



**RYA NI Youth Championships and NI Schools Cup**  
**In association with McCready Sailboats**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Ballyholme Yacht Club**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

The 2017 RYANI Youth Championships will be held at Ballyholme Yacht Club.  
The Organizing Authority is the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland (RYANI)  
in conjunction with Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC)

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Competitors should note that RYA Events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020), or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter)
- 1.3 The rules and regulations of BYC shall be followed and will be available on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 This Notice of Race may be amended by a Notice to Competitors from the Organising Authority.

**2. Advertising**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

**3. Eligibility**

- 3.1 Racing will be for nominated dinghy classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 5 boats by the entry closing date will be reviewed. The Organising Authority reserve the right to cancel racing for a fleet after the closing date if the minimum entry has not been met. The Organising Authority will offer a full refund to anyone whose fleet has been cancelled.
- 3.2 The dinghies will be Optimist, Topper, Topper 4.2, RS Feva XL, Mirror, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, 29er and 420 fleets. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries.
- 3.4 Competitors shall be under 19 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, and under 16 in the Optimist, Topper, Mirror and RS Feva classes.



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- 3.5 For organisational and safety reasons all entries must be made on the event online entry form on or before **18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Entries will not be accepted after this date except at the High Performance Manager's discretion. [www.rya.org.uk/racing-events](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events)
- 3.6 All helms and crews are required to submit Parent/ Guardian Declarations at registration at the event. This form can be downloaded from the event website and a copy shall be e mailed upon receipt of entry and payment.
- 3.7 **Regatta fleet racing** at the RYANI Youth Championships is open to less experienced sailors in Optimists and Toppers (Including 4.2 sailors) who are learning how to race. The racing shall be organised by an RYANI Coach and run on an informal basis, starting at around the same time as the main fleets, on both days.

The coaches will brief the regatta fleet sailors on the format for the day, immediately after the main competitor briefing on Saturday.

- 3.8 Female participants will be required to display a red diamond on their sail for the duration of the championships. Competitors will be provided with diamonds.

#### 4. Fees

The entry fees are as follows:

	Non- RYA Member	RYA Member
Single-hander:	£50	£35
Double-Hander	£60	£45
Regatta Fleet	£35	£25

Non RYA members can join the RYA at [www.ryani.org.uk](http://www.ryani.org.uk)  
Fees: Youth £15

#### 5. Schedule

##### 5.1 Registration:

Competitors shall register at the Registration Office on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1600 - 2000 and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 08:30 – 10:00. There will be a competitor briefing at 10:00.

##### 5.2 Measurement:

Class measurement certificates may be required at registration. Except for the regatta fleet where they will not be required.

### 5.3 **Racing Programme:**

The detailed programme will be published in the Sailing Instructions. The warning signal for the first race on 23<sup>rd</sup> September will not be before 11:25. The race committee will endeavour to complete the Championships by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

## 6. **Sailing Instructions**

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available for all competitors at registration at the venue.

6.2 Draft Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website from 21<sup>st</sup> September. Note that these are DRAFT and may be subject to change. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to [richard.honeyford@rya.org.uk](mailto:richard.honeyford@rya.org.uk). These together with answers will be posted on the event website.

## 7. **Venue**

Races will be sailed in the waters of Belfast Lough.

## 8. **Courses**

The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid.

## 9. **Protests**

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available

## 10. **Scoring**

Scoring in each fleet will be in accordance with Appendix A. One race will constitute a championship.

When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

## 11. **Support Boats**

Except when requested by or agreed with the race committee, coaches and supporters shall not communicate with competitors' afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area.

## 12. **Berthing**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces in the boat park.

## 13. **Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.

## 14. **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and will normally be awarded to:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Boy and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Girl in each class. This may be adjusted for classes with small fleets.

Only residents from Northern Ireland are eligible to compete for the overall RYANI prizes. Overall prizes are calculated using a boat's weighted score:

The *RYA Northern Ireland Youth Champion* trophy shall be awarded to the first Youth sailor overall in an RYA Youth Pathway Class.

The *RYA Northern Ireland Lady's Trophy* will be awarded to the first Youth Lady overall in an RYA Youth Pathway Class.

The *RYA Northern Ireland Junior Champion* trophy shall be awarded to the first Junior sailor overall in an RYA Junior Pathway Class.

The *RYA Northern Ireland Schools Cup* will be awarded to the first NI school overall.

The *RYA Northern Ireland Club Trophy* will be awarded to the first RYA affiliated Club in NI overall.

#### **15. Rights to Use Name and Likenesses**

Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

#### **16. Safety Regulations**

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.1

#### **17. Liability – 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 racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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;

g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

## **18. Insurance**

Boats are required to be adequately insured including against third party claims of at least £3,000,000.

## **19. Further Information**

All material relating to the event, including news, detailed schedules, entry lists etc. will be published on the event website in due course.

### **Contacts**

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To be considered for the RYANI Junior or Youth Squads, all sailors must complete the online application process on [www.ryani.org.uk](http://www.ryani.org.uk)