

Junior Icebreaker Series

Organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club

Part 1: 3rd February 2024 to 2nd March 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Junior Icebreaker Series will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta series 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 25, 40, 62.2, and Appendix A will be changed. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to topper 5.3, topper 4.2, RS Feva, ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and all other classes with a cadet sailor.
- 2.2 Competitors will be recorded going afloat and coming ashore by a parent/volunteer on shore. All competitors will comply with any reasonable request from this helper.
- 2.3 All helms must hold RYA stage 3 or equivalent
- 2.4 All sailors and parents will observe the policies and codes outlined here:
<https://ballyholme.com/policies-documents/>

3 FEES

- 3.1 *The fees for entering the Taggarts Junior Icebreaker Series 2024 are £15 per series for members and £30 for non-members*
- 3.2 Boats without a current annual berthing arrangement at Ballyholme Yacht Club may be left at the Club for £20.00 per month. This is very limited and only through request at the Office.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The series will be run in 1 parts.
- 4.2 Part One will run from Saturday 3rd February 2024 to Saturday 2nd March 2024
No more than 4 races will be run on each day.
- 4.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1425.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the club web-site

6 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be Ballyholme Bay usually the area adjacent to the clubhouse.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward, triangle or "Topper square"

8 PENALTY SYSTEM & ARBITRATION

- 8.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

9 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 9.1 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.

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 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.

11 INSURANCE

11.1 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