

Ballyholme Yacht Club



ICEBREAKER SERIES 2020 2021

4th October 2020 to 20th December 2020

31st January 2021 to 28th March 2021

RACING UNDER COVID-19

We will be running the Icebreaker Series with the minimum number of race management volunteers and a slightly simpler flag system – so please read the Sailing Instructions. 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. The outside bar service will be available.

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.

When registering your entry on the sheet provided (see NOR 3.2) please make use of the Hand Sanitiser provided.

- **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 2020 2021 Icebreaker Series will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* in force at the time of racing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules 26, 27.1, 28.1, 29.2, 32.2, 33, 40, 61.3, 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the various Class Associations will apply.

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 dinghies and multihull dinghies in the following classes:
 - Slow Handicap Class – dinghies with a Portsmouth Number greater than 1140
 - Fast Handicap Class – dinghies with a Portsmouth Number less than or equal to 1140

ILCA 7 (formerly known as Laser Standard) and ILCA 6 (formerly known as Laser Radial)
Multihull Dinghies

- 3.2 Competitors shall enter each individual race by attending at the south door of the Cadet Room and entering their name, class, and sail number, on the sheet provided, **before going afloat**. In amendment of RRS 63.1 a boat contravening NOR 3.2 shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.

4 CLASSIFICATION

Does not apply to this event

5 FEES

- 5.1 There are no fees for entering the Icebreaker Series 2020 2021.
5.2 Boats without a current annual berthing arrangement at Ballyholme Yacht Club may be left at the Club for £40.00 per series. i.e. £80.00 for complete series. These boats must be removed at the end of the series which has been paid for or will be liable for normal dinghy park fees.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply to this event.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The series will be run in two parts.
7.2 Part One will run from Sunday 4th October 2020 to Sunday 20th December 2020 with 12 Races scheduled.
7.3 Part Two will run from Sunday 31st January 2021 to Sunday 28th March 2021 with 9 races scheduled.
7.4 One race will be run on each day.
7.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1424 except on 7th February 2021, 14th February 2021 and March 14th 2021, when the first warning signal is 1324.

8 MEASUREMENT

Does not apply to this event.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the Club Website at www.ballyholme.com.

10 VENUE

Racing will take place in Ballyholme Bay.

11 THE COURSES

Courses will be around fixed marks from a committee boat start.

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 Multihull Class only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Five races in each part of the series are required to be completed to constitute a series.
13.2 When fewer than 5 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
13.3 When from 5 to 7 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
13.4 When from 8 to 10 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
13.5 When 11 or more races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
13.6 The two parts of the series will be scored as separate events. There will also be an Overall Series. Results for the Overall Series will be calculated by adding the net points of each "Part" together.
13.7 Scoring for the Slow and Fast Handicap class will be calculated using the current Portsmouth Number.
13.8 Scoring for the Multihull class will be calculated using the current SHCRS number.
13.9 In amendment of A4.2 boats who are scored DNS, OCS, BFD, UFD, DNF, RET or DSQ will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of starters in that race. Boats scored DNC will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of starters in that race.

13.10 Competitors who volunteer to give up racing on any race day to help provide rescue cover will be scored average points for that part of the series.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

Does not apply to this event.

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 communications not available to all boats in their class.

19 PRIZES

Each Class will have their own separate series and prizes will be awarded for both parts of the series. The Part One Prize giving will be held at the Icebreaker Dinner after racing on 22nd December 2019. The Overall and Part Two Prize giving will be held after racing on 5th April 2020.

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 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 £3,000,000.00 Sterling or the equivalent.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

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