

# Strangford Lough Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's) 2021

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in World Sailing, 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 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 changing room corridor of Strangford Lough Yacht Club.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on a day one week 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:  
Club points racing starts on Opening Day which is Saturday 29th May 2021.
- 5.2 Individual series dates and other events will be posted by Class Captains or on the website.

## 6 START TIMES AND CLASS FLAGS

| <i>Class</i>   | <i>Flag &amp; Symbol</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thur</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                |                          |            |             |            |
| Sonata         | <b>6 (J Sat Only)</b>    |            | 1910        | 1430       |
| Cruiser        | J                        |            | 1915        | 1430       |
| Flying Fifteen | F                        | 1910       |             | 1435       |
| River          | R                        | 1915       |             | 1440       |
| Glen           | G                        | 1920       |             | 1445       |
| Dinghies       | D                        |            |             | 1450       |

## 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 the first round for the Sonata, Flying Fifteen, River and Glen classes will be displayed on the top row of the course frame.

8.3 Courses for the first round for the Cruiser class and Dinghy Classes will be displayed on the bottom row of the course frame.

8.4 The RS Elite class will sail their own pre-arranged course and do not require a course to be set for them nor will they require a finish.

8.4 Courses for subsequent rounds for the above classes will be displayed alongside the class flag on either row of the course frame.

8.5 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.

8.5a 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'.

8.6 Courses for the Round the Lough Races will show the first mark or marks followed by one of the three courses X, Y or Z – see Addendum B.

While other classes sail round the lough races any dinghies will sail a course set around the SLYC marks.

## 9 THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between the battery mast and an Outer Limit Mark.  
9.2 RRS 26 shall not apply. A “flip-board” is used to display Class Flags and letters.

Visual starting signals shall be made at 5-minute intervals and may be accompanied by sound signals.

**Warning signal** – 10 minutes before the start the respective class flag will be displayed on the upper section of the flip-board.

**Preparatory signal** – 5 minutes before the start the respective class flag will be replaced by a letter symbol displayed on the lower section of the flip-board. The warning signal for the subsequent class will appear on the upper part of the Flip-board.

**Start signal** – For the starting class, the letter symbol on the lower section of the flip board will be replaced by the letter symbol (Preparatory Signal) for the next start.

**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.

- 9.3 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 an Outer Limit Mark.  
10.2 The finishing line for Round the Lough Races will be between Mark H and the Hazard mark south of Braddock Rock  
10.3 Boats in the Round the Lough Races shall record their own time when round Mark 10 and at the finish.

## 11 TIME LIMITS

- | 11.1 | Race  | Time limit |
|------|---|------------|
|      | Evening Races up to & including 5th August 2021 | 2125       |
|      | Evening Races after 5th August 2021             | 2100       |
|      | Saturday Races on Club Courses                  | 1800       |
|      | Saturday Round the Lough Races                  | 1945       |
- 11.2 If any boat finishes within the time limit, the limit shall be extended by 15 minutes for that class only.
- 11.3 A boat which completes a course after the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish. This amends RRS 35.
- 11.4 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.
- 11.5 In Round the Lough Races if the lead boat in a Class has not rounded Mark 10 at 1700, the race for that Class shall be abandoned.

- 11.6 In Round the Lough Races if the lead boat in a Class has rounded Mark 10 by 1700 but fails to finish within the time limit the timings at Mark 10 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.
- 13.2 Competitors in Dinghy Classes shall wear personal flotation devices at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## **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

The Outer Limit Mark is a Navy inflatable buoy

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

In the race area there are a number of rocks and pladdies marked by floating black marks which are on the chartlet below. The intended positions of these hazard marks are shown below. All floating rock marks must be passed on the side furthest from the hazard they are intended to guard. All rock marks may or may not be in place at all times and competitors should make themselves familiar with the position of pladdies and rocks.

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

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 54° 29.90' 5° 37.10'      |
| Mark 2 54° 29.87' 5° 35.51'   | Gullrock Pladdy 54° 30.23' 5° 36.66'     |
| Mark 3 54° 29.345' 5° 35.657' | Downey Pladdy (N) 54° 30.068' 5° 35.917' |
| Mark 4 54° 28.80' 5° 35.55'   | Downey Pladdy (E) 54° 30.046' 5° 35.872' |
| Mark 5 54° 28.45' 5° 36.00'   | Downey Pladdy (S) 54° 29.020' 5° 35.865' |
| Mark A 54° 29.80' 5° 37.10'   | Downey Pladdy (W) 54° 30.045' 5° 35.945' |
| Mark B 54° 29.58' 5° 36.55'   | Downey Rock 54° 30.345' 5° 35.792'       |
| Mark C 54° 29.22' 5° 36.68'   | Newton Rock 54° 29.518' 5° 35.425'       |
| Mark D 54° 28.90' 5° 36.75'   | West Rock 54° 28.404' 5° 35.137'         |
| Mark E 54° 28.80' 5° 37.38'   | South Rock 54° 28.204' 5° 34.967'        |
| Mark F 54° 28.95' 5° 37.82'   | Slave Rock (W) 54° 27.832' 5° 34.844'    |
| Mark G 54° 28.64' 5° 38.06'   | Braddock Rock (S) 54° 28.89' 5° 38.30'   |
| Mark H 54° 28.84' 5° 38.20'   | Isolated Danger Mark                     |
| Mark J 54° 29.10' 5° 38.20'   | East of Parton 54° 28.160' 5° 37.028'    |
| Mark K 54° 29.28' 5° 38.10'   |  |
| 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'   |  |

## **ADDENDUM B**

### **Round the Lough Race Courses**

#### **Course X**

Mark/s displayed at battery  
Long Sheelagh  
Mark 10 – Marlfield Bay  
Mark 11 – Jackdaw  
Mark 17 – Round Island  
Through Ringhaddy Sound  
Mark H

#### **Rounded**

As instructed  
To starboard  
To starboard  
To starboard  
To port  
  
To starboard

#### **Course Y**

Mark/s displayed at battery  
Long Sheelagh  
Mark 10 – Marlfield Bay  
Mark 9 – Black Rock  
Mark 17 – Round Island  
Mark H

#### **Rounded**

As instructed  
To starboard  
To starboard  
To starboard  
To port  
To starboard

#### **Course Z**

Mark/s displayed at battery  
Long Sheelagh  
Mark 10 – Marlfield Bay  
Mark 5 – Dunnyneill Island  
Through Ringhaddy Sound  
Mark H

#### **Rounded**

As instructed  
To starboard  
To starboard  
To starboard  
  
To starboard