



STRANGFORD LOUGH YACHT CLUB

FROSTIE SERIES 2025

20 SEPTEMBER TO 18 OCTOBER 2025

Sponsored By Legacy Wealth Management

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), the Prescriptions of the RYA and the Notice of Race, save as changed by these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the sailing notice board at Strangford Lough Yacht Club ("SLYC") no later than 1200 and transmitted on VHF Ch 37 at 1300 on the day that it will take effect.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at SLYC main flagpole.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

4 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

4.1 The classes and class flags will be as follows:

Class	Class Flag
YTC1 (899 and under)	Numeral 3
YTC2 (900 and over)	Numeral 5
YTC Restricted Sail	Numeral 4
Impala	Numeral 7
Sonata	Numeral 6
RS Elites	Code Flag E

4.2[DP] All boats shall display on their backstay a Class Flag as in SI 4.1 above, except one design boats without a backstay. Boats failing to do so may not be counted as starters.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Two races are planned each day on the 20th and 27th September and the 4th, 11th and 18th October 2025.

The scheduled time of the starting signal for the first race of each class is as follows:

Class	Starting signal
YTC Restricted Sail	1300
RS Elites	1305
Sonata	1305
Impala	1310
YTC2	1315
YTC1	1320

The same starting sequence will be used for the second race of the day which will start as soon as practicable after the first race has finished. The postponement signal (AP) may be displayed between races, in which case the first warning signal for the second sequence will be made 1 minute after its removal.

6 RACING AREA AND COURSE MARKS

Appendix A shows the racing area and racing marks, which may be used as course marks also the intended GPS positions of the racing marks are shown in Appendix B.

Course marks are designated by a letter or number. Mark O is an Orange buoy with an Orange Flag. Marks 1 to 5 and Q, R & T are Yellow buoys. Marks A to M are Aqua Blue buoys.

7 HAZARD MARKS

In the race area there are a number of rocks and pladdies marked by floating marks and Navigation Aids shown on the chartlet in Appendix A and the intended GPS positions of these hazard marks are shown in Appendix B. It would be prudent if Rock Marks and Navigation Aids were passed on the side furthest from the hazard they are intended to guard. The Rock Marks and Navigation Aids may not be in place at all times and competitors should therefore make themselves familiar with the positions of the pladdies and rocks.

8 COURSES

Courses will be displayed on a course frame at the SLYC Battery, on the north end of Trasnagh Island.

Course marks 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.

After the final mark of the course displayed, all boats shall be required to pass through the finishing line from the direction of the last mark.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between the mast at the SLYC Battery and Mark O.

9.2 In the event of a general recall for a class, that class will start 5 minutes after the starting signal of the last class scheduled to race or the starting signal of the immediately preceding class subject to general recall if more than one class has been recalled. This changes RRS 29.2.

9.3 Other than in the event of a general recall, a boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This includes a boat subject to individual recall. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast at the SLYC Battery and Mark O, which may not be in the same position as at the start.

11 HANDICAPS

The YTC handicaps used will be as published on the RYA YTC website

12 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 90 minutes after the time of the start of that boat's class.

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS35.

13 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply. Rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty does not apply.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Office no later than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. Hearing Request Forms are available from the Race Office.

15 ARBITRATION

The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

16 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, changed to allow discards as follows, that will apply.

Races completed

1 to 4

5 to 8

9 to 10

Number of discards

No discards

1 discard

2 discards

17 VHF COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1 Before and during racing, the race committee may communicate to competitors on VHF Ch 37, call sign "Trasnagh Battery". This may include announcing premature starters but failure to do so will not in any way alter the responsibility of premature starters to restart correctly.
- 17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall inform Trasnagh Battery on VHF Ch 37 at the earliest opportunity.
- 17.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in accordance with SI 17.2 or 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.

18 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 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, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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; in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Series.

Appendix A

The Outer Limit Mark is an Orange inflatable buoy.

Marks 1-5, Q, R and T are Yellow buoys. Marks A to M are Aqua Blue buoys.

In the general race area there are a number of rocks and pladdies marked either by black Rock Marks and new for 2025 Navigation Aids the approximate positions of which are listed below and shown on the chartlet. It would be prudent if Rock Marks and Navigation Aids were passed on the side furthest from the hazard they are intended to guard. The Rock Marks and Navigation Aids may not be in place at all times and competitors should therefore make themselves familiar with the positions of the pladdies and rocks.

Competitors should beware of a hazard warning buoy close to the start/finishing area, as an underwater hazard may be present at low water, the approximate co-ordinates of this are 54.29.182N and 05.37.895W

Also there is a fixed pole in the middle of the isolated shallows south of Roe and east of Parton.

Finally there is a pole marking the end of the battery jetty on Trasnagh and boats must not sail between it and the island.

SLYC Racing and Rock Mark Chartlet



Appendix B

Approximate GPS Positions of Rock Marks and Racing Marks

Racing Marks	Rock Marks
Mark 1 54° 30.45' 5° 36.00'	Half Tide Rock 54° 29.90' 05° 37.10'
Mark 2 54° 29.87' 5° 35.51'	Gullrock Pladdy 54° 30.23' 05° 36.66'
Mark 3 54° 29.345' 5° 35.657'	Downey Pladdy (North) 54° 30.10' 05° 35.80'
Mark 4 54° 28.80' 5° 35.55'	Downey Pladdy (East) 54° 30.00' 05° 35.70'
Mark 5 54° 28.45' 5° 36.00'	Downey Pladdy (South) 54° 29.95' 05° 35.80'
Mark A 54° 29.80' 5° 37.10'	Downey Rock 54° 30.30' 05° 35.75'
Mark B 54° 29.58' 5° 36.55'	Newton Rock 54° 29.50' 05° 35.40'
Mark C 54° 29.22' 5° 36.68'	Navigation Aids
Mark D 54° 28.90' 5° 36.75'	Rig Pladdy 54° 29.809 05° 36.786 West Cardinal
Mark E 54° 28.80' 5° 37.38'	Downey Pladdy (W) 54° 30.055 05° 35.882 Stbd. Lateral
Mark G 54° 28.64' 5° 38.06'	Michaels Rock 54° 28.977 05° 35.558 Stbd. Lateral
Mark H 54° 28.84' 5° 38.20'	West Rock 54° 28.419 05° 35.175 West Cardinal
Mark J 54° 29.10' 5° 38.20'	South Rock 54° 28.195 05° 35.013 Stbd. Lateral
Mark K 54° 29.30' 5° 38.11'	Slave Rock 54° 27.793 05° 34.872 Stbd. Lateral
Mark L 54° 29.50' 5° 38.05'	Black Dog Rock 54° 22.268 05° 32.571 Port Lateral
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'	