

# East Down Yacht Club

## Ardglass Race

### Saturday 12th September 2020

### Sailing Instructions

**Rules and Responsibility:** The Ardglass Race shall run in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2018/2019 and the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and these sailing instructions.

**Changes to Sailing instructions:** Any changes will be posted on EDYC Web Site ([www.edyc.co.uk](http://www.edyc.co.uk)) by 18.00hrs the evening before the race. If changes are made code flag "L" will be flown from the mast of EDYC Committee Boat.

**IRC Classes 1 & 2:** Yachts sailing under the International Rating Certificate (IRC) Rating Authority Scheme must have an IRC certificate (2019 or 2020), a copy of which, if the Time Correction Calculation (TCC) is not as listed in the Strangford Lough Regatta Conference (SLRC) Regatta Programme, must be presented to the Race Officer (**before the race start**).

**NHC Handicaps Classes 3, 4 & 5:** Any National Handicap Of Cruisers (NHC) entries not registered with the Strangford Lough Regatta Conference (SLRC) in 2018 will need to provide proof of handicap in the form of NHC base number. A boat's handicap will be adjusted after the race of the Offshore Series. An adjustment in handicap number is not grounds for redress, this changes RRS 62.

**Class Flags:**

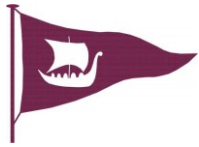
Class 1 - IRC 0.950 & over - Numeral Pennant 1

Class 2 - IRC 0.949 & under - Numeral Pennant 2

Class 3 - NHC 1 - Numeral Pennant 4

Class 4 - NHC 2 - Numeral Pennant 5

Class 5 - NHC Restricted Sail Yachts – Numeral Pennant 3



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Each yacht must display the appropriate class code flag from the backstay or stern rigging in a conspicuous position. If fewer than 3 boats enter a class, the committee reserves the right to combine classes.

**Start Schedule:** The warning signal for each class shall be made as per the table below commencing the 5,4,1,Go sequence. A boat will not be given a finish if she starts 10 mins after her class starting signal.

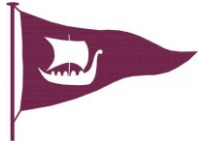
**Series:** The Ardglass race counts towards the Strangford Lough Cruiser Racer Association (SLCRA) Offshore Series.

Class	Warning Signal	Code Flag
Class 5	13:00	Numeral 3
Class 3 & 4	13:10	Numeral 4/5
Class 1 & 2	13:20	Numeral 1/2

**Course:** The first mark of the course shall be displayed on the Committee Boat, a red card requires the indicated mark to be left to port, a green card to starboard. Thereafter the course is to Ardglass Harbour, leaving both Angus Rock and St. Patrick's Rock to starboard. If Code Flag W is displayed on the Committee Boat at the start of a class, the Strangford Fairway Buoy shall be left to starboard by that class.

**Safety:** Entrants should be aware that sea conditions between Angus Rock and Ardglass Harbour can be hazardous. Therefore entrants are advised to make certain they carry adequate safety equipment. The onus to do so is on the individual skipper/entrant. Guidelines for this can be found in RORC Category 3. All crew members are advised to wear lifejackets.

**Responsibility:** All those taking part in the race do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organising Authority, EDYC and their respective officers, volunteers and members, accept no liability for any injury, loss or damage that may be suffered by any competitor.



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**Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.

**Starting Line:** Between the rear mast of the EDYC Committee Boat and Mark E.

**Finishing Line:** The Finishing Line shall be a line of sight across the entrance to Ardglass Harbour from the harbour wall to the starboard white obelisk (pointed Pillar).

**Finishing Time:** Competitors must still record their own finishing time. To ensure consistency in timing it is requested that finishing times should be recorded using the clock on the yacht's GPS unit, converted if needed to BST. If this is impossible, competitors may use a watch but it should be checked against a GPS unit as soon as possible after the race.

**Protests and Requests for Redress:** Protests, Redress, Hearings, Misconduct and Appeals shall be in accordance with RRS Part 5 Rules 60-71.4.

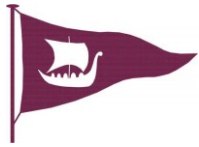
Protests concerning eligibility of a boat shall be lodged to EDYC Race Committee 30 minutes after the last boat has finished in that class.

Protests or requests for redress arising from the Race shall be delivered to EDYC Race Committee 30 minutes after the finish time of the last boat.

EDYC Race Committee will, within one hour of receipt of a protest, contact both parties with the time and place of hearing. EDYC Race Committee shall not be entitled to abandon the race as a consideration for redress RRS 64.2.

**Time Limit:** The time limit for all yachts will be 16:30 hrs.

**Retirements:** Any yacht retiring should advise the Race Officer, using VHF Channel 37, telephone 028 44 828375, mobile 07498 724747 (EDYC Sailing Committee) Email: [info@edyc.co.uk](mailto:info@edyc.co.uk) Facebook - East Down Yacht Club



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**Abandonment:** In the event of unsuitable conditions the race may be abandoned. This will be signalled by the flying of **Code Flag N** from the EDYC flagpole and if possible from the mast of the EDYC committee boat. The race committee will also broadcast on Channel 37 as soon as the decision to abandon the race has been made.

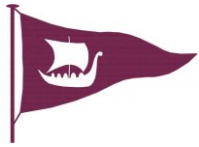
**Results:** Results may be posted at the Phennick Cove Marina as soon as possible after the finish of the last boat. Results shall be posted on the EDYC WEB site in the following week.

**Prize Giving:** There will be no prize giving due to Covid 19 & social distancing.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented to the first yacht in the IRC Class, NHC Class and NHC Restricted Sail at the safest & earliest convenience of the EDYC sailing committee. Classes 1 & 3 share EDYC Ardglass Race Perpetual Cup (to be engraved and remain in the Club's possession) and replicas.

**EDYC Contacts:** 028 44 828 375 or 07498 724747 EDYC Sailing Committee - info@edyc.co.uk - VHF Channel 37 (on event)

**Marina Berthing:** For information regarding Phennick Cove Marina, Ardglass please contact Mr. Fred Curran Tel/Fax: 028 4484 2332

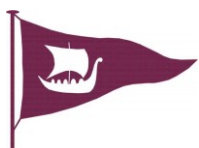


## **East Down Yacht Club Risk Statement**

Rule 4 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 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, other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover against third party claims.



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### ***DECLARATION OF RECORDED TIME***

**It is the vessel's responsibility to hand this form into EDYC Race Committee as soon as possible after the race finishes.**

**Boat Name**.....

**Race CLASS**.....

**Mobile Contact Number** .....

**I hereby declare that with the exception of the infringement(s), if any, particulars of which are given below:**

- 1** I was on board and in charge of the above named vessel throughout the race.
- 2** The course was completed in compliance with EDYC Sailing Instructions.
- 3** There was no infringement of RRS, RYA Prescriptions and ORC Safety Regulations.
- 4** There was no infringement of International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.
- 5** The finishing time was displayed on the vessels GPS as shown below:

Finishing Time (BST) .....Hours .....Minutes .....Seconds

SIGNED.....

SIGNED (witness).....

DATE .....

Infringement(s):-