

Irish RS400 and RS 200 Sprint Championships

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May 2014

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down



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400 200

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Irish RS400 and RS200 Sprint Championships will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta 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 26 40, A4, 29.2, 33, 44.1, 31, 35, A4, 61.3, 62.2, A2, 60.1(a), 66 will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Irish RS400 and RS200 Class Association will apply
- 1.5 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Entry is open to boats of the RS400 or RS200 Class
- 2.2 Either Helm or crew shall be a member of the Irish RS Class Association.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at www.ballyholme.com and paying the required fee.
- 2.3 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.

3 FEES

Required fees are as follows: £50.00/€65.00 per Boat. For one day entry is £30.00. Late Entry Surcharge (Received after Monday 21st May) is an additional £10/€12. £5.00 one day

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held in Ballyholme Yacht Club at 1030 on Saturday 24th May 2014.
- 4.2 Registration: Friday 23rd May from 1900 to 2000. Saturday 24th May 0900 to 1030
- 4.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 24 th May	Races 1 to 8
Sunday 25 th May	Races 9 to 16

- 4.3 Sixteen Races are scheduled.
- 4.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday 24th May is 1127. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Sunday 25th May is 1027.
- 4.5 Racing will take the form of eight short races per day. If there are more than ten boats in either class the class will be broken up into flights. Each initial flight will have a mixture of experienced and less experienced crews. After four races each day boats will be re-assigned into flights based on their score at that time.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on www.ballyholme.com.

6 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in Belfast Lough just inside or outside Ballyholme Bay.

7 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed may be either M type or box type.

8 SCORING

8.1 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. (No Discards) This changes rule A2.

9 SAFETY REGULATIONS

9.1 Competitors shall wear adequate buoyancy at all times when afloat. This changes rule 40. wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate buoyancy.

10 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

11 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 organiser does not relieve them 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.

13 INSURANCE

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

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

FURTHER INFORMATION

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Seacliff Road Bangor County Down BT20 5HT
Tel 028 9127 1467 or email admin@ballyholme.com www.ballyholme.com

ACCOMMODATION

There is some limited camping on site and space for Mobile Homes or Caravans – Contact the Club Office for details.

For Hotel and Bed and Breakfast accommodation Contact:

Bangor Tourist Information Centre

www.northdowntourism.com

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