



Belfast Lough Quarter Ton Class (BLQTC)

Super Series 2017

Sunday 20th August 2017

Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority

This event in the BLQTC Super Series will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply
- 1.3. Racing Rules (RR), Race Signal A4, 28.1, 32.2, 35, 61.3, 62.2, 66 & A2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RUYC notice board in Bangor Marina.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the scheduled of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at Bangor Marina.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 Minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP

5. Schedule of races etc

- 5.1.

Date	Race
Sunday 20 th August 2017	Races 1,2 & 3
- 5.2. Three races are scheduled
- 5.3. The scheduled time of first warning signal is 10:25

6. Class Flag

The class flag for the BLQTC class WILL BE Signal Flag Q



7. **Racing Area**

Racing will take place immediately to the north of Ballyholme Bay. The Committee Boat may be up to 1.5 miles from the Marina.

8. **The Course**

The course will be Windward Leeward. The diagrams in attachment A show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

9. **Marks**

- 9.1. Marks, other than start and finish marks will be yellow inflatables. The start mark will be Green; the finish Mark will be Red.
- 9.2. A race committee boat signalling a change of leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. **The Start**

- 10.1. Races will be started using rule 26 with the following addition: The Orange Start Line Flag may be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before the warning signal for each race.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between an orange mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the green port-end starting mark.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11. **Change of the next leg of the course**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of a course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2. Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1

12. **Shortening the course at the Start/Finish**

- 12.1. If the race is to be shortened at the start/finish line, Flag F will be displayed, with repetitive sound signals near to Marks 3s & 3p. This changes rule 32.2. Boats should round Mark 3s or 3p and sail directly to the finish.

13. **The Finish**

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a mast on the committee boat which will be displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the RED port-end finishing mark.

14. **Penalty System**

The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.



15. Time Limits

- 15.1. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the starting signal, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course as required by rule 28 and finish is 60 minutes.
- 15.3. Any boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boats sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 & A4

16. Protests & Requests for Redress

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the race office at RUYC if required. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and the protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5. Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 20 & rule 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches may be less than disqualifications if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6. A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting the reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series
- 17.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (No Discards). This changes rule A2

18. Safety Regulations

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. Equipment & Measurement Checks

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be inspected by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.



20. **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.

21. **Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Further prizes may be awarded.

22. **Risk Statement**

Rule 4 of the RRS states: "***The responsibility for a boats 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:

- 22.1. They are aware of the inherent 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;
- 22.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 22.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 22.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 22.5. Provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- 22.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

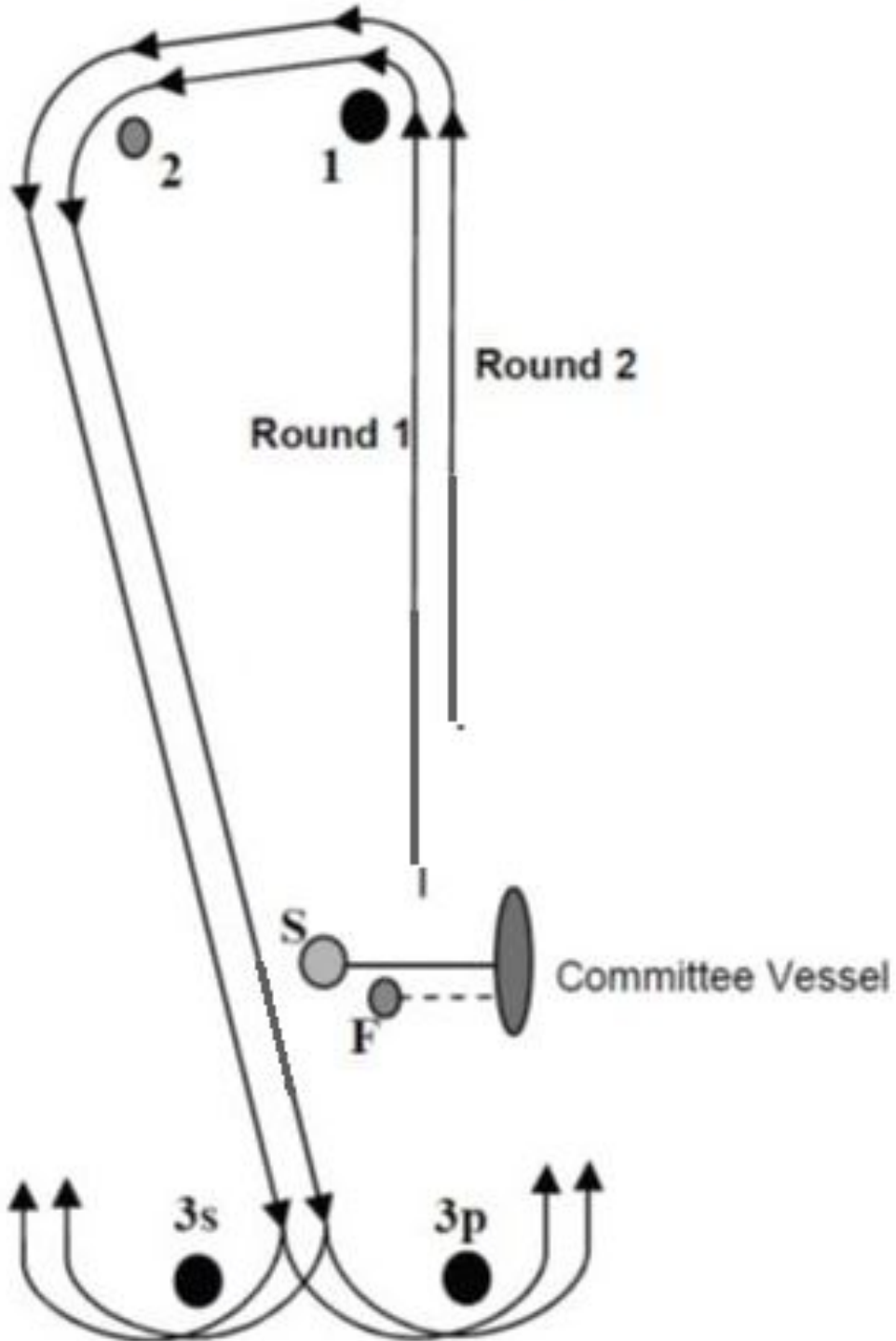
23. **Insurance**

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



Attachment A

WINDWARD - LEEWARD COURSE DIAGRAM



Course:

1,2,3s or 3p,1,2,3s or 3p,F