



**RYA NI Youth Championships and NI Schools Cup
Incorporating 2020 420 Northern Championships
Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September 2020
Ballyholme Yacht Club**

RETURN TO RACING UNDER COVID-19

OVERVIEW

This year's RYA Northern Ireland Youth Championships are two, separate, one day events. Each class will race on one day only. Racing on Saturday 19th September will be for ILCA 7 (formerly known as Laser Standard), ILCA 6 (formerly known as Laser Radial), 420, and 29er. Racing on Sunday 20th September will be for Topper, Topper 4.2, RS Feva XL, ILCA 4 (formerly known as Laser 4.7), Mirror and Optimist. The intention is to run more, shorter races. This is to reduce the number of people on site at any time to comply with social distancing guidelines. For the same reason we will be running with the minimum number of volunteers.

There will be no Regatta fleet for the less experienced sailors who are learning to race at this event – this will be run separately from the main event on another date.

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. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide food to sailors when they come off the water. Please make your own arrangements for food.

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.

By making a choice to come to the club and take part in the event, understand that you increase your risk and therefore household risk of exposure to COVID 19.

- **Are you or any of your household currently experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 illness now or have experienced in the last 14 days?** If YES, stay home.
- **Have you been 'contact traced'?** If YES, stay home.



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organised by the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland (RYANI) in conjunction with Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC)

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that a 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 Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signals AP, 28.1, 33, 35, 40, 44.1, 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.2, 64.1, A4 and A5. The changes will appear, in full, in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Rules of the Individual Classes will apply.
- 1.5 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

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 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 refund to anyone whose fleet has been cancelled.
- 3.2 The nominated dinghies will be Optimist, Topper, Topper 4.2, RS Feva XL, Mirror, ILCA 4 (Formerly known as Laser 4.7), ILCA 6 (formerly known as Laser Radial), ILCA 7 (formerly known as Laser Standard), 29er and 420 fleets.
- 3.4 Competitors in the NI Youth Championships shall be under 19 on 31st December 2020, and under 16 in the Optimist, Topper, Mirror and RS Feva classes. Age Limits will not apply for competitors in the 420 Regional Championships and the 29er Triple Crown Northern Leg only.
- 3.5 For organisational and safety reasons all entries must be made on the event online entry form at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ryani-youth-championships-2020-1920-september-2020-registration-119580401199> on or before **16th September 2020**. Entries will not be accepted after this date except at the discretion of the Performance Development Officer. Contact ni.pdo@rya.org.uk.
- 3.6 All helms and crews are required to submit Parent / Guardian Declarations by email to ryani@rya.org.uk prior to the day of the event. This form can be downloaded from the event website and a copy shall be emailed upon receipt of entry and payment.

4 CLASSIFICATION

Does not apply to this event

5 FEES

The entry fees are as follows:

	RYA Member	Non-RYA Member
Single-hander:	£25	£40
Double-Hander	£30	£45

Non RYA members can join the RYA at www.ryani.org.uk Fees: Youth £15

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply to this event.



7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 There will be no on-site registration for this event. Competitors will be required to collect a launching trolley tag from the Race Office on arrival.
- 7.2 There will be no briefing.
- 7.3 Racing:
- | <i>Date</i> | <i>Race</i> | <i>Class</i> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Saturday 19 th September | Races 1 to 5 | ILCA 7, ILCA 6, 420, 29er |
| Sunday 20 th September | Races 1 to 5 | Topper, Topper 4.2, RS Feva XL, ILCA 4, Mirror, Optimist |
- 7.4 Five Races are scheduled each day.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 19th September is 1055.
- 7.6 No Warning signal will be made after 1600.

8 MEASUREMENT

There will be no equipment inspection prior to this event.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event webpage approximately one week prior to the event. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to ryani@rya.org.uk. These, together with answers, will be posted on the event website.

10 VENUE

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

11 COURSES

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

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a Protest Committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See Official Notice Board for details.
- 12.2 For the 29er Class only RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

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

14 SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 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. [DP]
- 14.2 All support boats shall register with the Organising Authority by 1200 on Friday 18th September by emailing clubmanager@ballyholme.com with details of support boat (colour and size), Owner/Driver's Name, Preferred Callsign, Name and Sail Number of supported competitor. [DP]
- 14.3 Drivers of support boats shall use a kill cord at all times afloat when the engine is running. All support persons afloat shall wear personal floatation devices. [DP]

15 BERTHING

If assigned, boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces while they are in the boat 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 communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and will normally be awarded to: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Boy and 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 Youth 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 Lady's Junior Champion trophy shall be awarded to the first Junior Lady 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.

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 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 for the event;

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

22 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 RRS 40 and part 4 preamble.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE



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.

ACCOMMODATION

Unfortunately, under the current restrictions we are unable to provide space for Camping, Caravans 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/>

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RYANI Youth Performance Programmes

To be considered for the RYANI Junior or Youth Performance Programmes, sailors must complete the online application form, before 30th September 2020. This application form can be found on the RYANI website under the 'Performance' tab, along with other relevant Youth Performance Programme information.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/rya-regions/rya-ni/performance/Pages/youth-performance-programme.aspx>

The 20/21 Youth Performance Programme training and selection will take place on the weekends; 3/4 October (Topper) and 10/11 October (Laser) at Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club.

Topper Training and Selection weekend

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/topper-training-selection-weekend-saturday-3-sunday4-october-2020-registration-119413957361>

Laser Training and Selection weekend

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laser-training-selection-weekend-saturday-10-sunday-11-october-2020-registration-119415269285>

