

BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB

Ulster Open Windsurfing Championships

Saturday 21st October 2023



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Notice of Race

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The Organising Authority is Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC) in association with the Irish Windsurfing Association (IWA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Appendix B (Windsurfing fleet racing rules) shall apply.
- 1.2 Club, council rules and byelaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council land which will be used to accommodate the hosting of the event.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that BYC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on Ballyholme Yacht Clubs web site at www.ballyholme.com at least by the Monday before the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

The official noticeboard is located on the south facing window of Ballyholme Yacht Club visible from outside.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Racing in the Open Windsurfing Championships will be in the following fleets and sub-divisions where notified:

Gold and Silver

A competitor may use "fin", "foil" or "wing"

Within these fleets the following age categories (divisions) may be recognised depending on entry numbers:

Junior (aged 16 or under as at 31st December 2023)

Youth (aged 18 or under as at 31st December 2023)

Master (aged 35+ born 1987 or before)

Grand Master (aged 45+ born 1977 or before)

Veteran (aged 55+ born 1967 or before)

Super Veteran (aged 65+ born 1957 or before)

- 4.2 A sailor shall be a member of the IWA, UKWA, or a member of either their national windsurfing association or a World Sailing Member National Authority.
- 4.3 Entries should be made in advance through the BYC website www.ballyholme.com. Online entry closes at 1200 Friday 20th October 2023.
- 4.4 Before competing, each competitor shall register their attendance and collect race bibs at the Gazebo in the Banks Lane Car Park..
- 4.5 Parents of competitors under the age of 18 shall agree a Parent/Guardian Declaration online at time of entry.
- 4.6 Fleets may race together on a single start, depending on the number of entries. Individual classes within a fleet shall be raced and scored as a single fleet.
- 4.7 [NP] Sailors shall wear a numbered bib over their most outer clothing, which must be visible at all times whilst afloat.
- 4.8 Competitors shall enter and race under their allocated number, other than with the express permission of the Race Committee.
- 4.9 A competitor not complying with NoR 4.8 will be scored DSQ but may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty for each race whilst in breach of 4.7 without written permission of the Race Officer or his / her deputy. This amends A5.1 and A5.2.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee for Open Windsurfing Championships is £20.00.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing classes. If no limitations are prescribed within the class rules, WS Regulation 20- Advertising Code shall take precedence.
- 7.2 Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Competitors shall confirm entry and collect bibs at the Banks Lane Car Park on the Saturday morning from 0800 – 0945

- 9.2 There will be a welcome and briefing for all competitors on the Saturday at 1000 (in person) at the Banks Lane car park.
- 9.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1055.
- 9.4 The normal programme for each fleet on Saturday will be maximum 11 races on the day
- 9.5 Unless the Race Officer or his/her deputy indicate otherwise, there will be 3 races back-to-back, before a short break. After which a similar format will follow.
- 9.5 There will be no warning signal made after 1530.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The sailing area will be in Ballyholme Bay/Belfast Lough, Bangor, Co.Down.
- 10.2 Staging post will be at the Banks Lane Carpark, Banks Lane, off the Groomsport Road, Bangor, County Down. What3words reference: fingernails.dean.discusses

11 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be “Slalom” or “Figure of 8” – details will be on the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 One race is required to be completed
- 12.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. Appendix A A8 Series Ties does not apply.
- 12.3 A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by ‘pre entering’, but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.
- 12.4 Rule A5 does not apply. A board which does not start / did not sail the course / did not finish / retired or was disqualified will be awarded a score of the number of sailors entered for that race plus 1.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 All competitors should carry a SOLAS approved whistle at all times.
- 13.2 All junior sailors who will be aged 17 or under on 31st December 2023 shall wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Excluding windfoils.
- 13.3 All Windfoil or Wingfoil crew shall wear an impact vest which may also act as personal flotation device in accordance with 16.5
- 13.4 Sailors who enter on a Windfoil or Wingfoil must wear a helmet at all times.
- 13.5 If the Y flag is flying, all competitors shall always wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A personal flotation device may include an impact vest with a minimum of 50 Newtons.
- 13.6 If conditions dictate, the organisers may require all competitors to wear personal floatation devices and/or wet or dry suits.
- 13.7 **Mandatory Instructions on the Water - Boards and Competitors in Difficulty.** When the race committee considers that a board, it’s equipment or sailor are not adequate for the

existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or sailor is in difficulty, it may instruct the board or sailor not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The board and sailor shall comply with such instructions without delay.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first competitor in each fleet with 3 or more registered at the event, provided that at least one race has been completed. Additional fleet prizes, and category /sub-division prizes, may be awarded depending upon the numbers of competitors.

15 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 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.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of IWA or UKWA membership.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relating to the event including, Covid, news, directions to the event site, parking and camping, accommodation, and the social programme, will be published on the BYC website prior to the event.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE