



BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB

Ulster Open Windsurfing Championships

Saturday 21st October 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

See NoR 1

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the South facing window of the Cadet Room of Ballyholme Yacht Club.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

See NoR 6

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Class Flag	First Start Time
Gold fleet	Numeral Pennant 1	1100
Silver fleet	Numeral Pennant 2	1100

8 RACING AREA

Will be in Belfast lough (off Bangor) / Ballyholme Bay .

9 COURSES

Each class will sail the course as indicated in the diagram attached at Appendix A.

10 MARKS

Start mark is a round green inflatable, Marks 1, 3 are cylindrical orange inflatables and mark 2 is a round yellow inflatable, finish mark is a round red inflatable.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

A rescue boat in close attendance to a casualty is an obstruction.

12 THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between an orange mast on the Committee Boat and a green inflatable mark.

12.2 RRS 26 shall apply. Start times and signals will be as follows:

Starting sequence:

Start - 5 minutes	Warning Signal	Display Class Flag
Start – 4 minutes	Preparatory Signal	Display Flag P
Start – 1 minute		Remove Flag P
Start		Remove Class Flag

12.3 A competitor that does not start within 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12.4 A board sailor whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Does not apply

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange mast displaying a blue flag on a Committee Boat and an inflatable red mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 10.

16 TIME LIMITS

16.1 A board sailor not finishing within 10 minutes of the lead board in their class will be scored DNF

16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a score to a board sailor that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A board sailor so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more board sailors that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last board sailor has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.2 Hearing request forms shall include the email address and contact telephone number of the protestor and, when possible, the protestee.

17.3 Hearing Request forms are available at the Club Office or Members Lounge at Ballyholme Yacht Club.

17.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18 SCORING

As per NoR 12

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] [NP] A board sailor that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. This can be done by contacting persons at RYANI gazebo sited at the green area at the Banks Lane

carpark, the BYC Beach Master or any on-water event Safety vessel.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

[DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Details of the start Committee Boat the finish boat will be disclosed at the competitors briefing. A Jury boat may be on the water and this will be a grey coloured rib. Ballyholme Yacht Club patrol vessels are RIBs normally orange in colour.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 14

30 RISK STATEMENT


As per NoR 15


31 INSURANCE

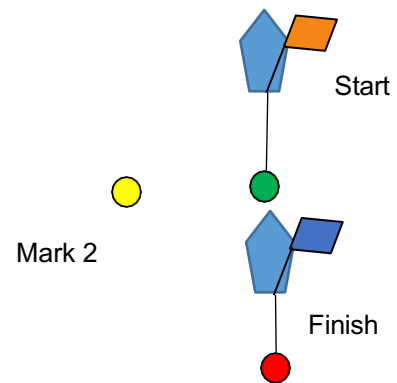
As per NoR 16

Appendix A – Courses

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Mark 1 

Mark 3 



Slalom Course:

Start

Mark 1 rounded to port

Mark 2 rounded to starboard

Mark 3 rounded to port

Finish

TIDES TIMES	(GMT)	
Low water	0848	1.1m
High water	1509	3.2m

Should the wind direction shift, the Start / Finish vessels position maybe reversed with the new course