



Carrickfergus Sailing Club  
Autumn Open Series 2017  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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## Notice of Race

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The organising authority is Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 1.3 Rules of the National Handicap for Cruisers will apply to NHC classes.
- 1.4 Rules of the Ruffian Class will apply.
- 1.5 Rules of the RS 400 Class will apply
- 1.6 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as set out in the current YR2 will apply to the Dinghy class.
- 1.7 Racing rules 26, 32.1, A4, A5, 62.1(a), 35, 63.1, 62.2, 66, 60.1(a) and 40 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats of the NHC, Ruffian 23, RS 400 and Dinghy Classes.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an entry form and sending it to the Sailing Secretary at Carrickfergus Sailing Club or leaving it with the battery **on or before 2.00 pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017**.
- 2.3 **Boats not entered will not be scored**
- 2.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

### 3. Entry fees

- 3.1 An entry fee of £ 15.00 for CSC sailing members/associates and £ 25 for non-members is payable before competing.

## 4. Schedule

- 4.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 14.10 on Sundays
- 4.2 Dates of racing are as follows: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## 5. Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 The Sailing instructions will be available on the club website and at the Race Office.

## 6. The Courses

- 6.1. The courses to be sailed will be as follows: Fixed and laid marks off Carrickfergus Sailing Club. Courses are detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 7. Protests.

- 7.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute procedures shall apply. The Outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

## 8. Scoring

- 8.1. Races for the NHC classes will be scored using the National Handicap for Cruisers.
- 8.2. Races for the Ruffian 23 class & RS 400 class will be scored as one design.
- 8.3. Races for the Dinghy class will be scored using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme.
- 8.4. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.5. A boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores, the number of scores excluded will be based on the number of races run as follows:

Races	1-3	4-6	7-9
Discards	0	1	2

## 9. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 10. Prizes

Prizes will be given in each class as follows:

1st place three or more entries,

2nd place four or more entries,

3rd place five or more entries.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority.

Classes may be combined at the discretion of the organising authority if there are deemed to be insufficient entries in a particular class.

## 11. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: The responsibility for a boats 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 boat 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.

## 12. Photography Consent

By entering the Series competitors accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the race and/or using the Club facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.

## 13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **£2,000,000** Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.