

# Killyleagh Yacht Club

## Club Racing 2022

### *SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA and these sailing instructions.

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1hr before the scheduled start (of the first race in the case of a series).
- 2.2 Changes made on the day shall be posted on the club notice board, flag L shall be displayed accompanied by sound signal.
- 2.3 Modifications to these sailing instructions may be made on the copy available on the club website. Notifications of modifications may be sent by e-mail to club members. Non receipt of notification will not be grounds for redress.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the KYC Website, and on the club notice board.
- 3.2 The race office is located at KYC Club House.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may communicate with competitors in relevant classes, on VHF radio channel 37 (M1). Not receiving such communication will not be grounds for redress.

- 3.5 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions relevant to the race unless they are available to all competitors.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.
- 4.3 Threatening or abusive language or behaviour directed at race officials or competitors may be considered as a breach of RSS 2 or 69. Any competitor deemed to be in violation of Rule 2 or Rule 69.1 may be issued a warning from the Race Officer or Sailing Secretary. If the competitor's unacceptable behaviour continues, the Sailing Committee may call a protest hearing and in accordance with Rule 69 may rule to disqualify the competitor from the race with a DNE or exclude the competitor from further participation in the series.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the KYC Starters Hut .

#### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**







- 6.1 For Thursday Evening Racing the following schedule applies:

18:45hrs Warning Signal  
18:50hrs NHC2 Restricted  
18:55hrs NHC1 Restricted  
19:00hrs Squib  
19:05hrs Dinghys

- 6.2 For other events the race schedules will be advertised via the relevant Notice of Race

- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Class Flag		Course Board
NHC1	Numeral 3		A
NHC2	Numeral 4		B
NHC1(Restricted)	Numeral 5		A
NHC2 (Restricted)	Numeral 6		B
Squib	E		B
Dinghy	T		C

Other classes code flags will be posted on the day

## 8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area is the southern portion of Strangford Lough.

## 9 COURSES

- 9.1 Unless specified otherwise in the relevant Notice of Race, courses shall be displayed at the KYC starters hut or committee boat and shall be round the racing marks laid within the racing area.

Courses for each class will be identified as in 7 above.

**Red** Numbers - leave marks to Port.

**Green** Numbers - leave marks to Starboard.

**Black on White** Numbers - rounds to be sailed.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 All marks except the finishing mark, are 'Rounding' marks
- 10.2 A schematic diagram of racing marks used for KYC club events is available from the KYC website at [www.killyleaghyachtclub.co.uk/downloads](http://www.killyleaghyachtclub.co.uk/downloads)

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

Competing Boats must pass East of Mark 2, West of Mark 6, North of Mark (K) and (R) unless they are marks on the course.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 12.3 Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race the starting line is between the flagstaff at the KYC Starter Hut and Mark 1.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.5 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **13 SHORTENING COURSE**

At the Race Officer's discretion Races may be finished at any mark of the course by a boat flying Code Flag 'S' With suitable sound signals.

## **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race the finishing line is between the flagstaff at the KYC Starter Hut and Mark 1.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 RSS 44.1 44.2 Apply

## **16 SCORING**

16.2 For Events completed on a single day;

(Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Race) a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

16.1 For Thursday Evening Series Racing;

(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 All dinghy crews must wear personal flotation devices, at all times when afloat. A wetsuit alone does not constitute a personal flotation device.

17.2 All dinghies should:

a) Have adequate self-buoyancy;

b) Have adequate means for bailing;

c) Carry a tow rope extending at least 2m beyond the bow and secured to a strong point at all times;

d) Carry appropriate means for manual or powered propulsion for use in an emergency;

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18 RISK STATEMENT**

18.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat

handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

**Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **19 INSURANCE**

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million per incident or the equivalent.

