



**Antrim Boat Club**  
**I.M.A. Northern Championships**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



## NOTICE OF RACE

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

This event will be organised by Antrim Boat Club

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions.

### 2 NoR - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the IMA website / FB page and group at least one week before the event.

### 3 COMMUNICATION

[DP] While racing, except 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.

### 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the Multihull type
- 4.2 **Helm must be a member of their respective class association.**
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Boats should enter before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Organising Authority subject to the payment of an EARLY ENTRY DISCOUNT of £10.00 up to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. No entries will be accepted on the day of the event.
- 4.6 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the Antrim Boat Club's website. The completed and signed form shall be handed in at registration.
- 4.7 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.8 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.9 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.



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**5 FEES**

Entry fees are as follows:

Multihulls.	£ 90.00
Single handed dinghies & multihull juniors	£ 70.00
EARLY ENTRY discount (after Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May)	£ 10.00

Multihull junior is aged under 21 on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**6 CREW LIMITATIONS**

Does not apply.

**7 ADVERTISING**

[DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

**8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

Does not apply.

**9 SCHEDULE**

9.1 Registration Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1800 to 1930 & Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 0900 to 1030.

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Races 1 to 6
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Races 7 to 8

9.4 Eight Races are scheduled.

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

9.6 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on the Saturday is 1155. The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on remaining race day is 1055.

9.7 An additional race may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag numeral 5 at the end of the fourth race.

9.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14.30.

**10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Boats may be inspected at any time.

**11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

**12 VENUE**

The Sailing Area will be on Lough Neagh outside Antrim Boat Club



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**13 COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 The Post Race Penalty and the Arbitration Procedures Appendix T will be available. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

**15 SCORING**

15.1 Eight races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15.3 Corrected times for multihulls will be calculated using the boat's SCHRS handicap and average laps.

**15.4 Old School F18's ie Tigers Dart Hawks shall race using SCHRS handicap of 1.030**

**16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

16.1 [DP] Support Person Vessels shall register with the Organising Authority (OA) at registration and maybe required to display identifying flags provided by the OA.

16.2 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

16.3 All support persons shall wear a personal flotation device when afloat and when the engine of a support vessel is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

**17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

Does not apply.

**18 BERTHING**

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

**19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply.

**20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply.

**21 DATA PROTECTION**

The Club Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

**22 RISK STATEMENT**

22.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".



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Sailing by its nature is 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 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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

#### 22.2 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the venue/OA/sailing club COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols, or legislation, even if they later prove to be unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

#### **23 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

#### **24 PRIZES**

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd

#### **25 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact [admin@ballyholme.com](mailto:admin@ballyholme.com)

#### **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

#### **ACCOMMODATION**



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Camping, caravans and motorhomes – We have some limited space on site - contact [jeffrey.harrison00@googlemail.com](mailto:jeffrey.harrison00@googlemail.com) or Jeff on 07708905128.