

Strangford Lough Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions:: Saturday Mini Series

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the individual Class Rules.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 RRS Racing rules Signals AP, and RRS A4, 26, 35, 40, 60.1(a), will be changed: Details are in the individual SI's below.
- 1.4 All crew members shall be members of Strangford Lough Yacht Club or shall be signed into the visitors' book prior to racing.
- 1.5 Owners shall sign the declaration on the racing notice board to confirm that they carry insurance as required by SI 16 below.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of Strangford Lough Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flag pole at Strangford Lough Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signal AP.
- 4.3 When there is no safety boat cover available for the keelboat classes flag B may be displayed at the battery.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Dates of racing:
Saturday 5th and 12th September 2019.
- 5.2 Two races will be sailed each day with the second starting as soon as possible after the finish of the first race.

6 START TIMES AND CLASS FLAGS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag & Symbol</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Sports Boat	E	1400
Flying Fifteen	F	1403
Sonata	6	1406
River	R	1409
Glen	G	1412
Cruiser	J	1415
Dinghies	D	1418

7 RACING AREA AND COURSE MARKS

The Racing area and the Course Marks are described in Addendum A.

Hazard Marks are described in Addendum A.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses will be displayed in a frame at the starting battery, on the north end of Trasnagh.
- 8.2 Courses for all classes except Cruisers and dinghies will be displayed on the top row of the course frame. The Cruiser/dinghy course will be displayed on the bottom row.
- 8.3 Courses for subsequent rounds for the above classes will be displayed on either row of the course frame alongside the class flag.
- 8.4 Course marks (letter or number) displayed in white on a black background are to be left to starboard and course marks displayed in red on a white background are to be left to port.
- 8.5 All boats shall be required to pass through the start finish line after each round of the course from the direction of the last mark of the round, ie between the flagpole on the battery on Trasnagh Island and the limit mark 'O'.

9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the battery mast and Mark O.

Visual starting signals shall be made at 3 minute intervals and may be accompanied by sound signals.

Warning signal – 6 minutes before the start the respective class flag will be flown.

Preparatory signal – 3 minutes before the start flag P will be raised.

Start signal – The starting class flag will be lowered.

Flag P will be shown at the battery at the preparatory signal for the first class, and will be lowered after the last class has started.

9.2 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other Classes.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between the battery mast and Mark O

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 Race:	Time limit
Race One	1hr 30 mins
Race Two	1hr 30mins

11.2 A boat which completes a course after the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish. This amends RRS 35.

11.3 If any boat finishes within the time limit, the limit shall be extended by 15 minutes for that class only. If any boat fails to finish by 6pm she will be deemed to have retired and scored DNF.

11.3 In the event of a Class failing to finish a second or subsequent round (or course) within the time limit, the timings at the end of the last completed round shall be taken as the result of the race.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 RYA Arbitration is available for all Club Races.

12.2 If parties to a rules dispute agree to use RYA Arbitration to resolve the dispute, the decision of the Rules Advisor shall be final.

12.3 Protest forms are available at Strangford Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

12.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 48 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 A boat that retires from a race should notify the battery as soon as possible.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve competitors 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. A safety boat may not always be available or on station.

16 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.

ADDENDUM A

Mark O is a navy inflatable buoy

Marks 1-5 and Q, R & T are large yellow buoys. All other marks are aqua blue buoys.

In the race area there are a number of rocks and which are indicated on the chartlet below. The intended positions of these hazards are shown below. All floating rock marks must be passed on the side furthest from the hazard they are intended to guard.

Only 2 rock marks have been laid and are at Braddock Rock and Halftide Rock. Competitors should make themselves aware of the position of the rocks/pladdies and other dangers in the area.

There is an isolated danger mark in the middle of the shallows south of Roe and east of Parton, which is a black and red hooped pipe mark.

There is a pole marking the end of the battery jetty on Trasnagh. Boats must not sail between this pole and the island.

SLYC Racing Mark Chartlet



Racing Marks	Rock Marks
Mark 1 54° 30.45' 5° 36.00'	Half Tide Rock (S) 54° 29.90' 5° 37.10'
Mark 2 54° 29.87' 5° 35.51'	Gullrock Pladdy (S) 54° 30.23' 5° 36.66'
Mark 3 54° 29.345' 5° 35.657'	Downey Pladdy (N) 54° 30.10' 5° 35.80'
Mark 4 54° 28.80' 5° 35.55'	Downey Pladdy (E) 54° 30.00' 5° 35.70'
Mark 5 54° 28.45' 5° 36.00'	Downey Pladdy (S) 54° 29.95' 5° 35.80'
Mark A 54° 29.80' 5° 37.10'	Downey Pladdy (W) 54° 30.05' 5° 35.90'
Mark B 54° 29.58' 5° 36.55'	Downey Rock (W) 54° 30.30' 5° 35.75'
Mark C 54° 29.22' 5° 36.68'	Newton Rock (W) 54° 29.50' 5° 35.40'
Mark D 54° 28.90' 5° 36.75'	West Rock (W) 54° 28.40' 5° 35.10'
Mark E 54° 28.80' 5° 37.38'	South Rock (W) 54° 28.10' 5° 34.90'
Mark F 54° 28.95' 5° 37.82'	Slave Rock (W) 54° 27.80' 5° 34.80'
Mark G 54° 28.64' 5° 38.06'	Tip Reef (W) 54° 27.55' 5° 34.55'
Mark H 54° 28.84' 5° 38.20'	Braddock Rock (S) 54° 28.89' 5° 38.30'
Mark J 54° 29.10' 5° 38.20'	Isolated Danger Mark
Mark K 54° 29.28' 5° 38.10'	East of Parton 54° 28.15' 5° 37.00'
Mark L 54° 29.50' 5° 38.05'	
Mark M 54° 29.80' 5° 37.63'	
Mark Q 54° 29.53' 5° 37.50'	
Mark R 54° 29.29' 5° 37.08'	
Mark T 54° 29.04' 5° 37.00'	