



Carrickfergus Sailing Club, Co. Antrim



2018 RS Elite Irish Championship

16th -- 17th June 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The organizing authority is Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.4 Racing rules 27.1, A4, 62.1(a), 28.1, 61.3, 62.2, 60.1(a) will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5 The class rules of the RS Elite Class will apply.
- 1.6 Entrants may be required to carry advertising decals and/or display bow numbers as requested by the race committee.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the RS Elite Class. The helmsperson must be a paid member of the RS Elite Class Association.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.
- 2.3 Each boat may be required to produce a valid measurement certificate at registration.

3 FEES

Required fees are as follows: £100 per Boat if paid by **31st May 2018**. Late entries will be accepted after this date at the late entry rate of £120 at the discretion of the race committee. The entry fee includes berthing in Carrickfergus Marina for both Friday and Saturday nights, and lift-in/out.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Briefing – A competitors and safety briefing will be held in the main clubhouse at 0930 on Saturday 16th June. All entrants must attend this briefing.

4.2 Registration:

Friday 15th June 1800 to 2000

Saturday 16th June 0830 to 0930

Dates of racing:

Saturday 16th June Races 1, 2 and 3

Sunday 17th June Races 4, 5 and 6

4.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be as follows:-

1055 on Saturday 16th June and

0955 on Sunday 17th June.

4.4 One extra race may be sailed on either day at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the Carrickfergus Sailing Club web site on or before the 1st June 2018: www.carrickfergussc.org/events

6 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in Belfast Lough.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward.

8 SCORING

8.1 Six races are scheduled. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9 ARBITRATION

The Exoneration Penalty and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute procedures shall apply for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method.

Boats penalised under this System may accept a 25% penalty.

See the Official Notice Board for details.

The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

10 PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES

Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat, except while briefly adjusting personal equipment. This changes rule 40 and the Part 4 preamble.

11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

12 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

13 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

The RS Elite Irish Championship Trophy will be presented to the first boat normally berthed in Ireland helmed by a helmsman normally domiciled in Ireland.

First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

15 RISK STATEMENTS

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.

16 INSPECTIONS

The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

17 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.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

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