side of a black starting mark F.
- 10.2** RRS 26 shall not apply. Start times and signals will be made at three minute intervals.
- 10.3** The Warning Signal for the first start will be made at 1900, The Preparatory signal for the first start will be made at 1903.
- 10.4** After the first start the display of the class flag will be the preparatory signal for that fleet and the warning signal for the next fleet.
- 10.5** A boat that does not start within 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.6** In the event of a general recall for a fleet, that fleet will take as its preparatory signal the starting signal of the last fleet scheduled to race or the starting signal of the immediately preceding fleet subject to general recall if more than one fleet has been recalled. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 10.7** A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

11 THE FINISH

- 11.1** The finishing line will be between an orange mast on the Summer Battery and the course side of a black starting mark F.
- 11.2** The finishing signal shall be Flag S displayed on its own if all classes are to finish or with class flags as per SI 5.1 if only the classes designated by those flags are to finish. No sound signal will be made. This changes RRS 32.2 and Race Signals.
- 11.3** In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received

had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place.

- 11.4** In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may finish a boat when that boat has not completed the full complement of laps as completed by the first boat in that class. A finishing time under this Sailing Instruction will be calculated by the average lap method.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1** The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1** Protest forms are available in the summer battery. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3** Protest forms shall include the email address and contact telephone number of the protestor and when possible the protestee.
- 13.4** Notices will be posted within 48 hours of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14 SCORING

- 14.2** When fewer than five races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.3** When from five to eight races in a series have been completed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 14.4** When nine or more races in a series have been completed a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 14.5** In fast dinghy handicap class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick.
- 14.5** In multihull handicap class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the SCHRS.
- 14.5** In NIRKRA and NHC Keelboat handicap classes, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the RYA NHC.
- 14.6** All other classes will be considered to be 'One Design'.
- 14.7** Points for the complete series, Early and Late, will be calculated by adding together the net points from both series after discard.
- 14.8** Boats unable to race because their crew were on battery or rescue duty shall be awarded average points as per RRS A10(a)
- 14.9** A boat shall be disqualified from a race, without a hearing, if any Club Member on board has failed to fulfil their Battery or Rescue duty without providing reasonable excuse or if their subscription or dinghy park fees are in arrears.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.
- 15.2** All dinghies and multihulls shall have a painter of at least 5 metres of suitable line which is separate from any other lines or sheets affixed to the boat.
- 15.3** For NIRKRA and NHC Keelboats, anchors shall not be stowed projecting forward from the bow.
- 15.4** NIRKRA and NHC Keelboats shall comply with World Sailing Special Regulations for inshore racing.

ATTACHMENT A – Courses