



# Royal Ulster Yacht Club

## SPRING SERIES 2017

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

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### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 Rules

The sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Prescriptions of the RYA and the appropriate class rules. Crew number restrictions within the IRC and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.

#### 2 Safety Regulations

All boats shall carry an anchor and 20 metres of warp, and also personal flotation devices for all members of the crew.

#### 3 Eligibility and Entry

There is no entry fee **but boats must enter** using the Entry Form provided or using the on-line event entry process.

Class 1	IRC Unrestricted	Pennant 1
Class 2	BLQTC Class (NHC)	Pennant 2
Class 3	CYCA/NHC Restricted sail	Pennant 3

Class 1 will sail under IRC. Copies of 2017 IRC certificates shall be lodged with the Hon Sailing Secretary.

Class 2 shall be members of BLQTC and their NHC numbers will be the handicaps resulting from the final race of the 2016 Autumn series. Any boats that did not compete in that series will start with NHC Base Numbers.

Class 3 shall have results calculated using CYCA and NHC handicaps; a copy of the boat's CYCA Handicap Certificate shall be lodged with the Hon Sailing Secretary. Note that this class will be "Dual Scored", that is, there will be two sets of race results. All boats with a CYCA handicap will appear in the CYCA results and all boats with an NHC number will appear in the NHC results.

#### **4 Dates and Start Times**

Five races are scheduled:

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Races 1 and 2

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Race 3 combined with Opening Day

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Races 4 and 5

Starting will be in accordance with Rule 26 for Races 1, 2, 4 & 5, the starting arrangements for race 3 will be published later.

The first warning signals on Sundays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April are scheduled for 10.25am (races 1, 2, 4 and 5), the second race each of these days (races 2 and 5) will start as soon as possible after the first race each day has finished.

Class starts may be combined at the discretion of the race officer.

For Race 3 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April the first warning signal will be 14.00hrs. Notice of the class starting times will be posted on the Club Notice board and at the marina before 12.30 on the day of the race. Rule 26 will not be followed for this race.

#### **5 Courses**

Courses will be selected from the 2016 RUYC Course Card. Competitors are advised that courses may be different from previous years.

#### **6 Starting Line / Finishing Line**

The races will start from RUYC Battery. The start & finish lines will be as described on the 2016 RUYC Course Card

#### **7 Scoring**

One race must be completed to constitute a series. Races cancelled or abandoned will not be re-sailed.

The race on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April is also Opening Day; boats which only participate on Opening Day, and not on any of the other races, will have their position disregarded when the Spring Series results are calculated.

#### **8 Time Limits**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

#### **9 Prizes**

Prizes will be presented at RUYC after racing on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## **10 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 racing is hers alone."

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:

(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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities:

(f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## **11 Insurance**

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