



Royal Ulster Yacht Club Round the Lough Series 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules A4, A5, 62.1(a), 28.1, 35, 60.1(a) and 66 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the IRC Class, the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class, CYCA, BLQTC and the National Handicap for Cruisers (HNC) Regatta scheme will apply.
- 1.5 Entrants may be required to carry sponsors advertising decals.
- 1.6 The crew number restrictions within the IRC, Quarter Ton and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to boats of the IRC Class, Sigma 33 OOD Class, NHC, Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class and CYCA (Restricted Sail) Keelboats.
- 2.2 Classes will be split or amalgamated as necessary. Final divisions will be provided ASAP or at registration.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

3 FEES

There is no entry fee for the six races organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 Dates of racing:

13th May 2017
20th May 2017
3rd June 2017
17th June 2017
19th August 2017
26th August 2017

- 4.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 11.55.

4.3 Class Flags

Class 1	IRC	Numeral Pennant 1
Class 2	Sigma 33 OOD	Numeral Pennant 2
Class 3	CYCA Restricted Sail	Numeral Pennant 3
Class 4	Quarter Ton Class	Code Flag Q

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.ruyc.co.uk

6 SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be in Belfast Lough off Bangor.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Round the Lough style racing.

8 SCORING

8.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

9 ARBITRATION

An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 20% penalty. See the Official Notice Board for details.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

11 PRIZES

Prizes are described in the Sailing Instructions:

12 INSURANCE

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

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 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 organizer does not relieve them boat 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

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1 Boats shall not race with an anchor on deck projecting forward of the bow. Boats infringing this instruction shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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