



RS Aero Irish Northern Championships 2024

Saturday 18th May to Sunday 19th May 2024

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

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

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, either in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.ballyholme.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located on the window of the cadet room at Ballyholme Yacht Club visible from the outside.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS Aero class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a member of the Irish or other RS Aero Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.ballyholme.com and paying online.
- 4.4 If racing is to be held as a single fleet, finishing positions will be calculated using Portsmouth Handicap.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the RS Class Association website and should be completed and handed in at registration.

5. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:	Up to 2359 Tues 14 th May	From Midnight 14 th May
RS Aero	£ 50.00	£ 60.00

Entries will be accepted up to 1800 Thursday before the event. Entries will not be accepted after this time.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats 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 Registration Saturday 18th May 0830 to 1015.

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1015 on Saturday 18th May.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 18 th May	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 19 th May	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday is 1155.
The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 1055.

9.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be to the north of Ballyholme Bay in Belfast Lough.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward or Trapezoid.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty apply to this regatta. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15.3 All boats will be scored using corrected times calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick system.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

- 16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.
- 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**
Does not apply.
- 18 BERTHING**
[DP] If allocated, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.
- 19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
Does not apply.
- 20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**
Does not apply.
- 21 DATA PROTECTION**
The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.
- 22 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.
- 23 INSURANCE**
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.
- 24 PRIZES**
Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:
First, Second and Third
First Female Helm
First Master (over 55)
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 25 FURTHER INFORMATION**
For further information please contact admin@ballyholme.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Information

A certain amount of space at the club is available for camping and or campervans/motorhomes. This is available on a first come, first served basis. Contact admin@ballyholme.com to reserve space.

Hotel and Bed and Breakfast Accommodation - contact: <http://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com>

There are a large number of Air BNB properties and also a new Premier Inn in Bangor – contact through their website.