



**Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club
RS Elite Sprint Series 2023
Sunday 13th August 2023**

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

- 1 **RULES**
 - 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the appropriate class association, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.
- 2 **ADVERTISING**
 - 2.1 All entries may be required to display advertising at the bow of the boat, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3(d)(i) of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 3 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 3.1 The event is open to all RS Elite's.
 - 3.2 Eligible boats may enter either by completing the online entry form (<http://www.rniyc.org/sailing-events>) or by completion of an entry form at the club prior to briefing. There is no Entry fee as this is part of the Regatta Weekend
 - 3.3 No boat can race without having entered.
- 4 **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Registration shall take place at the Club House from 11.00 to 12.00hrs on Sunday 13th August, Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors at registration, and may, where possible, be posted on the RNIYC website (www.rniyc.org) in advance of the series
 - 4.2 A briefing will be held in the dinghy park at 12.15 hrs on Sunday 13th August.
 - 4.3 Six races are scheduled for the series. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 13.27 hrs. Start times may be altered up to 24 hours prior to racing. Notification will be made on the club notice board and communication will be made with competitors via social media. The second and subsequent race(s) on each day will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race. Six races are scheduled for the day, however the total number of races to be sailed on the day may be altered depending upon conditions at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 5 **RACE AREA AND COURSES**
 - 5.1 Details of the race area and courses to be sailed will be available at registration.
- 6 **SCORING FOR THE SERIES**
 - 6.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, as amended below.

6.2 Only boats that have entered the series are eligible to be included in the series results.

6.3 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.4 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's score will be her series score. When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score. This amends A,A2.

6.5 RRS A5.3 will apply to this series. For purposes of calculating the points for DNC, the number of entrants shall be taken as the number of boats entered for the overall series on the day of the series.

7 SCORING FOR DAILY RESULTS

7.1 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply except as amended above..

8 PRIZES

8.1 Prizes will be given for first, second and third in the series. Other prizes maybe awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee. The prize giving will be held after racing.

9 RISK STATEMENT

9.1 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."

9.2 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:

9.3 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;

9.4 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

9.5 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

9.6 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

9.7 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;

9.8 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

10 INSURANCE

10.1 All boats and competitors shall comply in full with the insurance and safety requirements. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident/event or the equivalent.