



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

PORTPATRICK RACE

2nd September 2017

(Part of the Northern Ireland Offshore Points Series)

NOTICE OF RACE

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 Eligibility and Entry

Class 1 is open to yachts with valid 2017 IRC handicaps and/or NHC handicaps. NHC Base numbers will be used.

Class 2 is open to yachts with valid CYCA handicaps and/or NHC handicaps. NHC Base numbers will be used.

Class 3 is open to Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class yachts

All yachts shall comply with ORC Special Regulations Category 3, and must in addition carry a liferaft or liferafts sufficient to accommodate the entire crew.

Eligible yachts may enter on line or by using the attached entry form and sending it with the £40 entry fee to RUYC. This entry fee includes overnight berthing in Portpatrick for the night of 2nd September. On-line entry is also available [here](#).

3 Classes

Class 1 IRC/NHC unrestricted sail class

Class 2 CYCA/NHC no spinnaker class

Class 3 Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class (NHC)

4 Start Time

The first warning signal will be at 10.00 am.

5 Sailing Instructions

These will be available to competitors on receipt of the entry fee.



6 The Course

The details of starting and finishing arrangements will be contained in the Sailing Instructions. The race is a passage race from RUYC start line to Portpatrick, other marks may be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

7 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.

8 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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ENTRY FORM

BOAT NAME..... SAIL NUMBER.....

TYPE..... HULL COLOUR.....

OWNER/SKIPPER..... CLUB.....

TEL No..... MOB.No.....

EMAIL.....

CLASS ENTERED

- | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Class 1 | IRC unrestricted sail class |
| Class 2 | Restricted (no spinnaker) class |
| Class 3 | Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class |

Competitors in Class 1 should give their IRC TCF (if applicable)
and NHC Base Number.....

Please enclose a copy of their valid 2017 IRC Certificate

Competitors in Class 2 shall provide a copy of their CYCA certificate (if applicable)
and give their NHC Base Number

All Competitors shall provide their NHC Base Number

This form should be returned with the £45 entry fee, payable to Royal Ulster Yacht Club; this fee includes the berthing fee for Portpatrick for the night of 2nd September 2017.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this race. I confirm that I have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout the event.

SIGNED..... DATE.....