



EAST DOWN YACHT CLUB

Club Series Races 2018 season

Notice of Race

1 RULES

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

1.2 The Prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Entry is open to all yachts and dinghies belonging to members of EDYC provided that they satisfy the conditions for award of points in EDYC Club activities in accordance with Club Rules 30 (Unpaid subscriptions) and 42 (Navigation , Racing and Sailing plus insurance).

2.2 Eligible boats should enter each race by crossing the start line of each race.

3 FEES

No fees are required for club member's boats competing in any club series.

4. SCHEDULE, CLASSES

The dates of club series races are scheduled as per the club sailing calendar published in the club handbook and available on line. Races between Sat 28 April 2018 to Sat 29 Sept 2018 in Saturday Series (S), Early Wednesday Series (EW), Late Wednesday Series (LW) and Autumn Series (A).

Table follows

Classes and Times of Warning Signal

Classes	Sat	Wed	Autumn Series Weds
Cruiser 1 Handicap (NHC base number: 0.880 and over)	14:20	19:20	18:50
Cruiser 2 Handicap (NHC base number: 0.879 and under)	14:23	19:23	18:53
Dinghy 1 Handicap (PYS 1140 & under)	Race 1 14:26 Race 2 no later than 15:45	19:26	18:56
Leisure 17	14:29	19:29	18:59
Dinghy 2 Handicap (PYS 1141 & over)	Race 1 14:32 Race 2 no later than 15:48	19:32	19:02

Dinghy 1 and Dinghy 2 classes will have two races on Saturdays. The second race will start as soon as practicable after the finish of Race 1, however the Race 2 warning signal for Dinghy 1 will be no later than 15:45 and for Dinghy 2 will be 3 minutes after Dinghy 1. The Race Officer may sweep the course, giving an order and time of finish to remaining boats, to enable a second race. There will be no handicap adjustment for swept boats.

Wayfarers, GP14s and Toppers as separate classes shall compete on handicap in the appropriate Dinghy class and shall also be scored on a level basis against other boats of the same one-design class for separate awards.

A cruiser with NHC base numbers in the range 0.865 to 0.895 may elect to race for the entirety of the season in the Cruiser class other than that defined in the above table, provided that a written declaration to this effect has been lodged with the Sailing Captain more than 3 days before their first race. Yachts in this range that choose to change class from that in which it sailed in the previous year will revert to the base number in the RYA NHC handicap list.

A dinghy with PY handicap in the range 1141 and over may elect to race for the entirety of the season in the Dinghy class other than that defined in the above table, provided that a written declaration to this effect has been lodged with the Sailing Captain more than 3 days before their first race.

In the absence of any such declaration, a boat shall start in the appropriate class and shall be scored in the handicap race and series corresponding to its NHC or PY number as issued by the RYA, or as competed in the previous year. A boat shall remain in the appropriate class according to the handicap and class allocated at the

beginning of the season, with no option to change at any time, unless a race committee decides that the performance of a particular yacht is inequitable. A boats NHC handicap will be adjusted after every race. An adjustment in Handicap is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available in the club handbook and are to be available as a download on the club website.

6 COURSES

Courses will start from within Holme Bay and will be around marks laid within Strangford Lough.

7 PENALTY SYSTEM

The exoneration penalty and the advisory hearing and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available

8 Scoring and Awards

Scoring shall be in accordance with the Low Points System of RRS Appendix A, 4.1. The number of races to count in a Series shall be fewer than the number of races sailed in accordance with the following scale, and shall be subject to the restriction that points awarded for a disqualification for unfair sailing shall not be discarded:

Number of races sailed	Number of discards
10, or more	3, or more to be communicated
7-9	2
5-6	1
4 or less	0 (all to count)

Awards & Prizes, will be given as follows:

Overall Series Class Championship. Awarded in each class, to the boat with the least points based on its best scores from 12 race starts, including a maximum of 2 compensation points scores in all Series.

Individual Series. Awarded in each Series, in each class, to the boat with the least points from a minimum of 3 race starts and scored as above

Midfleet Winner. Awarded in each class to the best boat not placed in the first three in any of the individual Series based on the same criterion as the Overall Series Class Championship.

GP14 Overall Winner. Awarded to the best GP14 based on the same criterion as the Overall Series Class Championship.

Compensation Points for race and house (tea and bar) duties. A boat may claim compensation points as described in the SIs under section 13 Scoring and Awards. Races with at least one starter, shall be scored. A race with no starters is not a race however compensation points may still be claimed.

A boat may make one claim for Compensation points when competing in one Strangford Lough Open event per series that would otherwise prevent a start in the EDYC Series race. See also as described in the SIs under section 13 Scoring and Awards. Claims for these points must be made to a member of the sailing committee within one week of the Strangford Lough Open event and must be

accompanied by evidence to the satisfaction of the Sailing Committee that the boat started the other event.

9 Risk Statement

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

10 INSURANCE

1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover specified by Club rule 42 (on 14/2/18 states £1 million per event or the equivalent however scheduled for revision upwards).

2. In amendment of RRS 40, all sailors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times when afloat.

Further Information

For further information please see www.edyc.co.uk or contact East Down Yacht Club, 61 Comber Road, Moymore, Killyleagh BT30 9QZ, email info@edyc.co.uk