

Ballyholme Yacht Club

TAGGARTS ICEBREAKER SERIES 2 2025-2026

1st February - 29th March 2026



Taggarts

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The event will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules 26, 27.1, 33, 44.1, 61.1(a), 60.3(b), 61.4(b), 62.2, and A will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions are available on the club website www.ballyholme.com.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located at the front door of Ballyholme Yacht Club.
- 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 Entry is open to dinghies and multihull dinghies in the following classes:
 - Slow Handicap Class – Dinghies with a Portsmouth Number greater than 1140
 - Fast Handicap Class – Dinghies with a Portsmouth Number less than or equal to 1140
 - Aero Class Dinghies
 - ILCA 7, ILCA 6, Laser and Laser Radial Dinghies
 - Multihull Dinghies
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available on www.ballyholme.com and paying the fee. Each part of the series may be entered separately.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fee for BYC members is £35.00 for single-handed craft and £45.00 for double-handed craft, per series. A £10.00 late entry fee is applied for boats entering the second part of the series after 1200 hrs on Friday 6th February 2026. There is no fee for these series for those who have entered and paid for the "Junior Icebreaker Series".
- 5.2 Entry fee for non-members of BYC is £60.00 for single-handed craft and £85 for double-handed craft, per series. A £10.00 late entry fee is applied for boats entering the second part of the series after 1200 hrs on Friday 6th February 2026.

- 5.3 For those boats that do not have a current berthing arrangement at Ballyholme Yacht Club, berthing will be available at £20.00 per month by arrangement with the Club Office.
- 5.4 **Failure to enter and pay the fee by 1200 on the Friday before first sailing in the series will result in the boat being scored DNC for that race even if the entry fee is later paid..**
- 6 CREW LIMITATIONS**
Does not apply.
- 7 ADVERTISING**
[DP] [NP] 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 The event will be run in two parts.
- 9.2 Part One Series will run from Sunday 5th October 2025 to Sunday 21st December 2025 with 12 races scheduled.
- 9.3 Part Two Series will run from Sunday 1st February 2026 to Sunday 29th March 2026 with 9 races scheduled.
- 9.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on each Sunday is 1424.
- 10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
Boats may be inspected at any time during the series.
- 11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**
- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
- 11.2 All dinghies and multihulls shall have a painter of at least 7 metres of suitable line affixed to the boat which is separate from any other lines or sheets.
- 11.5 Boats may sail with a sail number different from their allotted number, provided that notice of this intention is given to a member of the sailing committee for each individual race of a series before going afloat and the change is noted on the sign in sheet. Failure to comply with this will result in the boat being scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 12 VENUE**
The Sailing Area will be in Ballyholme Bay, Belfast Lough.
- 13 COURSES**
The courses to be sailed will be around fixed marks from a committee vessel start.
- 14 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for the Multihull class only.
- 14.2 The Post Race Penalty and Appendix T apply. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 15 SCORING**
- 15.1 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 15.2 Four races in each part of the series are required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 15.3 When fewer than 5 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.4 When from 5 to 7 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.5 When from 8 to 10 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 15.6 When 11 or more races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 15.7 The two parts of the series will be scored as separate series. There will also be an Overall Series. Results for the Overall Series will be calculated by adding the net points of each "Part" together.
- 15.8 In the slow and fast dinghy handicap and Aero class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick. Toppers and Topper 4.2s may be awarded separate prizes.
- 15.9 For the Aero class the Portsmouth Number used for an individual competitor will be for the largest sail size used in that part of the series by that competitor.
- 15.10 Scoring for the Multihull class will be calculated using the current SHCRS number.
- 15.11 Boats unable to race because their crew were on battery or rescue duty shall be awarded average points as per RRS A9(a).
- 15.12 A boat may be disqualified from a race, without a hearing, if their subscription or dinghy park fees are in arrears. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**
- 16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 100m 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 afloat all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and when the engine of a support vessel is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.
- 16.3 [DP] Support boats shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called upon by a Race Committee official to assist in the case of an emergency.
- 17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**
Does not apply.
- 18 BERTHING**
[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**
The Club Data Processing Policy is available on the class 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

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

- 24.1 Each Fleet will have their own separate series and prizes will be awarded for each series at the discretion of the race committee. Toppers and Topper 4.2s may be awarded separate prizes.
- 24.2 In the ILCA 7/Laser class, after five races have been completed, boats will be seeded into gold, silver and bronze and will display the appropriate coloured mast sock. Prizes may be awarded for these fleets.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact clubmanager@ballyholme.com.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE