



49er **49er FX** **29er**

Weekend of Speed

Irish Open Multihull Championships 2020

49er and 49er FX Irish Championships 2020

29er Northern Championships 2020

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October 2020
Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down

RACING UNDER COVID-19

We will be running the Weekend of Speed with the minimum number of race management volunteers. These instructions will be updated as the situation and the COVID guidelines change.

There will be no access to changing facilities at Ballyholme Yacht Club so please arrive ready to sail. There will be limited access to toilet facilities. There will be no catering facilities available, although we will be able to provide tea and coffee from the outside bar service.

The Government is trusting people to continue to act responsibly and follow the guidance on what they should and should not do. In any event, it is up to the participant to individually assess their own risk in taking part in Club Racing at present. It is the responsibility of the members concerned to ensure they adhere to social distancing measures when sailing together. We are very exposed to public view at Ballyholme so to avoid any negative feedback please use common sense when in the dinghy park and be 'Conservative and Considerate' in your sailing. We strongly advise the use of face masks for all support personnel, at all times, whilst on our premises. Hand sanitiser is available at various points in the dinghy park – please use it.

Gatherings at a sporting event increases the risk of infection transmission. Social distancing is therefore essential to prevent further waves of the epidemic and everyone has a responsibility to ensure social distancing is adhered to. Failure to comply with Government Guidelines whilst attending this event could be considered Misconduct under the Racing Rules of Sailing.

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 The rules of the appropriate classes will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) Signals AP, 33, 35, 40, 44.1, 60.1(a), 62.2, A2, A4, A5 will be changed. The changes are detailed, in full, in the sailing instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. [DP]

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to boats of the Multihull, 49er, 49er FX and 29er Class.
- 3.2 Helms shall be a member of their respective Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online at www.ballyholme.com by Wednesday 14th October 2020.
- 3.4 Late entries will not be accepted for this event.

4 CLASSIFICATION

Does not apply to this event

5 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

If paid by Wednesday 14th October – Discounted Rate:

Multihulls, 49er and 49er FX £ 60.00

29er, Multihull Single-handers and Juniors £ 50.00

Multihull Juniors shall be under the age of 21 on Saturday 17th October 2020.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply to this event.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 There will be no Registration at this event – please collect your sanitised trolley tags from the Race Office at Ballyholme Yacht Club on arrival. [DP]
- 7.2 There will be no competitor briefing at this event.
- 7.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 17 th October	Races 1 to 4
Sunday 18 th October	Races 5 to 8
- 7.3 Eight Races are scheduled.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 17th October is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 18th October is 1055.

8 MEASUREMENT

There will be no equipment inspection prior to this event.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.ballyholme.com approximately one week before the event.

10 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be in or immediately to the north of Ballyholme Bay.

11 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 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.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 13.3 Corrected times for multihulls will be calculated using the boats SCHRS handicap and average laps.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

Does not apply to this event.

15 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park. [DP]

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply to this event.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply to this event.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. [DP]

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second, and if at least six entries, Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20 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 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

21 INSURANCE

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.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

Ballyholme Yacht Club

Tel: 028 9127 1467

Email: admin@ballyholme.com

ACCOMMODATION

Camping, caravans and motorhomes – Unfortunately in the current circumstance we are unable to provide room for camping or campervans or motorhomes.

There are a number of Air BnB properties convenient to the Club and there is also now a new Premier Inn in Bangor

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

<http://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com>