



ICEBREAKER SERIES 2017-18

Organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. The Prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

1. The regatta is open to all dinghies either as one of the one-design classes listed below, or as a PY handicap dinghy or SCRS rated Multi-hull.
2. Eligible boats should enter using the on-line entry system on ballyholme.com. Entry and payment on-line attracts a £5.00 discount. Alternatively you can complete the entry form and send it, together with the required fee, to Ballyholme Yacht Club, Seacliff Road, Bangor BT20 5HT. Entry forms are available in the BYC foyer and at www.ballyholme.com.
3. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Results will not be awarded until entry and payment are received.

3. FEES

Required fees are as follows. There is a £5.00 discount for entering the whole series on-line

Please circle fee...	MEMBERS		VISITORS	
	Adults	Under 18	Adults	Under 18
Whole Series				
Single Hander	£55	£40	£105	£80
Double Hander	£75	£50	£125	£90
Single Series				
Single Hander	£35	£20	£65	£50
Double Hander	£50	£30	£80	£60
Individual Race	£10	£5	£15	£10

Visitors entry includes boat park space for duration of event. Individual race entries must remove boat afterwards

4. SCHEDULE

1. Registration: Sunday 1st October 2017 in Ballyholme YC foyer from 13:00 – 14:15
2. Dates of racing: The Series will be run in two parts - Part 1 will run from Sun 1st Oct until 17th Dec 2017, with 12 races scheduled Part 2 will run from Sun 4th Feb until 8th April 2018 with 9 races scheduled
3. Number of races: One race per day.
4. The scheduled time for the first warning signal each race day is 14:24.

5. FLEETS

Boats will race in four fleets with separate starts

- a) Small Dinghy Fleet - One Design Classes: Topper, Topper 4.2, Laser 4.7's and PY Handicap > 1170
- b) Larger Dinghy Fleet – PY Handicap < 1170
- c) Multi-hull Fleet – SCRS Handicap
- d) Laser Fleet – Laser Standard and Laser Radial

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and afterwards in the BYC foyer, and on the club website.

7. THE COURSES

The courses are to be set around BYC dinghy marks in Ballyholme Bay. There will normally be a committee boat start at one of the dinghy marks to try and provide a windward first leg, with provision for a shore-based start from the BYC battery as required.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

The exoneration penalty and the advisory hearing and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

9. SCORING

1. Five races are required to be completed to constitute each part of the series.
 - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - c) When from 8 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores
 - d) When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
2. Both parts of the series will be scored as separate events. There will also be an Overall Series, calculated by adding the net points of each "Part" together.
3. A boat that did not come to the starting area (DNC) shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats that came to the start area.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following classes for each Part, in addition to the Overall Series:

1. One-design classes: Topper, Topper 4.2, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, and Laser Standard
2. PY Handicap: Small dinghy – PY > 1170
3. PY Handicap: Large dinghy – PY < 1170
4. SCRS Handicap: Multi-hull

If any other one-design class attracts 5 entries or more in one of the PY Handicap series, an extra series prize may be given to that class at the discretion of the Organising Committee. There may also be Silver and Bronze fleet prizes for the Laser Standard Class at the discretion of the Organising Committee. The fleets for both series will be allocated after 6 races of Part 1 are completed.

11. RISK STATEMENT

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

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent.
2. In amendment of RRS 1.2 & 40, all sailors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat. 29er youth skiff dinghies shall use mast flotation devices at all times.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see www.ballyholme.com or contact Ballyholme Yacht Club, Seacliff Road, Bangor BT20 5HT, Tel 028 9127 1467; email - sailing@ballyholme.com