



Royal Ulster Yacht Club  
**Portpatrick Race**  
Saturday 2nd September 2017

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 The sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA, and the appropriate class rules. Crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 Class Rules 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 9.00 am on the morning 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  
Class 3 is open to yachts which are members of the BLQTC Class  
  
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  
Class 3    BLQTC Class    Pennant 3  
  
Classes 1 and 2 will be dual scored, IRC/NHC or CYCA/NHC as appropriate. The BLQTC Class will be scored using NHC handicaps from RUYC Thursday points racing. The handicap used will be that one in force at the start of the race. Any entries which do not have an RUYC handicap will be scored using their NHC Base Number.
- 5 **Start Times**  
Starting will be in accordance with RRS 26. Times in BST  
The first Warning Signal will be at 10am, Class starts may be combined at the discretion of the Race Officer.  
A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **Did Not Start** without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 6 **Courses**  
The race will start from RUYC battery. The race will finish at Portpatrick. Courses will be indicated by boards displayed at the battery, the marks should be rounded in the order in which they are displayed.



<b>BOARD</b>	<b>MARK</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>South Briggs buoy to port</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>South Briggs buoy to starboard</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Cloughan Jetty buoy to port</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Cloughan Jetty buoy to starboard</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Deputy buoy to port</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>No 1 mark to starboard</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>No 1 mark to port</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>No 7 mark to starboard</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>No 7 mark to port</b>

**Note that the colour of the board is not relevant**

Note: if no course is displayed then yachts should sail directly to the finish line after starting.

**No 1 mark** is a red buoy to the north of the entrance to Bangor marina at approximately 54°40'.267N, 05°40.245W

**No 7 mark** is a black buoy near Ballymacormick Point at approximately 54°40'.602N, 05°38'531W

#### **7 Starting line**

The starting line is between a pole with an 'X' top mark at RUYC Battery and a red buoy to the north of the Battery

**Boats will start from west to east, unless the first mark is the No 1 Mark, in which case boats will start from east to west**

#### **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 south to north.

**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. Competitors are requested to text their finish time (or retiral notice) to 07544 313630 to enable provisional race results to be prepared. Note that this does not remove the obligation to submit a signed declaration

#### **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 3 days of the finish 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

## 11 Retirements

The skipper of a boat which 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**..... **Portpatrick 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)**