

Ballyholme Yacht Club



NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS CLUB POINTS RACING 2026

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) 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), 61.2(b), 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 attached to this document and 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.
- 3.3 Ballyholme Yacht Club Battery operates on Channel 37 which may be used to communicate with the battery only.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to members' boats that fall into one of the classes as defined in SI 7 below. YTC Keelboats should send a copy of their YTC Certificate to admin@ballyholme.com before racing.
- 4.2 There is no formal entry form – boats must be registered with the club.

5 FEES

There is no entry fee for Club points racing.

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 Racing will be in four separate series. There will be one race per week in each series as follows:

Series	Start Date	Finish Date	Races	Comments
Tuesday Early Season	28 th April	23 th June	9	
Tuesday Late Season	30 th June	1 st Sep	10	
Sunday Early Season	3 rd May	28 th June	9	
Sunday Late Season	5 th July	30 st August	9	

9.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Tuesdays is 1900. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sundays is 1424.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 For dinghy and multihull classes, RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2 All dinghies and multihulls shall have a painter of at least 5 metres of suitable line which is separate from any other lines or sheets affixed to the boat.

11.3 For YTC Keelboats, anchors shall not be stowed projecting forward from the bow.

11.4 YTC Keelboats shall comply with World Sailing Special Regulations Appendix B for inshore racing.

11.5 Boats may sail with a sail number different from their allotted number, provided that notice of this intention is given to the Class Captain for each individual race of a series before going afloat. Failure to comply with this will result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This changes A5

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be in Ballyholme Bay and just outside for Cruiser Racers.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be around fixed marks.

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 Arbitration Procedures shall apply. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 Class captains are responsible for production of results for their class and to maintain series results.

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

15.3 RRS A5.3 will apply.

15.4 (a) When fewer than four races in each series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst three scores.

This changes RRS A2.

- 15.4 In slow and fast dinghy handicap class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick. In exception to this, the Topper 5.3s and Topper 4.2s, will be considered to be one design classes.
- 15.6 In multihull handicap class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the SCHRS.
- 15.7 In YTC Keelboat handicap classes, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the RYA YTC.
- 15.8 All other classes will be considered to be 'One Design'.
- 15.9 Boats unable to race because their crew were on battery or rescue duty shall be awarded average points as per RRS A9(a)
- 15.10A boat may be disqualified from a race, without a hearing, if any Club Member on board has failed to fulfil their Battery or Rescue duty without providing reasonable excuse or if their subscription or dinghy park fees are in arrears. This changes A5.

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 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.

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 club 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

Each Fleet will have their own separate series and prizes will be awarded for each series at the discretion of the race committee.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact clubmanager@ballyholme.com.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

See NoR 1

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the first warning signal on that day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the front door of Ballyholme Yacht Club.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE


Signals made ashore will be displayed at the battery in the North Park or in the case of cancellation before starting time at the main flagpole.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

See NoR 9

7 CLASS FLAGS

Start Times, Class flags and Course designations

Class	Class Flag	Start Time Tuesdays	Start Time Sundays	Course	Start on Flag	
ILCA 7/Laser & ILCA 6/Laser Radial	R	1906	1430	Short	R 	
Slow Dinghy PN ≥1142	Topper	1909	1433	Topper	T 	
	Topper 4.2					Q
	ILCA 4/Laser 4.7					J
	RS Feva and other dinghies					G
Fast Dinghy PN<1142	V	1912	1436	Short	V 	
Multihull	F	1915	1439	Medium	F 	
YTC Keelboats	K	1918	No Racing	Medium	K 	

8 RACING AREA

See NoR 12.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Each class will sail the course as indicated in the diagrams attached.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the north side of the Battery.
- 9.3 In amendment of RRS 27.1 and RRS 33 the course to be sailed may be displayed shortly after the preparatory signal or, when a subsequent round is to be sailed, as the leading boats in a class approach the Finishing Line at the end of the preceding round.
- 9.4 Instead of Mark 11 boats sailing medium courses will use Mark 9. Instead of Marks 10 or 7 boats sailing medium courses will use Mark 6.
- 9.5 Instead of Marks 11, 10, 7 and 8, all Slow Dinghy Handicap class boats will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11, 10 and 7 and to the west of mark 8.
- 9.5 If the letter T is displayed beside the number in SI 9.2, other classes will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11, 10 and 7 and to the west of mark 8.

10 MARKS

Marks 7, 8 and 11 are numbered black tapered cylinders with vertical yellow stripes. Mark F is a black tapered cylinder with the letter F. Marks 6, 9 and 10 are numbered red inflatables. Mark TM is a green tapered cylinder. Small marks, designated by red dots on the course card, are small round inflatables with the letter T.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

After starting correctly, the finish line between the orange pole at the battery in the North dinghy park and the black mark F shall rank as an obstruction except when finishing or completing a round. Boats contravening this SI will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between an orange mast on the Battery in the north dinghy park and the course side of a black mark F.
- 12.2 RRS 26 shall not apply. Start times and signals will be made at three-minute intervals.
- 12.3 After the first start the display of the class flag will be the preparatory signal for that fleet and the warning signal for the next fleet.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.5 In the event of a general recall for a fleet, that fleet will take as its preparatory signal the starting signal of the last fleet scheduled to race or the starting signal of the immediately preceding fleet subject to general recall if more than one fleet has been recalled. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 12.6 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Does not apply

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange mast on the battery in the north park and the course side of black mark F.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 14.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 There are no time limits for races in this series.
- 16.2 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and return ashore if there is no more racing. A score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes rules 61.1(a) and 62.4(b).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 6.3(b) and 61.2(b).
- 17.2 Hearing Request forms shall include the email address and contact telephone number of the protestor and, when possible, the protestee.
- 17.3 Hearing Request forms are available at the club office or battery.
- 17.4 Notices will be posted within 48 hours of protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18 SCORING

As per NoR 15

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Ballyholme Yacht Club patrol vessels are RIBs normally orange or black in colour.

24 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

As per NoR 24

24 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 22.

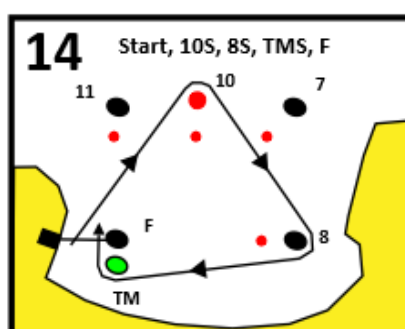
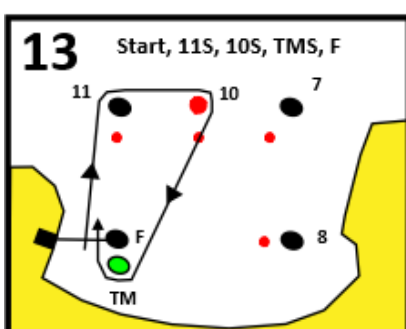
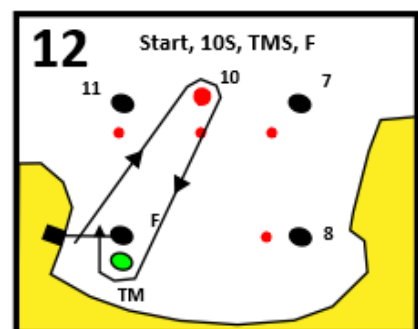
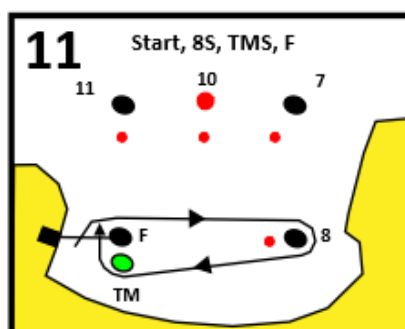
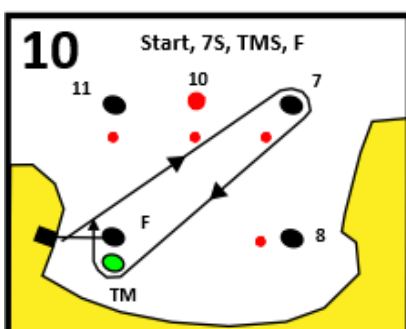
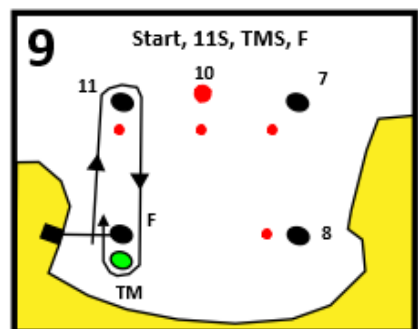
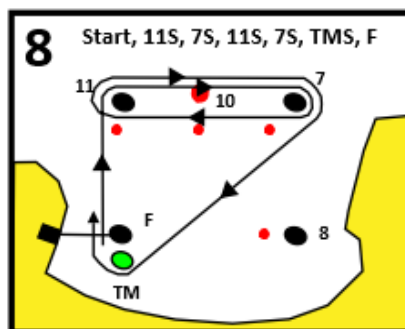
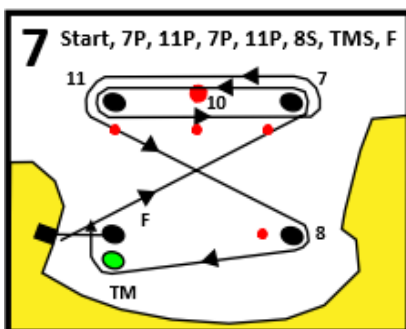
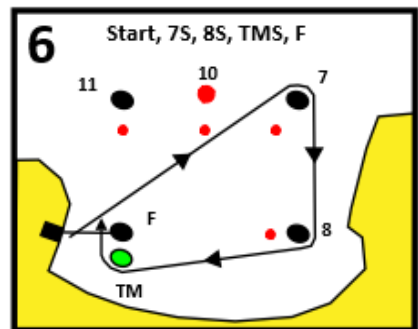
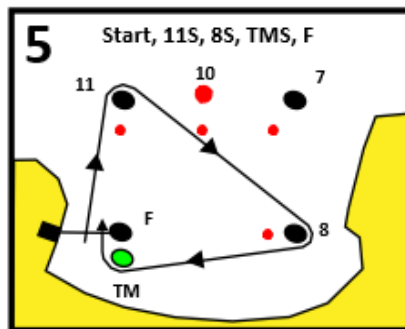
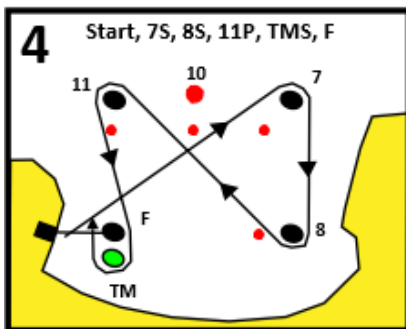
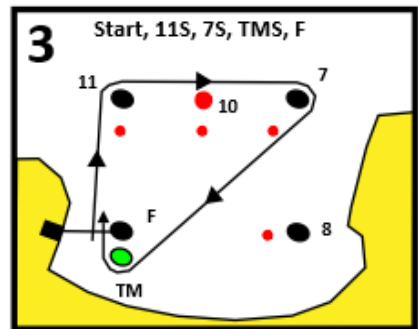
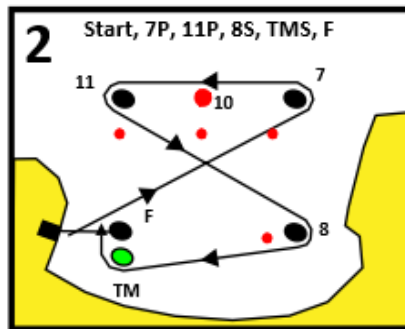
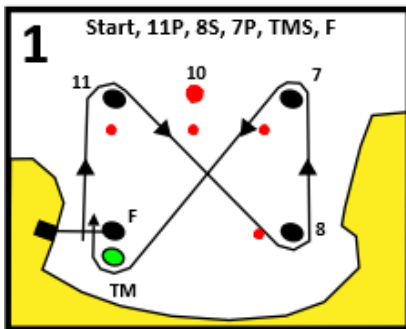
25 INSURANCE

As per NoR 23

Short Courses - Lower board White lettering on Blue background

Medium Courses have the same configuration as the short courses but marks 11 and 7 are replaced by red marks 9 and 6

Slow handicap class will use small red marks - See SI 9.4



For all courses
P = Round to Port
S = Round to Starboard

Mark 10 is only a mark of the course on Courses 12, 13 & 14