



# Royal Ulster Yacht Club

## Todd Navigation Ailsa Craig Race

**23rd June 2017**

**(Part of the Northern Ireland Offshore Points Series)**

### Sailing Instructions

#### **1 Rules**

The organising authority for this event is Royal Ulster Yacht Club. The race will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, and the class rules particular to the IRC and CYCA Classes

Crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 Classes **will not** apply to this event.

#### **2 Changes to sailing Instructions**

Any changes will be posted on the RUYC notice board at Bangor Marina by 6pm on the evening of the race. If changes are made code flag "L" will be flown from the marina flagpole

#### **3 Safety Regulations**

Boats must comply with ORC Safety Regulations Category 3, and in addition must carry a liferaft or liferafts sufficient to carry all persons on board.

#### **4 Classes and Identification**

Class 1 is open to yachts with valid 2017 IRC handicaps  
Class 2 is open to yachts with valid CYCA handicaps

This Race will be dual scored as follows:  
Class 1 – IRC & NHC, Class 2 CYCA & NHC

Boats must fly the following identification pennants from their backstay:

Class 1	IRC/NHC (Unrestricted Sail Class)	Pennant 1
Class 2	CYCA/NHC (No spinnaker class)	Pennant 2

#### **5 Start Times**

Starting will be in accordance with RRS 26. Times in BST  
Class 1&2 Warning signal 8.00pm (both Classes will start together).

A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **DSQ** without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **6 Course**

After starting, boats shall leave the South Briggs Buoy to port, Ailsa Craig to starboard then sail to the finish line.

## **7 Starting line**

The start line is between a pole with an 'X' top mark at RUYC Battery and a red buoy to the north of the Battery. Start west to east.

## **8 Finishing Line**

The finish line is a line of Latitude 54°50.40' N bounded at its eastern end by the shore near Portpatrick harbour and at its western end at the waypoint 54°50.40' N, 5°07.50' W, there is no physical mark at this waypoint. A boat has finished when it reaches 54°50.40' N between the waypoint and the shore near Portpatrick harbour. Boats shall cross the finishing line from North to South.

**Competitors must record their own finishing time.** To ensure consistency in timing it is requested that finishing times should use the clock on the yacht's GPS unit, converted if needed to BST. If this is impossible competitors may use a watch, but should check it against a GPS as soon as possible after the race.

## **9 Protests**

Protests must be lodged with the Honorary Sailing Secretary or his representative within 48 hours of the boat finishing.

## **10 Declarations**

Declaration Forms must be completed by all competitors, including non-finishers, and must be given to the Honorary Sailing Secretary or his representative, or lodged in the RUYC office within 4 days of the start of the race.

**Failure to hand in a Declaration on time shall result in the boat being scored DSQ. This changes Rule A4.**

Deliver Declarations to RUYC 101 Clifton Rd, Bangor, BT20 5HY  
Or Fax to 028 9127 3525 or Scan and e-mail to:  
sailingsecretary@ruyc.uk

## **11 Retirements**

The skipper of a boat that retires must inform the Club as soon as possible.

## **12 Prizes**

Prizes will be presented at the RUYC Annual Prizegiving.

### **13 Risk Statement**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

### **14 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 000 000.



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**DECLARATION**

**PLEASE HAND THIS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE FINISH  
OF THE RACE**

**Boat  
Name**.....

**Race**..... **Todd Navigation Ailsa Craig Race 2017** .....

**I hereby declare that with the exception of the infringement(s), if  
any, particulars of which are given below:**

- 1** I was on board and in charge of the above named boat throughout the race.
- 2** The course was completed in compliance with the Sailing Instructions
- 3** There was no infringement of RRS, RYA Prescriptions and ORC Safety Regulations
- 4** There was no infringement of International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.
- 5** The finishing time was as shown below.

Finishing Time (BST) .....Hours .....Minutes .....Seconds

**SIGNED** .....

**SIGNED** (witness) .....

**DATE** .....

**Particulars of infringements (use back of sheet if necessary)**