



East Down Yacht Club Leisure 17 Big Weekend

3rd - 4th May 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.2(a)

1. RULES.

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025-2028).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) shall apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS.

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor of the EDYC clubhouse.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 37.
- 3.3. The following communications may be made by the race committee on VHF channel 37: time checks, courses, change of courses, shortening, postponement, abandonment or recalls. Secondary VHF Channel if required will be VHF69.
- 3.4 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. CODE OF CONDUCT.

- 4.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the front of the EDYC clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

- 6.1. Dates of racing will be Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May 2025.
- 6.2. Three races will be sailed on Saturday and one on Sunday constituting a 4-race series.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 10:55 on both days.
- 6.4 Subsequent races each day will follow as soon as is practical after all yachts have completed the previous race or at the Race Committees discretion in consideration of time limits.
- 6.5 In the event of adverse weather including the cancelation of a day's racing, the Race Committee may alter the intended racing series plan including additional races on Sunday in order to maximise the events success at their discretion.

7. CLASS FLAGS.

- 7.1. The class flag for Leisure 17 will be international code flag B (Bravo).

8. RACING AREA.

- 8.1. The preferred race area is the southern area of Strangford Lough
- 8.2. The chartlet (not suitable for navigation) at Annex B shows the general location of these areas together with the approximate location EDYC race marks

9. COURSES.

- 9.1. There shall be three single lap windward – leeward races on Saturday all as shown in Annex A.
- 9.2.1 On Saturday the race marks shall be large yellow buoys with black letters 1, 2 and 3. Marks shall be rounded to **Port** unless stated otherwise by the Race Committee during the daily brief. Marks shall be rounded in the following sequence: 1,2,3 and finish. There is no requirement to pass through the start/finish line between marks 2 and 3. Marks may be adjusted between each of the three races at the discretion of the Race Officer.
- 9.2.2 The purpose of mark 2 is to act as a spreader to separate the fleet between the windward and leeward legs.
- 9.3. On the Sunday there shall be a longer round-the-cans race using the EDYC's race marks, position as approximate in Annex B.
- 9.4. On Sunday the Committee Boat will display mark boards giving the course to be sailed using the EDYC's race marks as shown in Annex B and being read from left to right; red numbers on a white background shall be left to port; green numbers on a white background shall be left to starboard.
- 9.5. All boats shall pass North of Marks K and R, and to the seaward side of marks 2 and 6 unless these are marks of the course.

10. MARKS.

- 10.1. Laid marks for Saturday will be large yellow inflatable buoys and orange barrel E for the start line.
- 10.2. Annex B shows the approximate location of EDYC racing marks.
- 10.3. EDYC race marks are orange barrels and are painted with their identification number or letter.
- 10.4. The Race Officer Boat is a blue Bermudan sloop yacht called Ogun.

11. THE START.

- 11.1. Races will start by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. For both days the starting line is between a red and white stripped pole on the Committee Boat -Ogun, blue hull and an orange barrel marked E.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. THE FINISH.

- 12.1. For all races, the Finish Line is between the red and white stripped pole of the committee boat - Ogun, blue hull and Orange barrel Mark E.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES.

- 13.1. The target time for the windward/leeward races shall be 1 hour each and for the round-the-cans race the target time shall be 2.5 hours.
- 13.2 In the case of slow finishers, boats may be 'swept up' from the back of the fleet or finished at a mark and their finish position allocated for that race at the discretion of the Race Officer as per RRS 32. This changes RRS 35.
- 13.3. The target is to have finished racing on both days by 16:00 in order to process results.

14. HEARING REQUESTS.

- 14.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office in the McRobert Room on the ground floor of the EDYC clubhouse.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a caravan indicated in the EDYC clubhouse, beginning at the time posted.
- 14.4. Alternatively, an arbitration as per RRS Appendix T may be used to resolve disputes.

15. SCORING.

- 15.1. A yacht's finishing position is her race score.
- 15.2. A boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 15.3. If there is a Series tie Rule A8 shall apply.
- 15.4. In order to win the overall series a yacht must have crossed the start line in all races scheduled during the weekend.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS.

16.1. (DP) Personal buoyancy aids must be always worn by people in dinghies, tenders, ferries, safety boats and support vessels.

16.2. (DP) A 5-knot speed limit (speed over the ground) is imposed in the immediate area of the clubhouse waters bounded to the North by Dodd's Island and in the South by the entrance to the Dorn, often marked by perches.

16.3. (DP) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT.

17.1. Substitution of competitors is allowed. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is allowed.

18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

18.1. The event organisers may appoint a Scrutineer who may inspect any boat if there is reason to suspect a significant inconsistency with the Class Association Rules, the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

19. PRIZES.

19.1. Prizes may be given in each class for the winners of each race. If a yacht has already won a prize, then the next prize will be awarded to the next finisher. A further prize is awarded to the overall series winner.

19.2. There will be an additional prize for the best dressed crew, and at the race organisers discretion.

19.3. Prizes will be awarded ashore at EDYC on Sunday after the buffet dinner.

20. RISK STATEMENT.

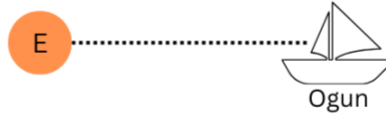
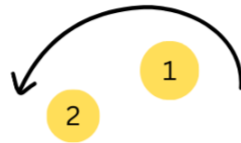
20.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor 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.

21. INSURANCE.

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

Saturday 3rd May Course Plan



ANNEX.B.



This illustration will give an approximate location of the racing marks used by East Down Yacht Club.
It is **NOT** to be used for navigation purposes.

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EDYC Sailing Committee, April 2024