



Irish Fireball Association and International 420 Class Association

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

6th/7th May 2017

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Championship will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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 Race Signals AP, 32, 35, 40, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the International Fireball Class Association and the International 420 Class Association will apply.
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to all boats of the International Fireball and 420 Classes.
- 2.2 Helms shall be a member of the respective Class Association.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.ballyholme.com or completing and sending in the attached entry form. Also available at www.ballyholme.com.

3 FEES

- 3.1 The Entry fee will be £50.00 sterling.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration: Saturday 6th May from 0830 to 1030
- 4.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1015 on Saturday 6th May 2017.
- 4.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 6 th May	Races 1, 2 and 3
Sunday 7 th May	Races 4, 5 and 6

- 4.4 Six Races are scheduled.
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal on Saturday 6th May is 1200. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 7th May is 1100.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on www.ballyholme.com.

6 SAILING AREA

- 6.1 The Sailing Area will be to the north of Ballyholme Bay in Belfast Lough.

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The courses to be sailed will be Old Olympic Triangle or Windward Leeward or Trapezoid.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM & ARBITRATION

- 8.1 Scoring Penalty 44.3 shall not apply.
- 8.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the

protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

9 SCORING

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

9.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

10 SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 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.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

11.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 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.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

15.1 By participating in this event 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

FURTHER INFORMATION

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Tel: 028 9127 1467 Email: admin@ballyholme.com

ACCOMMODATION

Camping, caravans and motorhomes – We have some limited space on site - contact admin@ballyholme.com as soon as possible – available on a first come first served basis.

For information on Hotel and Bed and Breakfast Accommodation - contact:

<http://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com>