



**SIMON BRIEN RESIDENTIAL
MERMAID ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club
Sat 4/Sun 5 May 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority is Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, (RNIYC) Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of RYA, Part 1 of *The Equipment Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024*, the current Mermaid Sailing Association (MSA) Class Rules, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.
- 1.3. Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signal AP, 32.2,35,44.3,62.1(a), A2, A4, A5. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be on the RNIYC web site, rniyc.org

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official noticeboard is located in the window of the bar room at Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club visible from the outside.
- 3.2. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Mermaid Sailing Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter online at www.rniyc.org, and paying online by 1st May 2024.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4. Late entries may be accepted.

5. FEES

Entry fees are £60 per Mermaid.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 7.2. In compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 advertising on the boat chosen by the owner or person in charge is prohibited.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Registration Friday evening (16:00-20:00) and Saturday morning (09:00-10:00).
- 9.2. Briefing – Saturday morning 10:00.
- 9.3. Five races are scheduled to be sailed over the two days 4th and 5th May 2024.
- 9.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1125 on 4th May.
- 9.5. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on 5th May is 1025.
- 9.6. On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

The organizing authority reserves the right to inspect equipment and/or measure boats, sails or equipment before or during the event.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12. VENUE

- 12.1. The race area shall be to the east of club moorings and west of Grey point approximately.
- 12.2. The RNIYC slipway is available for launching and recovery using boats own trailers, and the club tractor. This slipway is exposed and tidal. Subject to weather conditions, launching and recovery should be possible for approximately five hours either side of high water. Alternate arrangements will be provided by RNIYC if tide or weather conditions are not suitable. [DP]
- 12.3. Boats may launch on Friday 3rd May between 15:30 and 20:00, also before 13:00 for early arrivals. There will be facilities for launching on the morning of Saturday 4th May from 09:00 to 10:00. [DP]
- 12.4. Recovery will be after racing on the Sunday until 15:00.

13. COURSES

The course to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.3 Scoring Penalty will not apply.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. a) When three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, this changes RRS A2.
b) When more than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Does not apply.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

Swinging moorings will be available for all visiting boats. Mooring is entirely at boat owner's risk. [DP]

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21. DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22. 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.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

Prizes will be given for first, second and third overall. There may also be a number of race prizes.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please see the RNIYC website www.rniyc.org or contact the Secretary/Manager at Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB. Tel: 0044 28 9042 8041 Fax: 0044 28 9042 7418 email: manager@rniyc.org.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Bar/Bistro menu will be available in the bar and the club restaurant on the Friday evening. Booking is recommended.

An Event Dinner will be held on the Saturday evening, which will be the subject of an additional charge.

More details in the Event Schedule document.

Competitors are granted temporary membership of Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club for the duration of the event, subject only to the provisions of the Club Rules for withdrawing or withholding such membership. All competitors are invited to avail of the facilities of the Club during the event.

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