BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB

BOXING DAY REGATTA 2026

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority is Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC)

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*.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the club website by 18th December 2026. Please visit 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 The event is open to members' boats that fall into one of the classes as defined in SI 7

4.2 Entry will be by online registration at www.ballyholme.com. There will also be a registration form available (for those not able to complete online) on the day, in the foyer, along with a money container for entry payment.

4.3 A sign out sheet will be in the foyer on the day and must be completed by the helm or crew.

4.4 Competitors must enter and race under their allocated sail number, other than with the express permission of the Race Officer or his/her deputy. Failure to comply with this will result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

4.5 A competitor not complying with 4.3 will be scored DSQ without option of redress.

5 FEES

Entry fee for BYC members is £5.00 per sailor. All monies will go to charity.

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. Number of races: Two.

9.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1254 hrs.

9.3 There will be no warning signal made after 15:00 hrs.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

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 5 metres of suitable line affixed to the boat which is separate from any other lines or sheets.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be Ballyholme Bay and just outside it, in Belfast Lough

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be around fixed marks from a committee vessel start. If this is not possible for whatever reason, the start will be that of a battery start. The start line will be from the orange mast sited at the front of the North Park Battery and the black coloured F mark. If there is to be a battery start flag B will be displayed from the club yard arm.

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 the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed

15.2 The boat's score will be the total of her race scores. No discards will apply.

15.3 A competitor does not become eligible for event points by just 'registering', but only by 'registering' and by 'signing out' at the event and being capable of sailing and intending to do so.

15.4 In the 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 Toppers and Topper 4.2s will be considered to be one design classes.

15.5 For the Aero class the Portsmouth Number used for an individual competitor will be for the largest sail size used that day by that competitor.

15.6 Scoring for the Multihull class will be calculated using the current SHCRS number.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 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

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

Each Fleet will have their own separate prize. Other prize(s) may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact clubmanager@ballyholme.com.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE