



Mackey Opticians Belfast Lough Autumn Series 2017

10th September to 22nd October 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising authority

This event will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series 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 27.1, 28.1, 32.2, 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.1, 66, A2 and A4 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the IRC Class, the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class, Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class, RS Elite, Waverley and the National Handicap for Cruisers Regatta scheme will apply.
- 1.5 Entrants may be required to carry sponsors advertising decals.
- 1.6 The crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.
- 1.7 Boats may remove cabin cushions and other soft furnishings for this series.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the IRC Class, Sigma 33 OOD Class, NHC, Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class, RS Elite, Waverley and NHC (Restricted Sail) Keelboats. Please check <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/NHC.aspx> for details of the NHC scheme. NHC (Restricted Sail) Class will sail without spinnakers.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Ballyholme Yacht Club.

3 FEES

Required fees are as follows: £ 50.00 per Boat for the six races organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club. There is a 3 race entry fee available for £25.00 per boat for the first 3 or 4 races in September.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Sunday 10 th September	Races 1; until
Sunday 22 nd October	Races 7

- 4.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 10:30.

4.3 Class Flags

IRC Class	Numeral Pennant One
Sigma 33 Class	Numeral Pennant Two
NHC (Restricted Sail) Class	Numeral Pennant Three
RS Elite	Numeral Pennant Four
Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class	Code Flag Q
Waverley	Code Flag E

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.ballyholme.com

6 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in Belfast Lough off Bangor.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward with a Committee Boat start.

8 SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When from five to six races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

9 ARBITRATION

An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 20% penalty. See the Official Notice Board for details.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Prizes will be awarded to the Overall Class Winners. If five or more boats, there will be a 2nd prize. The Overall Prize Giving will be held on 22nd October at BYC after Sailing.

There will be weekly prizes for class winners as provided by our Sponsor Mackey Opticians at BYC. Boats may not win more than one weekly prize in Race 1-3 or Race 4-7. If a boat has already won a weekly prize in the mini-series, it will pass to the next highest competitor.

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

13 RISK STATEMENT

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 boat 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 SAFETY

IRC, Sigma 33 and NHC Keelboats shall comply with ORC Special Regulations Category 4 and anchors are not allowed to be stowed projecting forward of the bow. Boats infringing this instruction shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

All other keelboats shall carry a bilge pump, a bucket, an anchor and line, a compass, a life-jacket complete with whistle for each crew member, and a set of red flares which includes daylight smoke flares.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact :

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