



Ballyholme YC

RS Feva National Championship 2024
Saturday 17th August to Sunday 18th August 2024
Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.1. RRS 35 is changed so that after the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course.
- 1.2. [DP] RRS 40.1 applies at all times while afloat.
- 1.3. In the case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located on the south facing window of the clubhouse, visible from 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 all boats of the RS Feva class.
- 4.2 All competitors shall be a current member of the Irish RS Feva Class Association or the UK RS Feva Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by:
 - (a) completing the online form at www.ballyholme.com
 - (b) making the required entry fee payment.

- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 [NP] [DP] The Organising Authority may cancel the event, and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.7 [NP] [DP] Should the Organising Authority reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Class	Before 0800 Monday 12 th August	After 0800 Monday 12 th August
RS Feva	£ 80.00	£ 100.00

- 5.2 The closing date for entries is midnight on Thursday 15th August. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and will be subject to an increase in entry fee of £10.00.
- 5.3 If a competitor cancels their entry, the refund will be as follows:
- (a) Cancellation up to 14 days prior to the event, a refund of £40 will be paid.
 - (b) Cancellation within 14 days prior to the event no refund will be paid.
- 5.4 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event the refund to competitors will be dependent on the expenditure already incurred and committed to and be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

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 will be from 09:30-11:30 on Friday 16th August and 08:30-10:30 on Saturday 17th August.
- 9.2 The competitor briefing will take place at 10:30 on Saturday 17th August.
- 9.3 The schedule is as follows:

Day/Date	First warning signal	Races per day scheduled	Races per day maximum
Saturday 17 th August	11:55	3	4
Sunday 18 th August	10:55	3	4

- 9.4 The event will consist of up to 6 races in total. Additional races may be sailed on each day either in advance or arrears to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 9.5 On the last day of racing no warning signal may be made after 1500.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 Boats may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class rules.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2 [NP] A functional whistle attached by a lanyard shall be carried by competitors whilst afloat.

12 VENUE

12.1 The Sailing Area will be in or just outside Ballyholme Bay in Belfast Lough.

13 COURSES

13.1 The courses will be Trapezoid and/or Windward-Leeward courses.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

15.1 One race is 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.

15.3 When between four and six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 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 All support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat and when the engine of a support vessel is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

16.3 All support vessel drivers shall attend the applicable briefing.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

18.1 [DP] 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

21.1 The Data Processing Policy is available on the club website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will only be awarded to sailors permanently resident on the Island of Ireland.

24.2 Prizes will be awarded, dependent on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, as follows:

- (a) First, Second and Third prizes to boats with both sailors aged 18 years and under.
- (b) First, Second and Third prizes to boats with both sailors aged 13 years and under.
- (c) Dependent on entries, prizes may be awarded to boats in the Family category. The Family category is for parent / child crews.
- (d) An RS Feva National Champion title will be awarded to the first boat with both sailors aged 18 or under, and permanently resident on the Island of Ireland.
- (e) An RS Feva Open Champion title may be awarded to open crews - this will only be awarded if the first boat overall does not meet the age criteria above.

16.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1 For further information please contact admin@ballyholme.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE