BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB
IWA Slalom Ranked Event

NORTH DOWN CHIRO& PHYSIO

Saturday 10 October 2026

Notice of Race

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.

The Organising Authority is Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC) in association with the Irish Windsurfing Association (IWA).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing.* Appendix B (Windsurfing fleet racing rules) shall apply.

1.2 Club, council rules and byelaws apply if displayed on the premises of the club or council land, which will be used to accommodate the hosting of the event.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on Ballyholme Yacht Club's website at www.ballyholme.com by the Monday before the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

The official noticeboard is located on the south-facing window of Ballyholme Yacht Club, visible from outside.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Racing in the Open Windsurfing Championships will be in the following fleets and sub-divisions where notified:

Gold, Silver and Bronze/Novice

A competitor may use "fin" or "foil" or "wing"

4.2 A sailor shall be a member of the IWA, UKWA, or a member of either their national windsurfing association or a World Sailing Member National Authority.

4.3 Entries should be made in advance through the BYC website www.ballyholme.com. Online entry closes at **1200 Friday 9th October** 2026.

4.4 Before competing, each competitor shall register their attendance and collect race bibs from the BYC representative at **BYC**.

4.5 Parents of competitors under the age of 18 shall agree a Parent/Guardian Declaration online at time of entry.

4.6 Fleets may race together on a single start, depending on the number of entries. Individual classes within a fleet shall be raced and scored as a single fleet.

4.7 [NP] Sailors shall wear a numbered bib over their outermost clothing, which must be visible at all times whilst afloat.

4.8 Competitors shall enter and race under their allocated number, other than with the express permission of the Race Committee.

4.9 A competitor not complying with NoR 4.8 will be scored DSQ but may seek redress via a results query form and accept a 20% place penalty for each race whilst in breach of 4.7 without written permission of the Race Officer or his / her deputy. This amends A5.1 and A5.2.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fee for the event is £35.00 and is to be paid online in advance.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Advertising will be allowed in accordance with the class rules of the competing classes. If no limitations are prescribed within the class rules, WS Regulation 20- Advertising Code shall take precedence.

7.2 Boards 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 Competitors shall register and collect bibs at Ballyholme Yacht Club on Saturday 10 Oct from 0830 – 0945.

9.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1057.

9.3 The programme for each fleet will be 9 races on the day.

9.4 Unless the Race Officer or their deputy indicate otherwise, there will be 3 races back-to-back, before a 30 minute break. After which, a similar format will follow.

9.5 There will be no warning signal made after 1530 on Saturday.

10 VENUE

10.1 The sailing area will be in Ballyholme Bay, Bangor, Co.Down

10.2 Launching will be available from BYC or via the Banks Lane Car Park, Banks Lane, off the Groomsport Road, Bangor, County Down. What3words reference: fingernails.dean.discusses

11 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be "Slalom" or "Figure of 8" – details will be on the Sailing Instructions.

12 SCORING

12.1 One race is required to be completed.

12.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply. Appendix A A8 Series Ties does not apply.

12.3 A competitor does not become eligible for series or event points by 'pre entering', but only by registering at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.

12.4 Rule A5 does not apply. A board which does not start / did not sail the course / did not finish / retired or was disqualified will be awarded a score of the number of sailors entered for that race plus 1.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 All competitors should carry a SOLAS approved whistle when afloat.

13.2 All junior sailors who will be aged 17 or under on 31st December 2026 shall wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Excluding windfoils.

13.3 All Windfoil or Wingfoil crew shall wear an impact vest which may also act as personal flotation device.

13.4 Sailors who enter on a Windfoil or Wingfoil must wear a helmet at all times.

13.5 If the Y flag is flying, all competitors shall always wear a personal flotation device appropriate to class rules when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. A personal flotation device may include an impact vest with a minimum of 50 Newtons.

13.6 If conditions dictate, the organisers may require all competitors to wear personal floatation devices and/or wet or dry suits.

13.7 **Mandatory Instructions on the Water - Boards and Competitors in Difficulty.** When the race committee considers that a board, it's equipment or sailor are not adequate for the

existing or anticipated conditions, or that a board or sailor is in difficulty, it may instruct the board or sailor not to launch, or to retire or to sail ashore or to accept outside help. The board and sailor shall comply with such instructions without delay.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the first competitor in the Gold and Silver fleet (if 3 or more registered at the event), provided that at least one race has been completed. Additional fleet prizes, and category /sub-division prizes, may be awarded depending upon the numbers of competitors.

15 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.

16 INSURANCE

Each participating person/board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of five million per event or the equivalent. This cover is automatically provided as part of IWA or UKWA membership, and RYA membership, where windsurfing or winging is listed under their account preferences.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relating to the event will be published on the BYC website prior to the event.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE