



Ardglass Race - Saturday 30th of August 2025

Sailing Instructions

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
(RRS Fundamental Rule 3)

1 RULES.

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 EDYC Rule 42 Navigation, Racing and Sailing applies.

1.3 The rules and regulations of appropriate relevant classes apply; including YTC Rules and Impala Class Rules

1.4 If there is a conflict between the NOR and SIs the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

2. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS.

2.1 A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class Rules.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the EDYC club house or via the whatsapp group.

3.2 Supplementary sailing instructions will be posted on club website: edyc.co.uk.

3.3 The race committee may repeat notices to competitors in the race announcements on WhatsApp group: JP - 44 (0) 7498 724747

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 BST on race day, unless this time is changed in the supplement.

5. NOTICE TO MARINERS AND SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

5.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners.

5.2 Competitors are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Narrows, at the Bar Mouth and the Irish Sea shipping channels.

5.3 The race organisers will notify Belfast Coastguard of the number of boats leaving Strangford Lough during the race.

6. CLASS FLAGS AND START TIMES.

6.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.

Class	Starting Signal	Code Flag
YTCRS	10.20	Code Flag Numeral 4
YTC	10.25	Code Flag Numeral 3
IMPALA	10.30	Code Flag Numeral 7

7. MANDATORY REPORTING BEFORE RACE.

7.1 Before 0845 BST on race day boats should register a crew list with the race organisers, completing the entry form on or WhatsApp JP on +44 (0) 7498 724747

7.2 In exceptional circumstances when the persons on board do not match the crew list then the full details of any changes shall also be included in a SMS (text) message to +44 (0) 7498 724747 from the mobile number they declared on their entry form before starting.

8. VHF.

8.1 All boats are required to have their VHF switched on and able to transmit and receive race information from 1000 BST on race day and throughout the race via VHF Ch.37.

9. COMMUNICATIONS.

9.1 The Race Committee may broadcast information on VHF Ch.37, Call sign "EDYC Committee Boat".

9.2 Boats are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16.

9.3 Inter-boat communication calls should, when possible be on DSC or, VHF Ch.16 as a calling channel and VHF Ch.37 as a working channel.

9.4 Boats with communications in addition to VHF should act as a link, taking other boats' reports on VHF and passing them to the Race Committee or Coastguard.

10. THE STARTING LINE.

10.1 Between the stern mast of the EDYC Committee Boat and Mark E.

11. THE COURSE.

11.1 The first mark of the course will be within Strangford Lough and will be displayed on the Committee Boat - a red card requires the indicated mark to be rounded to port, a green card to starboard.

11.2 All boats must pass St Patrick's rock to starboard.

11.3 Thereafter the course is to Ardglass Marina.

12. THE FINISHING LINE.

The Finishing Line is a line between the southernmost point on Ardglass harbour wall and Phennick Point on the north shore.

13. FINISH TIME.

Skippers are required to record exact finish times, preferably from a GPS system, for:

13.1 their boat

13.2 the boat in front, if possible and

13.3 the boat behind. A race official may be present working as a timekeeper.

14. RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS.

14.1. After finishing or retiring, every yacht is required to submit their times to the race organisers before 16.00. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the yacht being excluded from the results.

15.TIME LIMIT.

15.1. The time limit for all yachts will be 16:00 BST.

16. RETIREMENTS.

16.1. Any yacht retiring should advise the race organisers, using VHF Channel 37 or other appropriate means. When a yacht retires from a race she shall contact the race organisers with the reasons on her retirement.

17. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

17.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in front of the club house.

17.2 AP flown ashore means races not started are postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal, unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. This changes race signal AP.

17.3 In the event of unsuitable conditions racing may be abandoned. This will be signalled by the flying of code flag 'N' shore and, if possible, from the mast of the EDYC committee boat and in the race announcements WhatsApp.

18. FEE.

18.1. Entry will be £10, go to our website www.edyc.co.uk or click on the link <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/org/edyc>.

19. HANDICAP

19.1. YTC/YTCRS handicaps will be taken from the Strangford Lough Regatta Conference Boat List <http://www.strangfordloughregattas.co.uk/index-2.html>

20. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

20.1 Hearing request forms are linked from the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee.

20.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 15 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.

20.3 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 and where the hearings will be held.

20.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

21. RESULTS.

21.1 Results will be posted online, linked from the official notice board as soon as possible after the finish time of the last boat.

21.2 The race committee may post links to provisional results as they become available into the race announcements WhatsApp group.

22. PRIZES.

22.1 Prize giving will take place in The Ardglass Marina as soon after racing or at EDYC Prize giving.

22.2 Prizes will be awarded: 1st place YTC RS; 1st place YTC; 1st place Impala.

22.3 The winners of YTC and Impala will share the EDYC Ardglass Race perpetual trophy (to be engraved and remain in the Club's possession¹⁵).