Ballyholme YC

ILCA Ulster Sprints 2027

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor

Saturday 30th January 2027

NOTICE OF RACE

The event will be organized by Ballyholme Yacht Club (BYC)

The notation '{NP}' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions (SI) 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

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Ballyholme Yacht Club website from 18th January 2027 at www.ballyholme.com and on the Official Notice Board at https://ballyholme.com.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The online official notice board is located at https://ballyholme.com.

3.2. The official notice board will be replicated as necessary on the south facing window of the race office, located in Ballyholme Yacht Club.

3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to boats of the ILCA 7 (Laser Standard), ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) and ILCA 4 (Laser 4.7) classes.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online here: https://ballyholme.com/?post_type=espresso_events&p=3261&preview=true

4.3. Competitors under the age of 18 shall ensure that their declaration form has been signed by a responsible adult and must be submitted at registration.

4.4. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

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4.5. Boats should enter before 12:00 on Wednesday 27th January 2027. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the OA.

4.6. The maximum number of entries for this event is 150

5. FEES

Entry fee is £25.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. Does not apply.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing Authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration:

Date	From	To
30th January 2027	08:00	10:00

9.2. Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10:15 on 30th January 2027

9.3. Racing:

Date	Number of races
30th January 2027	5

9.4. 5 races are scheduled.

9.5. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday is 1125.

9.6. No Warning signal will be made after 1530 on Saturday.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2. All boats shall have a painter of at least 7 meters in length, made fast to the bow.

12. VENUE

The Sailing Area will be North of Ballyholme Bay in Belfast Lough.

13. COURSES

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The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward or trapezoid.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event.

14.2. RRS Appendix P applies.

14.3. RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one. RRS P2.3 does not apply.

15. SCORING

15.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute an event.

15.2. When four or more races are sailed, a boat shall discard her worst result.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. [DP] Shall register with the organizing Authority at registration and may be required to pre-register on the host website at https://ballyholme.com and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the Organizing Authority.

16.2. [DP] Support boats shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency.

16.3. [DP] Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, unless otherwise instructed by a race official, 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.

16.4. When afloat all support persons on that vessel shall wear a personal flotation device and 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 POOL

20.1. Does not apply.

21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The data processing policy is available on the class website.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. Rule 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”

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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 organizer 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 familiarize 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 **EUR** per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

24.2. Perpetual Trophies may be awarded for first place for ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact *clubmanager@ballyholme.com or training@ballyholme.com*

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