



DINGHY REGATTA 2017



Carrickfergus Sailing Club,
Carrickfergus, County Antrim

Saturday 16th September

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The rules of the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme will apply.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rule(s) 26, 28.1, 40, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 66.4, A2, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in these sailing instructions.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the club battery.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Three races are scheduled
- 5.2

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 10 th September	Races 1, 2 and 3
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 16th September is 1055.
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1530.

6 RACING AREAS

Racing will be sailed on the north side of Belfast Lough

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 Courses may be Triangle or Windward leeward. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.
- 7.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by the race committee by displaying a flag on the committee boat, at or before the warning signal.

8 MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be red. The Start line limit and the finish line limit will be green.

9 THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in fleets by using rule 26 with the following addition: The Orange Start line flag may be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before the warning signal for each race.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a pole on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the green port-end starting mark.
- 9.3 An inner distance mark may be moored approximately on the starting line and if so no boat shall pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat.
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing at the discretion of the race committee. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 9.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.6 Fleets will be comprised as follows

	Fleet	Class Flag
Start 1	RS400, RS200, Laser Full Rig, Laser Radial, Fast PY	Numeral Pennant 1
Start 2	Topper 4.2, Topper 5.3, Sailability Hansa 303, Slow PY	Numeral Pennant 2

If there are sufficient entries in a certain class then a separate start for those boats may be considered and will be notified at the briefing.

The distinction between Fast PY and Slow PY will be announced at the Briefing based on the entries received.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

If Flag F is flown at a mark (with repeated sound signals) all boats, after rounding that mark, will then sail directly to the finishing line and finish by crossing the line from the direction of the last mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes may be scored Did Not Finish at the discretion of the race committee. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND ARBITRATION

- 14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.
- 14.2 Protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finish time of the last boat to finish on that day.

- 14.3** Protest forms are available at the race office located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there before the protest time limit. The expiration of Protest Time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.4** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee room, located at Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 14.5** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.6** Breaches of instructions 18, 19 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.7** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rules A2.
- 15.3** Race results will be calculated using PY handicaps and average lap times. Times recorded on previous laps will be used in the event of a boat not finishing within the time limit.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat (except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment). This changes rule 40 and the part 4 preamble.
- 16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3** A tally system shall be used. All competitors shall, in person, tally out at the sign out desk before going afloat, and tally in immediately on return to shore. While tallied out competitors shall wear a numbered armband. Failure to tally out, or tally in before the end of the protest time limit shall result in the boat concerned being scored DNF in all races sailed while not correctly tallied.
- 16.4** When a member of the race committee or its designated official considers that a boat, its equipment or a competitor may not be adequate for the current or expected conditions or for any other reason associated with safety, they may stop the boat launching or require it to return ashore. This instruction will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b).

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented at the discretion of the organisers.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 4 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.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 Pounds Sterling or the equivalent.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHMENT A

COURSE T

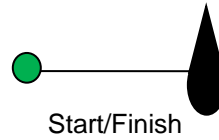
Triangular

Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 3P, 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 3P, Finish

Boats shall pass through the Start/Finish Line on all legs from 3 to 1

Mark 1 ●

Mark 2 ●



Mark 3 ●

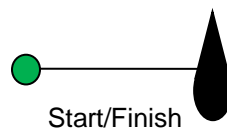
COURSE W

Windward-leeward

Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 2P, 3P, 1P, 2P, 3P, Finish

Boats shall pass through the Start/Finish Line on all legs from 3 to 1

Mark 2 ● ● Mark 1



● Mark 3