

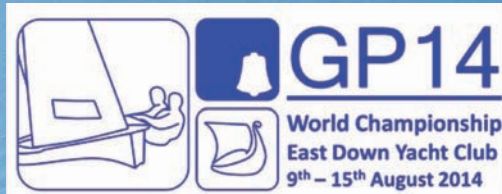
East Down Yacht Club

Members Handbook 2014

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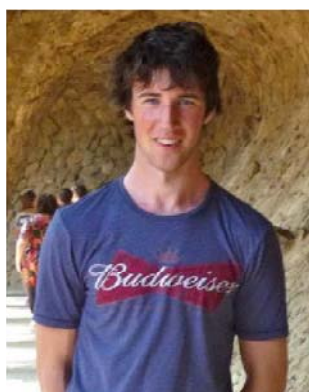
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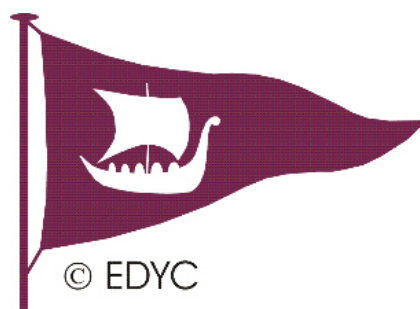


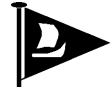
Welcome to EDYC for sailing in 2014

Especially to new members of the club, or members that have recently joined, do come and introduce yourself to me. I think that you may find this handbook of interest particularly for you as it contains two new items this year, an Induction Programme and a Training Plan. The Induction Programme that we have created within the club, will help you obtain more enjoyment from the activities at the club and help us to match what we are offering with your sailing related needs. The Training Plan for the club this year is offering some new approaches, building on the traditional transfer of knowledge and skills, provided in the context of a yacht club, that can lead to Royal Yachting Association awards. The training programme details for 2014 can also be viewed by clicking the Training button on our website homepage.

Wishing you fair winds and fine sailing

Robert Dow
Commodore
East Down Yacht Club





EDYC New Member Induction Programme 2014

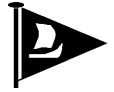
The programme is a combination of social and training opportunities with guidance to integrate new members into the club policies and practices. You should expect support in the the following aspects of the club and if you do not, do ask us for it.

1. An acknowledgement of membership being granted and a welcome to the club letter, from the membership secretary, including a membership/electronic gate card.
2. A copy of the club handbook with a recent newsletter supplement, if available.
3. Complementary hot bar snack on their first visit to the 'Holm Bay Bar' in the Hamilton Room. Sorry, not redeemable retrospectively prior to 2014.
4. Introduction to the Commodore, any three of the club office bearers and their Class Captain by the 'Proposer signatory' on their application for membership of the club.
5. Completion of appropriate child protection processes and awareness within the club.
6. A personal development training programme assessment from the club RYA Training Principal.
7. 'On the job' training and guidance on the member's bar and/or 'on the water' duties assigned for the club activity rotas for 2014, with a complementary refreshment for your volunteering efforts.
8. A choice of sailing, site or house committees for the annual 'club work parties'.

On Saturday 12 April 2014, 10.0 to 1300hrs or 1400 to 1630hrs.

9. An introduction to cruiser and/or dinghy skippers that you may be crewing with in club racing and cruises during some of the training that is offered.
10. Priority booking for the Members Lunch, Midsummer BBQ and Commodores Cruise.
11. An opportunity to feedback on this inaugural induction process and therefore contribute to the induction processes for other new members in the future.







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Membership 2014

Kim McCourt Membership Secretary	edycmembership@gmail.com	
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EDYC Clubhouse Landline

The clubhouse phone is now located under the TV set in the Holm Bay Bar in the



clubhouse. It can only receive calls and only make emergency calls. It will not function for general outgoing calls.

It is the number to be used to contact the clubhouse and hence access help – being located in an area where people sit.

The number is 028 4482 8375 (incoming calls and emergency only)

Emergency Contact Numbers

Coastguard

VHF: Channel 16

Tel: +44 (0)28 9146 3933

Or 999

Northern Ireland Ambulance Service

Tel: 999

Please again note the clubhouse phone does not make normal outgoing calls – it is available for 999 use; use a mobile or VHF.

Website

The club website is www.edyc.co.uk

Keith is the club webmaster and he can be contacted at – info@edyc.co.uk

Club Members can contact committees through the above email address, where they will be forwarded to the appropriate committee or club member if available on email.

Facebook

Find East Down Yacht Club now on Facebook !

Wi-Fi

There is a Wi Fi facility in the Clubhouse. The access code is 2230202721

Honorary Secretary

Contact the Honorary Secretary at edycsec@gmail.com or on 07799867948

Introductory Note to the Rules 2014

The 2013 EGM and AGM accepted amendments to Rule 29 'Entrance Fees' and Appendices A 'Child Protection Policy' and B 'Code of Conduct' along with changes to the charges in the schedules.



Club Rules

1. Name of Club

The name of the Club shall be "East Down Yacht Club".

2. Objects of the Club

To promote the sports of sailing, rowing and canoeing in Strangford Lough and elsewhere throughout Northern Ireland, and such other sports and activities as the Executive Committee shall consider consistent with the welfare of the Club, and to instruct people in such sports. In all cases, preference will be given to sailing crafts. The use of PWCs (Personal Water Craft) shall not be permitted at the club.

3. Club Policies

3.1 Child Protection Policy

The Club has adopted and is committed to observing the Child Protection Policy set out in Appendix A to the Club Rules and recognises its responsibilities under the Child Protection (Northern Ireland) Order 1995. At all times members in contact and working with young people on courses and in events organised by the Club shall observe the Code of Conduct set out in Appendix B to the Club Rules.

3.2 Health & Safety Policy

The Club has adopted and is committed to observing the Health & Safety Policy set out in Appendix C to the Club Rules.

4. Affiliation to Royal Yachting Association

The Club shall be affiliated to the Royal Yachting Association.

5. Officers of the Club

The following Officers shall be elected annually by the voting members at the Annual General Meeting: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore (House), Rear Commodore (Sailing), Rear Commodore (Site), Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, House Captain, Sailing Captain, and Site Captain. No one person may be elected as Commodore for more than three consecutive occasions, and no one person may be elected as Vice Commodore for more than three consecutive occasions. No one person may be elected as a Rear Commodore for more than two consecutive occasions. Any person elected as one of the Rear Commodores shall serve in that particular office for no more than one year at a time.

6. Nomination for Elections to Committees

Nominations for all elected offices and posts should be lodged in writing with the Honorary Secretary not later than five days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Each nomination shall be signed by a Proposer and by a Secunder, and shall bear the signature of the Nominee as an indication of his or her willingness to serve on a committee, if so elected. Nomination forms shall be made available to members at the appropriate time. All Nominees, Proposers and Seconders must be fully paid up adult voting members.

Nominees for Commodore and for Vice Commodore must have served on two of the three committees identified in Rule 10 and where possible have served as Rear



Commodore on one committee, or served as Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer, prior to nomination.

A person nominated for election to one of the three committees identified in Rule 10 shall not be nominated for election to either of the other two committees.

If, and only if, the number of nominations received by the due date is fewer than the number of offices and posts to be filled, then the Chairman of the Meeting may, provided the Meeting approves, seek nominations for those specific offices and posts which are deficient. All three parties to any such nomination must be present.

7. Taking of Minutes

The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings at the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee meetings and shall see that the decisions of these Meetings are implemented.

8. Accounting

The Honorary Treasurer shall be accountable to the Executive Committee for the receipt and payment of all money due to or owing by the Club and shall keep correct accounts and books showing the receipts, expenditure and financial affairs of the Club, audited yearly by the Honorary Auditor before they are presented to the Annual General Meeting. The Honorary Auditor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and need not be a Member of the Club.

9. Executive Committee

The affairs of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Officers specified in Rule 5. The Executive Committee shall meet from time to time at such place and hour as may be convenient and as summoned in writing by the Honorary Secretary. A quorum of half of the members of the Executive Committee shall be required to conduct business. In the event of a voting tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote. The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees to deal with any special business, provided that the power of the Executive Committee to elect or reject members shall not be delegated to any other committee. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee during a current year of office the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, appoint a successor, who shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. The number of successors so appointed shall not exceed two in any one year. If necessary a Principal Training Officer, a Principal Race Officer, an Assistant Honorary Secretary and/or an Assistant Honorary Treasurer may also be appointed by the Executive Committee at any time during the year. All such persons shall not by virtue of such appointment be members of the Executive Committee. The Commodore, the Vice Commodore, Principal Training Officer and the Principal Race Officer shall be ex officio members of all other committees.

10. House, Sailing and Site Committees

The House Committee shall consist of the following: Rear Commodore (House), House Captain, four members elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and a maximum of four members appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The House Committee shall meet regularly to consider any duties assigned to it by the Executive Committee, and to



provide reports and recommendations to the Executive Committee. The House Captain shall ensure that proceedings are minuted. A quorum of half of the members of the House Committee shall be required to conduct business.

The Sailing Committee shall consist of the following: Rear Commodore (Sailing), Sailing Captain, Cruising Captain, Youth Coordinator, four members elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and a maximum of four members appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Sailing Committee shall meet regularly to consider any duties assigned to it by the Executive Committee, and to provide reports and recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Sailing Captain shall ensure that proceedings are minuted. A quorum of half the members of the Sailing Committee shall be required to conduct business.

The Site Committee shall consist of the following: Rear Commodore (Site), Site Captain, four members elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, and a maximum of four members appointed by the Executive Committee at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Site Committee shall meet regularly to consider any duties assigned to it by the Executive Committee and to provide reports and recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Site Captain shall ensure that proceedings are minuted. A quorum of half the members of the Site Committee shall be required to conduct business.

11. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on or before the 7th December each year and a notice of it shall be sent to each member of the Club at the address of each member recorded in the register of the members. A quorum of 20 members is required. At any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting each spouse shall be entitled to one vote for such spouse's Family membership and each Single member or Senior member shall be entitled to one vote, but Cadet members, Outport members and Family members, save as above, have no votes but can submit recommendations.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the request in writing of ten full members of the Club and the business of such meetings shall be restricted to the particular business mentioned in such request and a quorum of twenty members is again required.

13. Admission of Members

New members must be proposed and seconded by Club Members in writing on application forms obtainable from the Secretary. They shall demonstrate in their application to the Executive Committee's satisfaction that they intend to become active members of the club and intend to utilise the Club's facilities in keeping with the "Objects of the Club" as noted herein Rule 2. The names and addresses of persons proposed as members other than Honorary and Temporary members of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for at least one week before their election, and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse



between the nomination and election of such members. Unless proposed or seconded by a member of the Executive Committee, the applicant shall be interviewed by at least one member of this Committee, before the application is considered by the Executive Committee, when a ballot shall be taken on the admission of the proposed new member at which a majority vote shall decide the question of admission.

14. *Non Compliance with Rule 13*

If persons, other than temporary members, are elected as members by a procedure which does not comply with that part of Rule 13 concerning the display of their names and addresses in a conspicuous place in the Club premises for a period of at least one week before their election, they shall not be admitted to any of the privileges of membership until the expiration of a period of at least two days from their election.

15. *Classes of Membership and Subscription*

Classes of Membership and Subscription shall be as set out in the 1st Schedule hereto.

16. *Membership Cards*

All members shall carry membership cards while on the premises of the Club.

17. *List of Names and Addresses of Members*

An alphabetical list of the names and addresses of every official and member of the Club shall be kept on the premises of the Club.

18. *Guests of Members*

A guest of a member shall not be admitted to the Club premises except in the company of a member and the member shall, immediately on the admission of his guest to the Club premises, enter his name and address and the name and address of his guest in a book which shall be kept for that purpose and which shall show the date of each visit.

19. *Guests of Members: Limitation on Admission*

The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a member, shall not be admitted as a guest of a member to the Club premises on more than 20 days in any period of 12 months.

20. *Responsibility of Members for their Guests*

A member shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing the rules and shall not leave the Club premises before his guest and a guest of a member shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor in the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of the member.

21. *Purchase of Intoxicating Liquor*

No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.



22. Supply of Intoxicating Liquor

No person shall, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club or members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.

23. Display of Bar Hours

A statement, printed in plain type, of the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the premises of the Club shall be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the Club premises.

24. Supply of Intoxicating Liquor to Non-members -Off Premises

Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to persons who are not members of the Club for consumption outside the premises of the Club.

25. Supply of Intoxicating Liquor to Members - Off Premises

Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to members of the Club for consumption outside the premises of the Club except where the liquor is supplied in such quantities and during such hours, being hours within the permitted hours, and on such days as the Sub-Divisional Commander for the Police Sub-Division in which the premises are situated may authorise in writing.

26. Supply of Intoxicating Liquor to Minors

Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to any person under the age of 18 years.

27. Bar Hours

Intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the premises of the Club only during the hours set out in the 3rd Schedule.

28. Annual Subscriptions

Membership for any year starts on 1st January. Subscriptions shall be due and payable on 1st January in each year in accordance with the rates as set out in Schedule 1. Members joining after 1st August in any year are liable for half subscription. Members joining after 1st October in any year pay no subscription for that year.

29. Entrance Fee

Each applicant on admission to Family, Single and Student Membership shall be required to pay an Entrance Fee in accordance with the rates as set out in Schedule 1.

30. Unpaid Subscriptions

Until his or her subscription for the current season shall have been paid, a member shall not be entitled to take part in any Club event or make any use of the Club facilities nor shall points be awarded to any boat in which he/she sails. A list of members whose subscriptions are still unpaid at 30th June shall be submitted to the Executive Committee by the Honorary Treasurer, as soon as possible after that date and the Executive Committee shall have power thereafter, and after such notice as



the Executive Committee shall deem reasonable, to remove the name of any member whose subscription is unpaid from the list of members and such person shall forfeit all rights to or claims upon the Club's assets.

31. Resignations

These should be in writing and made before the Annual General Meeting for that year otherwise the member shall be deemed liable for his subscription for such year.

32. Suspension or Expulsion

The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member who shall have been guilty of misconduct prejudicial to the welfare of the Club. Before such a resolution is considered by the Executive Committee such member shall be given at least seven days notice and shall be given the opportunity to be heard in answer to the complaints against him. Such resolution shall be decided by ballot. The Executive Committee shall have the power to suspend a member from the privileges of membership for a period not exceeding one month. Members suspended or expelled shall forfeit all rights to or claims upon the Club or its funds.

33. Changes in Rules

No rule of the Club shall be changed or added to or revoked except by a special resolution of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting at the General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of which resolution seven days' previous notice in writing shall be given to each member.

34. Proposal of Resolution by Members

If any member shall desire to propose any resolution for the amendment of the Club Rules he shall give notice in writing of such proposal to the Honorary Secretary by 31st October in any year.

35. Trustees

At least four Trustees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to hold office, until death or resignation or removal from office by a resolution of the Executive Committee, and, in such circumstances, the Executive Committee shall appoint a successor whose appointment shall be ratified by the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees shall have power to acquire, hold, mortgage, charge and dispose of and shall have vested in themselves all real and personal property, lands, buildings, hereditaments and premises purchased, taken on Lease or otherwise acquired by or for the benefit of the Club.

36. Club Assets

The Club's assets and finances shall be used solely to further the objects of the Club.

At no time or under no circumstances shall assets of the Club be distributed among members either on an interim or on a winding-up basis.

37. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club shall be passed only at a General Meeting specially



summoned for the purpose of such resolution if supported by not less than 50% of those present and entitled to vote.

In the event of the Club being dissolved, surplus assets remaining after the satisfaction of debits and liabilities shall be held in trust by the Trustees until transferred by them to an institution or an organisation, which is a charity and/ or is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) and with objects similar to those of East Down Yacht Club, provided that such an institution's or such an organisation's Rules similarly preclude the distribution of such assets to its members.

38. Non Voting Members

Persons shall not be admitted in such numbers to membership not carrying rights of voting in relation to the affairs of the Club as will result in the number of members not having such rights being more than the number of members having such rights.

39. Admission of Honorary and Temporary Members

No persons shall be allowed to become Honorary or Temporary members of the Club or be relieved of the payment of the regular entrance fee or subscription, except those possessing the following qualifications:

Honorary Members - Elected by the Executive Committee. These being existing or recent past members of the Club to be honoured in recognition of meritorious work for the Club or for special achievement in the sport of sailing.

Temporary Members - Those participating in training or sailing events approved by the Executive Committee.

40. Financial Year

The financial year of the Club shall end on 30th September in each year.

41. Moorings

Members will comply with the general directions of the Executive Committee as to the position and type of any mooring laid in the vicinity of the Club. The Committee will identify a source of professional guidance to advise on the weight, length and strength of moorings. The Moorings Officer, appointed by the Sailing Committee, will aid free navigation in the vicinity of the Club by advising on the position of moorings. All moorings for members' boats shall be inspected and serviced annually, to preserve the reputation of East Down Yacht Club as a safe location for mooring yachts. Boat owners are responsible for the good condition of both their boat and their mooring and shall be guided by the insurance requirement of Rule 42

42. Navigation, Racing and Sailing

All racing is to be conducted under the rules of the Royal Yachting Association and every helmsman is to be a member of a recognised club.

All craft taking part in Club activities or using Club facilities must be insured against Third Party Liability to a minimum of £1,000,000.00.

No boat belonging to a Club member may be awarded points in a Club event unless its particulars have been reported previously to the responsible Officer of the Club, in such a manner as the Executive Committee may prescribe, and unless it carries clear identifying sail numbers and/or name in accordance with the reported particulars, and unless all dues to the Club in respect of the boat have been paid,



and unless the helmsman and crew are fully paid members of the Club or bona-fide visitors, subject to the further restriction that any such visitor may not participate in more than five Points Series races in any one season.

Personal buoyancy aids must be worn at all times by persons in dinghies and tenders.

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), during the sailing season.

The following list of vessels has permission to exceed the speed limit :-

Club support vessels, club safety boats and club rescue boats in their immediate race management and safety/rescue duties only, not on general passage making, subject only to safe and considerate helming.

43. Classes of Sailing Boats

The official classes of boats sponsored by the Club shall be determined or amended at the Annual or Special General Meeting. Other boats will be eligible to participate in handicap races under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme or other such recognised handicap scheme as the Executive Committee may decide.

44. Instruction in Seamanship

In order to comply with the objects of the Club, membership of it entails the provision of boats and qualified instructors and the Executive Committee will make adequate arrangements for the instruction of new, young and inexperienced members and their families during the sailing season, and shall arrange winter sessions on such subjects as seamanship, safety at sea, racing rules, boat maintenance and boat building.

45. Colours and Badges

The colours of the Club shall be maroon and white and the burgee of the Club shall be a Viking Longship, white on a maroon field.

46. Caravans

The use of caravans on the Club property shall be regulated in accordance with the Caravan Section Rules in the 2nd Schedule hereto.

47. Boat Park

Any keelboat or trailer remaining in the Boat Park or in the Dinghy Park must be moved, before 31st May, to such area as is designated by the Executive Committee. Any boat or trailer remaining after that date will be moved and the expense reclaimed from the owner.

Subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee, a charge may be made as specified in Schedule for any keelboat or other boat remaining in the Boat or Dinghy Park between 1st June and 31st August.

Every boat, dinghy, punt, cradle and trolley remaining on EDYC property shall carry clearly visible identification.

48. Parking

The allocation of parking space to any boat or trailer/cradle, or caravan on any part



of the Club site shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. All members wishing to park such equipment on the site must apply to the Site Committee.

49. (a) Equipment/Property Identification

The club instructs that every boat, tender, trailer, trolley, caravan or piece of equipment at EDYC (above the size of and including optimist dinghy) shall be marked legibly with an identification name and that this identification name be recorded on the member's annual membership renewal census form or given to the secretary before the equipment's entry to EDYC property. The identification name may include the boat class and sail number e.g. W6657 & T44956.

Equipment without identification so registered will be treated under rule 49b

(b) Abandoned Property

Any property on the Club site which has no visible identification or whose owner cannot, after reasonable enquiry, be identified, shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

50. Safety of Equipment

All caravans and trailers on the Club site must be maintained in good running order and must be fit for the intended purpose. If necessary, a contractor should, with the authority of the Executive Committee, be able to move any equipment on the site without endangering either himself or the property to be moved.

51. Dogs on Site

Any dog within the grounds of East Down Yacht Club should be kept under supervision and controlled at all times and any fouling that occurs should be removed by person responsible for the dog at the time.

52. Deed of Trust

No provision in these Rules or in any amendment thereto shall operate, detract from or qualify the terms of the Trust of the Club property.

53. Declaration

It is hereby declared that this document represents a true and the most up-to-date version of the Rules of East Down Yacht Club.

SCHEDULE 1

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES

	Entrance Fee	Membership Fee
Family Membership (to include children up to 18 years and students up to 25 years)	£NIL	£292
Single Membership (over 18 years)	£NIL	£218
Student Membership (18-25 years in full time education and not already in Family Member)	£NIL	£40
Temporary Crewing Membership (Valid for 1 year only)	N/A	£81

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Outport Membership (for members resident outside Northern Ireland throughout the season)	N/A	£24
Senior Membership (Open to those members over 60 years of age who have been members of the Club for at least 10 years and who do not own a boat or have a caravan at the Club and who wish to take advantage of such membership)	N/A	£55
Honorary Member (non voting)	N/A	£ NIL
Temporary Member (per week or part thereof for individuals during EDYC club organised training courses and events)	N/A	£14

ANNUAL FACILITIES CHARGES – BOAT OWNERS

Facilities Charges – All craft using EDYC slipway Keelboats, their punts and Sailing Dinghies Other boats above 4.5 m		£41 £104
Winter Storage Charges – 1st October to 31st May, or part thereof Keelboats/boats below 20ft Keelboats/boats 20ft to below 25ft Keelboats/boats 25ft to below 30ft Keelboats/boats 30ft and over Sailing dinghies and empty boat trailers		£109 £125 £141 £157 £58
Summer Storage Charges – 1st June to 31st August, or part thereof. Storage for every craft not in commission shall be charged at double the appropriate winter rate		Winter x 2
Long-term Storage Charges. Storage charges (Winter and Summer) will double for each successive year that a craft remains out of commission and parked at EDYC		Previous Year x 2

CARAVAN SECTION

Caravan Entrance Donation	£ 108
Caravan Annual Donation	£ 216
Winter Storage	£ 109

No-one under the age of 18 is allowed on club property or premises without suitable adult supervision.

Any craft remaining un-launched and un-used during the normal sailing season will be considered to be out of commission.

Members are reminded of the various provisions in Rules 47, 48 and 49.

Interest Free Loans

Scheme 1 ended at 2 December 2001.

That the Honorary Treasurer shall be empowered to accept from members and to repay to them at his discretion or on their request, Interest Free Loans in multiples of £25.00 and that he shall be authorised in respect thereof to rebate membership subscriptions at a rate of £2.00 per annum for every £25.00 lent calculated from the beginning of the calendar quarter after the loan was made until the end of the calendar quarter preceding its repayment.



Scheme 2 Issue Date 3 December 2001

That the Honorary Treasurer shall be empowered to accept from members and to repay to them at his discretion or on their request, Interest free loans in multiples of £25.00 and that he shall be authorised in respect thereof to rebate membership subscriptions at a rate of £1.00 per annum for every £25.00 lent, calculated from the beginning of the calendar quarter after the loan was made until the end of the calendar quarter preceding its repayment.

Payment by Instalments

The Honorary Treasurer may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, provide a scheme for payment of Annual Subscriptions and associated charges by instalment. An administration fee will be charged for this service. Details of the scheme in operation for any year will be provided with the request for Annual Subscription.

Members whose instalment payments are in order shall be deemed to be fully paid members of the Club for the purposes of Rule 30 (Unpaid Subscriptions).

Penalties

A late payment surcharge of 50% of the full annual rate shall be applied to all subscriptions outstanding after 28th February, excepting any individual case which the Executive Committee considers to be extenuating circumstances.

SCHEDULE 2

CARAVAN SECTION - Rules for the regulation of caravans on the site adjoining the Club House of the East Down Yacht Club.

The Executive Committee of the East Down Yacht Club has full authority to administer these rules. All payments made by members of the Caravan Section shall become part of the finances of the Yacht Club and shall be under the absolute control of the Treasurer and Committee of the Yacht Club.

The Executive Committee of the East Down Yacht Club shall have power to discipline members of the Caravan Section according to these rules or according to the rules of the Yacht Club.

Members of the Caravan Section shall pay an annual donation, as detailed in the 1st Schedule, for a right to occupy a site on the caravan park. New members to the Caravan Section shall make a one off, non-refundable donation as detailed in the 1st Schedule.

Outside the sailing season caravans shall be stored at locations identified as suitable by the Executive Committee. An annual winter storage charge equivalent to a Keelboat below 20ft shall be paid.

All caravans on Club property must be insured against Third Party Liability to a minimum of £1,000,000.

The Executive Committee shall have power, after request, to have a caravan removed from the site at any time during the year, apportioning the subscription accordingly.

Membership of the Caravan Section shall be confined to those paying a Family subscription and who are boat owners.

The membership of the Caravan Section shall be limited to 45 families and when this



number is reached the membership shall be closed.

Application for membership shall be made to the Executive Committee of the Yacht Club who shall deal with applications in strict rotation.

The Executive Committee of the Yacht Club shall have full authority to accept or refuse application for or terminate membership of the Caravan Section, and have full authority to amend or terminate existing allocation of sites.

Members proposing to remove their caravan from the site for a period of one week or longer shall give at least one week's prior notice of removal to the Secretary of the Yacht Club or his nominee who shall have power to grant temporary membership of the Caravan Section to any member on payment of a donation to be determined by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Yacht Club shall each year nominate three members of the Caravan Section who shall have full power to allocate sites to existing members, to organise voluntary labour to improve the amenities of the caravan park and to report to the Executive Committee of the Yacht Club any serious breaches of the rules of the Caravan Section.

The Site Captain shall allocate every caravan a site number. Every caravan, whilst on EDYC property, shall permanently display its site number in the window nearest the draw bar.

All caravans in the Boat Park or Dinghy Park must be moved, prior to Opening Day, to their designated sites. Any caravan remaining in the Boat Park or Dinghy Park after that date will be moved to its designated site and any expenses incurred will be reclaimed from the owners.

SCHEDULE 3

BAR HOURS

The hours of opening of the Club Bar shall be within 11.30 am to 11.00 pm on any social or sailing occasion for which the Executive Committee may agree that Bar facilities should be provided.

Also, the Bar may be open from 6:00 pm to 11.00 pm on each Wednesday during the Sailing Season, and from 11.30 am to 11:00 pm on each Saturday during the Sailing Season.

If such facilities are provided on a Sunday (or a Christmas Day) the permitted opening hours shall be from 12.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

If such facilities are provided on Good Friday the permitted opening hours will be limited to the period between 5.00 pm and 11.00 pm.

APPENDIX A CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Those working with young people should have access to the RYA's 'Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Guidelines' (available to download at www.rya.org.uk)

Policy Statement

It is the policy of East Down Yacht Club to safeguard children and young people taking part in Club activities from physical, sexual or emotional harm. The Club will take all reasonable steps to ensure that, through appropriate procedures and



training, children participating in Club activities do so in a safe environment. We recognise that the safety and welfare of the child is paramount and that all children, whatever their age, gender, disability, culture, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, social status or sexual identity, have a right to protection from abuse.

For the purposes of this policy anyone under the age of 18 should be considered as a child. All members of the Club should be aware of the policy.

Club Welfare Officer

The Club Welfare Officer is John Nelson. Contact details - Phone 028 9182 0565, Mobile 07876 358 898, Email nelsonj@belfastcity.gov.uk

Volunteers

All Club volunteers whose role brings them into regular contact with young people will be asked to provide references. The Child Protection Officer and those instructing, coaching or supervising young people or instructors will also be asked to apply for an Enhanced Criminal Records Disclosure.

Good Practice

All members of the Club should follow the good practice guidelines as set out below :-

Avoid spending any significant time working with children in isolation.

Do not take children alone in a car, however short the journey.

Do not take children to your home as part of your organisation's activity.

Where any of these are unavoidable, ensure that they only occur with the full knowledge and consent of someone in charge of the organisation or the child's parents.

Design training programmes that are within the ability of the individual child.

If a child is having difficulty with a wetsuit or buoyancy aid, ask them to ask a friend to help if at all possible.

If you do have to help a child, make sure you are in full view of others, preferably with another adult.

You should never :

- engage in rough, physical or sexually provocative games.

allow or engage in inappropriate touching of any form.

allow children to use inappropriate language unchallenged, or use such language yourself when with children.



make sexually suggestive comments to a child, even in fun.

fail to respond to an allegation made by a child; always act.

do things of a personal nature that children can do for themselves.

It may sometimes be necessary to do things of a personal nature for children, particularly if they are very young or disabled. These tasks should only be carried out with the full understanding and consent of the child (where possible) and their parents/carers. In an emergency situation which requires this type of help, parents should be fully informed. In such situations it is important to ensure that any adult present is sensitive to the child and undertakes personal care tasks with the utmost discretion.

Those working with young people should be aware of the guidance on recognising abuse, see Appendix A of the RYA 'Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Guidelines'

Adults are requested not to enter the showers and changing rooms at times when children are changing before or after junior/youth training or racing. If this is unavoidable it is advised that they are accompanied by another adult.

The Club will seek written consent from the child and their parents/carers before taking photos or video at an event or training session or publishing such images. Parents and spectators should be prepared to identify themselves if requested and state their purpose for photography/filming. If the Club publishes images of children, no identifying information other than names will be included. Any concerns about inappropriate or intrusive photography or the inappropriate use of images should be reported to the Club Welfare Officer.

Concerns

Anyone who is concerned about a young member's welfare, either outside or within the Club, should inform the Club Child Protection Officer immediately, in strict confidence. The Club Child Protection Officer will follow RYA procedures.

Any member of the Club failing to comply with the Child Protection policy and any relevant Codes of Conduct may be subject to disciplinary action under Club Rule 32.

APPENDIX B CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of conduct for members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and helpers.

It is the policy of East Down Yacht Club that all participants, coaches, instructors, officials, parents and volunteers show respect and understanding for each other, treat everyone equally within the context of the sport and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the club. The aim is for all participants to enjoy their sport and to improve performance.



Abusive language, swearing, intimidation, aggressive behaviour or lack of respect for others and their property will not be tolerated and may lead to disciplinary action.

Participants - Young Sailors

Listen to and accept what you are asked to do to improve your performance and keep you safe.

Respect other participants, coaches, instructors, officials and volunteers.

Abide by the rules and play fairly.

Do your best at all times.

Never bully others either in person, by phone, by text or online.

Take care of all property belonging to other participants, the club or its members.

Parents

Support your child's involvement and help them enjoy their sport.

Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results.

Never force your child to take part in sport.

Never punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes.

Encourage and guide your child to accept responsibility for their own conduct and performance.

Respect and support the coach

Accept officials' judgements and recognise good performance by all participants

Use established procedures where there is a genuine concern or dispute

Inform the club or event organisers of relevant medical information

Ensure that your child wears suitable clothing and has appropriate food and drink

Provide contact details and be available when required

Take responsibility for your child's safety and conduct in and around the clubhouse and the East Down Yacht Club site.

If on site after 10pm parents/guardians should ensure they know where their children are and what they are doing, they should ensure that the quietness and calm atmosphere of the site is maintained. If their children/young people do become noisy or disruptive, parents should address it as soon as they become aware of the situation.

Coaches, Instructors, Officials and Volunteers

Consider the welfare and safety of participants before the development of performance.

Encourage participants to value their performance and not just results.

Promote fair play and never condone cheating.

Ensure that all activities are appropriate to the age, ability and experience of those taking part.

Build relationships based on mutual trust and respect.

Work in an open environment.

Avoid unnecessary physical contact with young people.

Be an excellent role model and display consistently high standards of behaviour and appearance.

Do not drink alcohol or smoke when working directly with young people.

Communicate clearly with parents and participants.

Be aware of any relevant medical information.



Follow RYA and Club guidelines and policies.

Holders of RYA Instructor and Coach qualifications must also comply with the RYA Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Holders of RYA Race Official appointments must also comply with the RYA Race Officials Code of Conduct.

If you are concerned that someone is not following the Code of Conduct, you should inform the Child Protection Officer or the person in charge of the activity or session.

APPENDIX C

Statement of Policy and Intent in relation to Health and Safety

1. East Down Yacht Club considers that one of its primary objectives is the achievement and maintenance of a high standard of health and safety on its premises, and in all activities conducted under its jurisdiction.
2. The Club also recognizes the need for, and seeks to promote, a healthy and safe working environment for all its members, guests and employees, while they use the Club's premises and equipment.
3. The Club will take all reasonably practicable steps to fulfil its responsibility and will pay particular attention to meeting statutory requirements and RYA guidance.
4. The Club requires members to display a positive attitude towards Health and Safety and, in addition to abiding by the Club Rules and Sailing Instructions, members should adhere to safety procedures and instructions which have been endorsed by the Executive Committee.



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1. *Sailing & Club Calendar Notes*

Introduction

The activities of the Club are scheduled via the following calendar, in which it is impossible to print every detail. The Strangford Lough events are also listed, including other regattas to which we send a safety boat. The fuller details of these regattas are contained in a separate source (likely <http://www.strangfordloughregattas.co.uk> – we plan to point to it from our WEB site), the Strangford Lough Regatta Programme, and we commend regatta sailing to the Club. Recreational and training events are also scheduled.

The Club can only operate such an extensive calendar of events by the voluntary assistance of its members, enlisted by the rota associated within the calendar. The Club is most grateful for the substantial assistance received from members and it is very important that this work burden is shared. We can provide advice, training and instruction to assist in preparing members for these duties, just ask. Anyone who is unfamiliar with any aspect of the calendar, sailing or duties is most welcome to contact an appropriate officer from the Committees.

OOD, Rib & Chevy Duty

Anyone who is unfamiliar with the sailing related duties or who needs refreshment should contact the committee well before their duty as inserted in the calendar. The Club has determined that RYA Level II powerboat qualification is the appropriate level for our RIB safety boat drivers and requests that all drivers hold this qualification or equivalent experience. Both the OOD and Rib duty require an assistant or crew.

If you are unable to do your assigned duty, please arrange a stand-in and let Terry Ingles 028 9269 2988 know of the change. Terry will perform a reminder call to the OOD some weeks before the date of duty. The more senior members of the Sailing Committee will handle information on the Club support equipment and boats and accepting reports breakages, and monitoring logbooks etc.

Unscheduled Use of Club Vessels

Permission must be sought from the Sailing Captain or Rear Commodore sailing to use the Club vessels outside the scheduled calendar events. It is most likely that permission will be given to suitably able and experienced personnel, when the vessels will be of assistance in boat-related maintenance work.

Members House Rota

Anyone who is unfamiliar with the organisation of Bar and Beverages should contact the House Committee for information. Should you be unable to fulfil your scheduled duty, then please arrange a substitute and inform the house committee of any changes.

Sailing & Club Calendar 2014

Again the sailing & club calendar is supplied within this booklet. The Rota Calendar will be available in the clubhouse with duty names.



4. Sailing Instructions

Notice of Points Series Races and Sailing Instructions for the year 2014

1. Rules

Points Series races at EDYC will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, Class Rules, these Sailing Instructions and any amendments.

The following Racing Rules will be changed:

- RRS 26 (Starting Races)
- RRS 29.2 (General Recall)
- RRS 40 (Personal Flotation Devices)
- RRS 63.1 (Requirement for a hearing)

2. Entries

2.1 The Points Series races are open to all EDYC club boats and boats 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 and 42. Any yacht which fails to satisfy these conditions can be neither ranked nor scored as a starter.

2.2 Prior to going afloat to compete in any club race, all those intending to race in Dinghy 1 and Dinghy 2 classes must complete the "Sailing Declaration", located at the Sailing Office at the top of the slipway, giving class, sail number of boat, name of helm and name of crew. This Declaration must also be completed within 90 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the dinghy class helm points system described in SI 14.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Instructions Notice Board at the Clubhouse. Their authority will be the Sailing Captain, a properly nominated deputy of the Sailing Captain or, on the day of a race, the Race Officer.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Club Notice board eight days before the first race for which the change applies. In the exceptional circumstance of a change to the Sailing Instructions after this time and up to the time of the warning signal for any affected class, the Race Officer must ensure that adequate measures are taken to ensure that all affected yachts which are intending to race are apprised of the change.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at EDYC but will not be accompanied by a sound signal.



6. Schedule of Points Series Races, Classes and Race Times

6.1 The schedule of dates of Races and Series is incorporated in the Sailing Calendar.

6.2 Classes and Times of Warning Signal

Classes	Sat	Wed
Cruiser 1 Handicap (NHC 0.880 and over)	14.20	19.20
Cruiser 2 Handicap (NHC 0.879 and under)	14.23	19.23
Leisure 17	14.26	19.26
Dinghy 1 Handicap (PYS 1140 & under)	Race 1 14.29 Race 2 – if run no later than 15.45	19.29
Dinghy 2 Handicap (PYS 1141 & over)	Race 1 14.32 Race 2 no later than 15.48	19.32

6.3 Dinghy 1 and Dinghy 2 classes will have two races on Saturdays as decided by the Race Officer. The second race will start as soon as practicable after the finish of Race 1, however the warning signal for Dinghy 1 will be no later than 15.45 and the warning signal for Dinghy 2 will be no later than 15.48.

6.4 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.

6.5 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 Rule 6.2, 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 who 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.

6.6 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 Rule 6.2, provided that a written declaration to this effect has been lodged with the Sailing Captain more than 3 days before their first race.

6.7 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. 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.

7. Class Flags

Class flags shall be the following Code Flags:

Class	Code Flag
Cruiser 1	H
Cruiser 2	G
Leisure 17	B
Dinghy 1	W
Dinghy 2	V

8. Racing Area

All races will be on the southern part of Strangford Lough, from a starting line in Holm Bay. (The starting area includes Holm Bay from the southern end of the Dorn and clear of the moorings to an area around the Committee Boat and the start line).

9. The Courses

9.1 Possible courses are designated by letters and are specified in a separate List of Courses. The approximate positions of the marks of the courses are shown on a diagram.

9.2 The courses to be sailed by the various classes shall be indicated by their respective course letters being displayed in the following positions on the Committee Boat (or on a craft serving as the Committee Boat):

Class	Position
Cruiser 1	port side, forward.
Cruiser 2	port side, aft.
Leisure 17	starboard side cabin
Dinghy 1	starboard side, forward
Dinghy 2	starboard side, aft

9.3 The number of Rounds to be sailed will be displayed before the course to be sailed for each class.

9.4 Between each round all boats must sail through their start line in the same direction that they started. Boats that do not sail through their start line between each round of the course shall be recorded as 'DNF'. This changes RRS 63.1.



10. The Start

10.1 RRS 26 is changed to read:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag raised; 1 sound	6 minutes
Preparatory	'P' flag raised; 1 sound	3 minutes
Starting	Class Flag removed; 1 sound. The 'P' flag will be removed at or after the Dinghy 2 class	0 minutes

The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

The Preparatory flag will be flown 3 minutes before the Cruiser start and remain in place until after the last starting signal.

10.2 Start mark: A mark "E" shall be laid forming a start line with the rear mast of the Committee Boat.

10.3 When Courses 'AG' and AH" are displayed on Saturdays, an additional mark may be laid, forming a start line with the rear mast of the Committee Boat. This mark will be a painted 25 litre barrel, marked with number '4'. If laid, this will be the start line for Dinghy 1 and Dinghy 2 classes.

10.4 RRS 29.2, General Recall, is amended as follows:
after the Race Officer has signalled a general recall, the recalled class shall return to the start area. The normal sequence for the other classes shall continue and the recalled start shall be postponed until after the last class has started. Thus, the start signal for the last class shall be the preparatory signal for the recalled fleet. Any subsequent general recall shall follow in this manner.

11. The Finish

11.1 The finish line shall be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and mark used for the start line (ie Mark E or Mark 4 (courses AG and AH).

11.2 Finish signals - yachts shall finish at the finish line, where the Committee Boat shall display a Blue Flag as described in SI 11.4.

11.3 Shortened Courses

Shortened course codes are listed alongside full course codes in the List of Courses described in 9.1.

When a class is required to sail a shortened course, the Committee Boat shall display Code Flag S above the class flag of any class affected, before the leading



boat in that class crosses the start/finish line at the end of a round. Code Flag S shall be displayed alone if all classes are required to sail a shortened course.

Code Flag S displayed at the Committee Boat means: 'After passing the Shortened Course flag, sail on the Shortened Course, as specified in the List of Courses, until finished in accordance with Sailing Instruction 11.4'.

11.4 A Blue Flag means:

When displayed at the Committee Boat:

'Finish the race at the finishing line described in SI 11.1.

When displayed on a launch or other craft:

'Finish the race by crossing a finishing line between the craft on which this Flag is displayed and the nearby mark of the course, from the direction of the preceding mark of the course'.

If the Blue Flag is displayed alone, all classes shall finish, but if flown above class flags then only the designated classes shall finish.

The Race Officer may supplement flag signals with other means for ensuring that competitors are fully aware of his intentions regarding the shortening of courses. Such means may be, for example, use of a VHF radio on Channel 37 (alternatively Channel M), a loud hailer, or a safety craft, for delivering verbal instructions.

12. Time Limit

The time limits for the various classes are as follows:

Class and Series	Time Limit
Saturday Points Series for Cruiser 1, Cruiser 2 and Leisure 17	17.30
Saturday Points Series for Dinghy 1 & 2	Race 1 - 15.30 Race 2 – 17.30
Wednesday Points Series races in May, June and July:	21.30
Wednesday Points Series races in August	21.00

13. Protests

13.1 Intention to protest should be notified to the Race Officer in addition to satisfying the requirements of RRS 61.1. Protests shall be lodged with an Officer of the Club within one hour after the finishing time of the yacht, which finished last in the same class as the protesting boat. Parties to a protest shall be prepared to appear in a hearing either on race day or within 10 days.



13.2 Exoneration Penalty

The Exoneration Penalty (20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c)) and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available as far as possible. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

Information:

Protest forms and RYA arbitration - Competitors are advised to make use of the RYA Protest Form, which are available along with information on the RYA arbitration procedure on the EDYC Club Notice Board in the entrance hall of the Clubhouse.

14. Scoring and Awards

14.1 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 fewer	0 (all to count)

Awards, will be given as follows:

Overall Class Championship.

Awarded in Cruiser 1, Cruiser 2 and Leisure 17, to the boat with the least points based on its best scores from a minimum of 12 race starts, including a maximum of 2 compensation points scores.

Awarded in all dinghy classes to the helm with the least points based on their best scores from a minimum of 12 race starts, including a maximum of 2 compensation points scores.

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 in 14.1

Midfleet Winner. Awarded in each keelboat class to the best boat not placed in the first three in any of the individual Series and in each dinghy class to the best helm not placed in the first three in any of the individual Series, in each case based on the same criterion as the Overall Series.

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



14.2 Compensation Points for race and house (tea and bar) duties. A boat claiming compensation points as described in this Instruction shall ensure that the claim is recorded on the Race Officer's race results sheet for that date. Provided that an appropriate declaration is made, a boat which is unable to race because its crew is carrying out race or house duties will, on conclusion of the series, be awarded compensation points for the race/s concerned. These shall be calculated as the average of her scores in the races of the series, apart from the race/s concerned and apart from any other race/s, not exceeding the number of race scores in the series which may be discarded, in which she did not come to the starting area.

14.3 Races with at least one starter, shall be scored. A race with no starters shall not be scored and shall be declared cancelled, unless a boat which would otherwise have sailed in that race performs a duty for which compensation points would be awarded.

14.4 Compensation points (as per 14.2) will be provided to allow members boats to compete in one Strangford Lough Club Open event per series which would otherwise prevent a start in the EDYC Series race. 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.

15. Handicapping Systems

15.1 The Sailing Committee shall adjust the elapsed times of yachts competing in Cruiser 1 and 2 handicap classes according to the RYA National Handicap System (NHC) and Dinghy 1 and 2 handicap classes according to the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme (PYS).

15.2 Application of the RYA Handicap Systems:

Yachts racing under the NHC will have their handicaps determined by the Sailing Committee in accordance with the last published RYA NHC list and/or instructions, including Club NHC numbers carried over from the previous year if appropriate and such Numbers will be liable to revision in accordance with the method described therein after every race.

Yachts racing under the PYS will have their handicaps determined by the Sailing Committee in accordance with the last published RYA PYS list and remain at that figure for the year, unless changed by the RYA. PYS Trial Numbers issued to boats with no, or an inequitable PYS handicap will be assessed and liable to change after each assessable race until judged to be stable and a Club Number issued by the Sailing Committee.

16. Safety

16.1 All Dinghy 1 and Dinghy 2 class boats must fulfil class rules concerning buoyancy, means for bailing, towropes and means of manual propulsion (paddles).

16.2 RRS 40 is amended to read: All dinghy sailors must wear an adequate personal flotation device while racing, irrespective of the use of Code Flag Y. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

General



16.3 All keelboats must carry the following safety equipment while racing: Engine (in-board or out-board), fuel for 1 hour motoring, sail number on mainsail, fire extinguisher, bucket and lanyard, warp (2 x LOA of yacht), torch, adequate anchor and warp, foghorn, personal floatation devices for all crew members and First Aid equipment.

16.4 Crews must accept help if so directed by a safety crew. Non-acceptance of such help shall result in disqualification.

The Race Officer may cancel or abandon races if, in their opinion, available safety facilities are inadequate.

Sailing Committee, 2014

Training at East Down Yacht Club 2014





Details and application for the training listed below can be obtained from the club website by using the 'Training' button or emailing edyctraining@gmail.com.

The current club RYA Training Principal, Roy Edwards, has announced that he is stepping down. We are immensely grateful for everything that he has done for us in this role and as a RYA Race Officer. The club is going through the process of appointing a successor.

East Down Yacht Club is a Royal Yachting Association Training Centre as well as being an RYA Champion Club. This means that we provide training, currently dinghies and powerboats. Furthermore the Champion Club status recognises that we encourage young people to sail in the RYA pathways fleets of dinghies Toppers and RS Fevas, that are available for RYA Junior and Youth Classes respectively, taking part in open competitions, including the RYA Youth Championship.



May & June

Friday evenings 6.30pm to 9.00pm Dinghy improver sail training

This activity is for both youths and adults that are already sailing independently and want to improve their sailing skills. Use may be made of the club training fleet of dinghies or the participants own craft as required.



July

Summer dinghy sail training weeks:

This year EDYC is offering Youth sail training during the month of July. The courses shall be provided dependent upon sufficient demand being established. Participants should expect to improve boat handling and racing techniques.

Monday 21 July
Monday 28 July

Youth sailing week 1
Youth sailing week 2





Yacht Sail Training

Several factors have aligned this year to consolidate cruiser training opportunities that, to some extent, already occur within the club. The introduction by the RYA of the 'NHC' National Handicap for Cruisers aims to increase participation in racing. The thought of racing can be intimidating but it is a great way to improve boat handling skills. Speak to the RYA Training Principal if you would like to consider the options available to you. The recognition, in the club, that there is a track record of members joining the club, with ownership of a yacht, and an aspiration to develop their sailing portfolio also creates a demand. Noticeably, there has also recently been an increase in the uptake of the Temporary Crewing Membership category. The overall initiative also creates the opportunity to bring together existing members who are skippers that require crew and equally crew that would like to sail on yachts.

Members can expect to gain experiences from up to six brands of cruiser. Obtain seamanship skills that they can take to their own yachts. Or, stay crewing by adding their name to a pool of crew available for club racing, cruising voyages and Regattas.



Powerboat Training

The club relies upon a pool of competent safety boat helms to deliver dinghy racing. The proper preparation is an RYA Powerboat Course in basic boat handling, then a follow on course in providing safety cover. It is a great fun and improves skills and confidence. Power boat training is usually offered several times during the year. Information shall be provided on such opportunities by the club Chief Powerboat Instructor. Speak to the Chief Powerboat Instructor or watch the 'Training' web pages for details.

Elsewhere in this handbook you can see that there is an opportunity for the hire of dinghies in the club training fleet

Private tuition may be arranged at the club facilities at the discretion of and only with the consent of the RYA Principal. A Training/ Event/ Activity application form is available from the Club's Honorary Secretary.





Pontoon & Water Facilities

Wind Conditions

Members and Visitors are welcome to use the pontoon except in strong and gale force winds, and always under the direction of the Sailing Committee.

Personal Buoyancy

A Personal Flotation Device must be worn by children under 12 years of age and by all non-swimmers using the pontoon or the approach Walkway and Bridge.

Club Reserved Spaces

The positioning of club boats takes precedence over member's boats. Space for the Chevy and for a RIB to be left in the water must be maintained. The north side of the pontoon is reserved as is the south-west side of the pontoon. These club boat positions are to be used, always seeking to avoid damage to the RIB from weather or difficult handling conditions. It is the intention to keep the RIB on the North side of the pontoon, giving easier parking.

Rafting and tying up

Yachts may be tied up providing the skipper or owner remains on-site. Rafting, in suitable conditions, to a maximum of three boats is permitted with lines to the pontoon from the outside boats. Those in highly manoeuvrable boats should consider leaving as much of the pontoon length as clear as possible for larger less manoeuvrable boats.

Clearing the Pontoon

Space may be required to be cleared or reserved for Training, Safety, Event Management or an Emergency.

Prolonged Use

In the event of breakdown, dispensation may be given by the Sailing Captain for the use of the pontoon provided the boat is being worked on actively.

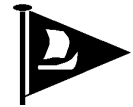
Environment

Skippers are required to adhere to good environmental practice at all times, especially while moored to the pontoon. This includes not discharging of waste to the environment and the transport of refuse to receptacles on shore. Unattended obstructions or tripping hazards on the pontoon must be avoided.

Visitors Moorings

The Moorings (two grey buoys to the east of the Club pontoon) referred to as Visitors Moorings were provided by Down District Council and are now maintained by EDYC at the club expense, they assist to promote sailing in Strangford Lough. They are for the use of visitors and are not for the routine or extended use of members. Abuse of this facility may result in the member being approached by the club. Members should

General



vacate these moorings as soon as possible, giving visitors and other members access and use.

Speed & Wash

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), during the sailing season.

The following list of vessels has permission to exceed the speed limit :-
Club support vessels, club safety boats and club rescue boats in their immediate race management and safety/rescue duties only, not on general passage making, subject only to safe and considerate helming.

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Health & Safety

EDYC has adopted a Health & Safety Policy (see Handbook Appendix C), to which the following notes will assist members.

H&S Training & Guidance

The Executive will provide both training and guidance on any aspect of club activity, on request, with a view to making our activities safe. A wide range of activity has an associated risk and via training and guidance we aim to reduce the risk. It should be your judgement as to when your experience, training and guidance sufficiently overcome the risk. Guidance sheets are prepared in relation to crane use, winch use and other activities.

Accident Book & Reporting

The statutory accident book is retained in a drawer in the kitchen. It is to be used when appropriate. The Executive need to hear of all accidents, even minor, via verbal, written and/or email reports. Monitoring and recording all incidents will give us direction on where our safety can be improved. An email or a signed note, dated and placed in the kitchen drawer, would be simple ways to alert the Executive of a less serious accident.

Safety Maintenance

Maintenance is a continuous task and, in many cases, relates directly to safety. In the same way as the Executive wish to hear of accidents, they also wish to hear of maintenance tasks which, if conducted, will improve safety. Due to the importance of safety equipment, we must hear when such equipment is missing, damaged or faulty.

First Aid

The Club maintains first aid consumables in three locations - on shore in the First Aid Box in the kitchen and afloat in waterproof containers (white barrels, red lids) on club Safety Craft. Serious incidents afloat may require Coast Guard communications and Ambulance attendance. It is recommended that each member and boat should have some first aid provision. Trained First Aiders are available in the Club and the holding of an RYA Instructor's qualification also indicates training in First Aid. A list of trained First Aiders is located with the First Aid box in the kitchen.

Assembly Point

The location of the assembly point is on the lane to the right as the club grounds are entered.

Vehicle parking

There are designated areas around the club site where vehicle parking is considered to be hazardous or where parking may infringe upon a right of way for others. These areas are clearly marked out in yellow paint and club members are asked to keep these spaces clear for the safety and convenience of others.



5. NEWSHEET

COMMODORES MESSAGE 2014

We shall be enjoying a defining year at East Down Yacht Club in 2014. We are hosting a World Championship Event, our facilities have been enhanced substantially and we are building on the strengths of the club to address the recruitment and retention of active members. The strategies include an induction programme and training opportunities featured in this handbook and on the club's website.

Thanks are due to Graham Wright and his sub committee for the managing of the 'GP14 World Championships' event for the club. There are a variety of roles yet to fill to allow this event to run successfully, from a 2 hour bar slot to some more substantial roles that are remaining. So, have a think about what you would like to do to help in your club with this event and when you are approached, any time from the start of the sailing season, for your commitment you won't need to be asked twice.

The event committee would also still be very interested in any contacts that you can bring forward who would consider being micro-sponsors of this World Championship Event. They might even be influenced by the sponsors that have already been engaged and can be viewed on our club website GP14 pages.

The adoption of the RYA NHC 'National Handicap for Cruisers' by this club and the other clubs that form the Strangford Lough Regatta Conference aims to increase participation in an aspect of sailing that by its very nature improves enjoyment, and skills in the activity, racing. It replaces a previous system to rate different types of yacht in the same race with a formula to give each yacht skipper and their crew a probable chance of success. Thank you to Terry Ingles, John Orr and the Sailing Committee for managing this key element of our leisure pursuit.

Gil Stevenson is stepping down as Honorary Secretary of the ASLYC 'Association of Strangford Lough Yacht Clubs' after some 18 years. Gil a former Commodore of the club has been a stalwart of the sailing community upon the Lough during this time, representing our perspective robustly to statutory agencies, commercial interests, maritime organisations, other stakeholders and at times unqualified individuals that can plan to impact upon the waters and environs of Strangford Lough. Gil, on behalf of East Down Yacht Club, thank you. We are permitted two representatives at the association, and there is a vacancy, so if you believe that you would like to represent our club do make yourself known to me.

Improved communication is a theme that the Executive Committee are keen to develop in and around the club from the practical measures like enhanced Wi-Fi in the clubhouse and grounds, regularly maintained media like the club website and 'Facebook', the re-introduction of the summer newsletter, an induction programme to track our support for new members, a 'Training Section' on the club website and the opportunity to consult using e-mail on an initiative to address a more equitable



charging rate for the use of the clubs grounds and facilities.

May I thank the club office bearers and their committee members, named at the front of the handbook, DHOs and individuals named on the duty rotas, reliable assistants and frequent casual helpers for their participation and consequently their contribution to the activities in the forthcoming 2014 sailing season at East Down Yacht Club.

Finally, I did enjoy a walk along the 'Hamilton Strip' early in the year again and delighted in the gift of this land purchased and made available as an alternative access route to the club by a founder member, with the most appropriate of the several development options proposed to be taken forward as and when circumstances come around.

Robert Dow
EDYC Commodore 2014

Dear E.D.Y.C. member

May I extend a cordial invitation for you, your family and guests, including your guests that may consider being members at EDYC, to join me and other club members for the COMMODORE'S CRUISE; a sail to an island with your picnic lunch, on

...Saturday 23 August 2014...

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realtime player
are needed to see this picture.

Departing from the pontoon at 1200hrs.

I hope that you can attend and look forward to seeing you on the cruise.

Upon return from the cruise the barbeque shall be lit at 1800hrs and the bar shall be open from 1800hrs to 2000hrs.

***Kind regards,
Robert Dow, Commodore, E.D.Y.C***



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decompressor
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Dear Member,

When you read this, the club will be fully committed and working to both organise and host this prestigious event for one of the biggest fleets to be encountered in Ireland. Those directly connected with the event will find it easy to overlook the characteristics of the class. The factors associated with the class are:-

GP's have the largest and most active two person senior dinghy racing fleet in Ireland.

- The GP is a one-design 14ft dinghy, raced by a crew of two.
- It is a low cost, non Olympic class boat enabling competitive sailing across wide age ranges and crew weights.
- A respected world wide class with a local manufacturer.

The class take an approach enabling all to compete at the championship, this means while there are three fleets, Gold, Silver and Bronze, who all compete on the same course at the same time, hence the significant fleet numbers. These numbers also force the use of the gate start system rather than the traditional line start.

Lest we forget the locations which we have become synonymous with – here is the list for this a bi-annual event - 2012 being Looe, Cornwall, 2010 Sri Lanka, and 2008 Sligo. The most recent announcement is that the 2016 event will be in Barbados.

The sailing authorities gave us permission to host and title the event as “The GP14 World Championships”. We have obtained a permit to drop marks in the portion of the lough in which there is an anchoring ban. We have sought a licence to use a portion of an Admiralty Chart and this is within this handbook and it does come with responsibilities to protect the material from reproduction.



Notable officials who we have engaged will include Alan Crosbie, International Race Officer,

Our own club people are as follows

Event Director – Graham Wright

Committee Boat – James Regan

Protest Committee – Bill O'Hara

Beach Master – Angus McRobert & team

Reception – Alistair Crawford & team

Safety Boats – EDYC and other club volunteers, David Maxwell

Start Boat – Jay Colville

Guard Boat – Paul Killen

Mark Boats – Grant McCullough & team

Officials and visitors are to be considered both guests and members

We plan to provide a Competitors / Event village atmosphere where we all co-exist and enjoy our facilities and the company of our guests. The Executive asks you to provide all possible assistance to the GP14 influx. They are here both for a competition and for a holiday, let's make both an enjoyable and memorable occasion for them all.

Already local accommodation in the Killyleagh area is becoming scarce however the class will be resourceful and many will camp within our grounds. A limited number of caravan/camper van sites will be provided and these have already been booked.

GP14s are precious to their owners and we ask you to respect this and enable them easy and unimpeded access for boat launch and recovery, We anticipate a Beach Master and team assisting the launch and recovery of the fleet daily and we will be glad of younger helpers for these trolley recovery, stacking and return tasks. Suitable rewards of course!

Please respect the wishes of the Executive and don't do cruiser work on the slipway or the pontoon during the championship week and associated weekends. The pontoon must be kept free for event boats, notably the safety fleet.

All keelboats are encouraged to launch and be off the club premises for the event period. All non GP14 dinghies are encouraged to be taken home to provide as much space as possible.

All cruiser trailers should be moved from the concrete by their owners in the first instance (under the instruction of the Executive) enabling the visiting dinghies to be parked close to the slipways.

In relation to clearing space the Executive will be utilising its authority and powers within the club rules to move or dispose of equipment. Members are reminded of their obligation to label their equipment and to maintain it in a safe state with an ability to be moved safely and insured.



The event itself will we hope gain a party atmosphere in the evenings with a range of entertainment plus our bar and catering facilities.

Congestion will arise, predictably in the lane and the use and identification of the passing places is commended. Congestion on the slipways will hopefully be managed as the race fleet both leaves and returns and this task is highlighted.

Parking, is envisaged as being in short supply and needing managed, We see the cruiser stand on the right of the peninsula road as being the major car park, thus freeing the concrete and keeping vehicle traffic from passing the clubhouse

Please let the executive know if there are :-

Moorings free that week?

Caravan free that week ?

So these may be used. Let us know if you wish a small fee to be paid by the user, however we would prefer to remove ourselves from the middle man position leaving direct dealing where possible.

Please tidy round your caravan and clean the caravan outside to assist the site appearance and use. That also means we are asking you to remove some unusual items, lockers, excessive plant -pots, water-tanks.

The event programme in outline is below and it goes without saying that the Holm bay bar will be open and in the marquee there will be catering and likely a second bar.

Friday to Sunday – arrivals, registration, measuring & weighing

Sunday Practice Race
 President's reception
 Opening ceremony

Entertainment

Monday 2 races
 GP14 Association AGM – ground floor

Entertainment

Tuesday 2 races – sponsor Ginger Boats

Barbados promotional reception

Entertainment

Wednesday Spare race day

Filled by catch up races or relaxation / tourism / sightseeing

Quiz & Entertainment

Thursday 2 races
 Entertainment

Friday 2 races –sponsor Harper Boats

15th Aug Gala dinner
 Overall prize giving
 Entertainment

Saturday Guests leave



The executive are asking that every member in the club takes some part in assisting the running of the event, by a bar shift, a trolley recovery shift, a reception shift, a clean up, or other activity which you can donate. There is a vast range of activity to be undertaken, to service this event. Many members are already putting in long hours, so please do your bit? Club clean up and preparation is planned before the season and before the event so make a note of the 12th April as the first pre-season clean up day.

EDYC Executive Committee 2014

SITE NEWS 2013

With the imminent start of the new sailing season, the site committee has begun its programme of work for the season, with particular emphasis this year on the GP14 event requirements.

Programme of Work

This programme of work is focused on 3 main areas.

Firstly. The entrance gate which has been a constant source of trouble over recent years will receive a major overhaul. This was brought to a head by the flooding of the causeway during the extremely high tides at the start of the year which irretrievably damaged the electric drives and the control systems salt water and electric is never a good mix ! The committee are in the process of finalising quotes from various supplies that will fix the drive and control system, provide us with a more robust and reliable operation and upgrade the gate structure and control to comply with the latest H&S requirements. It is also the intention that a more modern control mechanism will allow certain committee members to manually override the gate and keep it open during sailing nights or events, further reducing wear and tear and thus extending its operational life.

Secondly. Following on from some site works last year and in preparation for the GP14 event this year, additional ground maintenance work will be undertaken to extend various areas around the site in preparation for camping. The long grass and bushes will be cut back, thorn bushes removed, some topsoil brought in to raise low lying areas and finally the sites will be seeded out with grass seed.

A substantial amount of rubbish and scrap has already been removed from the peninsula. This is to assist in maintaining certain areas that will be cordoned off and kept clear for camping, parking and storage during the event and members are encouraged to not dump materials, trollies or boat cradles here. To encourage all



members to clearly identify their equipment in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the rule book, a system of tags will be introduced to clearly identify all equipment belonging to paid up members. These will be identified with a green tag and the appropriate membership number. Equipment that we can identify but belongs to members that have not paid their annual subscriptions will be identified with a yellow tag. Equipment that cannot be identified will have a red tag fixed to it. If after a period of time, the red tagged equipment has not been clearly identified and the appropriate subscriptions paid, it will be removed.

Thirdly. A CCTV system will be installed to improve security around the site. Cameras will be strategically placed at the entrance and key points at the clubhouse. Logs will be maintained and made available for a period of time for members to view if equipment have been damaged or gone missing.

In addition to these discrete areas of work, the normal grounds maintenance will continue to ensure that the club looks its best for both members and visitors over the season.

Can I ask for your help to make our club a safe, friendly and practical place for us all to enjoy sailing. If you have any ideas that could improve the site please let us know?

Gary Curran
EDYC Rear Commodore Site 2014

SAILING NEWS 2014

Welcome to the 2014 Sailing Season ...

The year of the GP14 World Championships.

Let's enjoy our whole season as well as that special event.

We should all try to make it a special sailing season for ourselves, by setting some personal goals for this year. Maybe you would like to practise capsizing drill (MOB) / learn to handle the spinnaker / Improve your racing skills / learn to drive a safety boat / Plan an open sea voyage or just simply enjoy a day trip you have always wanted to do. This year we hope to provide many opportunities for training, and if we are not meeting your needs, then please speak to any member of sailing committee and let them know what type of training or experience you would like.

Changes to look out for this year :

New courses (throw out the old course cards and make sure you have the new ones in your boat for the start of the season) For example Dinghies benefit from no mark Z and Cruisers benefit from no courses along or on the shore between 2 and 3.

Sailing Instructions change (S.I's) — Changes – mainly Section 14 and 15, plus



terminology now RO not OOD. NHC Handicap related changes detailed in a specific explanatory note included in the handbook and WEB site.

We have a reasonably full calendar of sailing, but some re-arranging of the calendar has been made to accommodate the GP14 event. The Peel race is omitted and may become bi-annual.

Our commitment to providing good regular points racing at EDYC is paramount, but it is worth saying again that it doesn't just happen !!! It takes a lot of Volunteers to make it happen. Please do take note of your 'Duty' from the Rota's and make it YOUR priority to be there. If we don't have 'YOU' on your day of duty ...then it is possible that the rest of the members will not be able to enjoy their day of sailing as the event may not be staffed enough to run. So PLEASE make sure you are thereand if you can't be there...it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to arrange a swap with someone else and then notify us on sailing Committee what you have arranged.

GP14 WORLD Championships !!!

This will be a very special event in the history of this Club. It will probably be the largest ever dinghy sailing championship held in Strangford Lough

I am sure you all have vivid memories of the 'OLYMPICS' —that incredible sporting occasion. You probably wish you could have been there to savour some of the atmosphere and to witness the sporting spectacle. But what made it so special ???

I think many people would say it was the "Volunteers" "the Purple army " who so freely gave of their time and effort to make everyone feel so welcome and who helped enormously with the smooth running of the event. But what did they get out of it ???

They got a fantastic reward of being part of that magical event, an experience of a lifetime, a great sense of camaraderie with their fellow volunteers and with the competitors and public. The satisfaction of knowing they had really made a difference.

SO Don't miss out on being part of the EDYC — GP14 World Championships.

Be a VOLUNTEER ...come along and put in a little effort with your fellow members...and you too can reap the benefit of being part of something very special this year. After it's all over you can look back and say "I helped to make that happen" and "I really enjoyed doing it " !!

My motto for the 2014 season is " ENJOYMENT" & " INVOLVEMENT " We all want to ENJOY our sailing season

But that requires us all to have an INVOLVEMENT in it. The more you put in ...The more you get out.

This is also a great opportunity to introduce new people to the Club, bring along friends and let them get a taste for sailingwe are always keen to welcome new members.

Best wishes to you all for a very enjoyable sailing season in 2014. I hope you reach your personal goals for this year.

Gordon Jess
EDYC Rear Commodore Sailing 2014



Following last year's sailing at EDYC the sailing committee have agreed to add this note on the operation, expectation and conduct of our club races which represent our best efforts from volunteers often with medium to low experience. Support for these people is essential.

Just a game

Every weekday morning at 8:40 am as the people of Northern Ireland make their journeys to work and school a very important message is broadcasted on 97.4 Cool FM. A game is played called Big Pause. This game requires listeners to phone in and talk to presenters Gareth and Connor for 1 minute without saying "yes" "yeah" "umm" "errr" or leaving a pause before responding. The rules are exactly the same for 5 year olds and 45 year olds. At the end of the 5 minute slot the presenters are inundated with phone calls and texts "that's not fair", "you were too harsh", "the kid was only 6". Every day their reply to these comments is to just chill out because "it's just a game on the radio".

It's happened to all of us, a sunny Wednesday evening on Strangford Lough, the perfect relaxation during a stressful week, then something goes wrong. The RO (OOD) sets a terrible course (in our opinion), a Topper (no offence Toppers) is fixing it's rudder on the start line 10 seconds before the cruiser 1 plough through or a lively mid-race debate about rights at the leeward mark.

What happens next? Well that's up to each individual sailor. Things will go wrong on the water, they may or may not be our own fault but what we do about the problem will shape what kind of club we are. So I urge you the next time blood pressure starts to rise, treat each other with respect and remember, in the words of Gareth and Connor "it's just a game".

For ROs, don't leave it to the last minute to discover you don't know how to do it! If in doubt - ask. To skippers, be polite and helpful to ROs, it might have to be you on the Committee Boat one day! □

HOUSE NEWS 2014

The new season kicks off with the annual **Clean-Up Day at the club on 12th April**. Please come along and do your bit to help get the club looking the best it can be. There are a variety of jobs on offer, to suit all skills and temperaments, together with free sandwiches and hot drinks, and the best of craic, of course.

The club have already made a start on repairs and renewals to be carried-out in advance of the club hosting the World GP 14 championships in August. This includes the ground floor kitchen, replacement windows and decorations etc. As always we're constrained by the club's available funds.

This is the second season where we have had an online Draft Rota, giving members the chance to pick the date that suits them best to carry out their bar duty. At time of



going to press, this had been availed of by about 33% of the membership, an increase from last year.

Please take a look through the printed rota in the handbook, whether or not you have made a submission online, and note the date or dates of duties in your diary. If the date or dates do not suit you, please take the responsibility for swapping with someone else in good time. It is not the job of members of the House Committee nor the House Duty Officer to find a replacement for you – these people are already taking on more than their share of duties ! There were a few “no shows” at bar duty last season, and the resulting extra work had to be done at short notice by their fellow members. We shall continue to monitor the no shows.

Last year, we cut down the hours that the bar was open in order to rationalise the time spent by members manning the bar. This appears to have been received in a positive light, with the deleted bar opening times having been the quietest shifts. We will continue with that timetable this season. For reasons of economy and to reduce food wastage, we will no longer serving burgers from the bar on Saturdays. However, we will still be lighting the BBQ on Saturdays, subject to weather conditions, and there will be the normal provision of burgers etc on Wednesday nights.

With the World GP championships fast approaching on 10th - 15th August, plenty of volunteers have signed up for on the water duties, but only a few have signed up at this stage for house duties. Please, please, please, do not leave the house side of things in the lurch, and even if you have signed up for an on the water duty, consider signing up for a spell of hospitality duty. The whole week will have a separate rota.

The early stage of summer has a lot to look forward to, with the mid-summer BBQ on 21st June, and our club Regatta on 5th July. Both of these events will have live music as well as meat packs available to purchase. Let us know well in advance if you want to order vegetarian food. Also put in your diary the Commodore's Cruise on August 23rd. We're planning for a picnic lunch and sail, stretching into the early evening, so do bring your families to this event.

Many thanks to all our members who help out with house related work, and especially to those on the House Committee and those who volunteer for House Duty Officer stints. Quite simply, the club could not function without your input.

Rachel Bevan
EDYC House Captain 2014

6. CALENDAR

The 2014 EDYC club calendar follows – spread on some eight or more pages. This is a challenge from many aspects including printing. I would ask you all to study it carefully and to assist where required.

Saturday 12 April



Clean up Day 😊

Snacks, Tea and Coffee provided

MID-SUMMER BBQ

Saturday – 21 June

Late Bar & Meat Packs Available & Music

East Down Yacht Club Regatta – 5th July

Everyone
Welcome!!
Hot food
Late Bar



Members Lunch - 16th November

Guest speaker to
be arranged



EDYC ACTION PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES AFLOAT.

YOU ARE INVOLVED IN, OR HAVE SEEN, AN INCIDENT AFLOAT.



**CONTACT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES
MAYDAY OR 999.**

Portaferry lifeboat can attend and control a life threatening situation in minutes.

REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE ACTIVITY LEADER.

This may be the OOD 'Officer of the Day, Training Instructor or another member of the club.

Communicate by radio, mobile phone, shouting, waving your arms, torchlight, flare ...

IF THERE IS NO-ONE ELSE AVAILABLE THEN YOU ARE THE 'RESPONSIBLE PERSON'.

TAKE ACTION TO PRESERVE LIFE.

E.g. First Aid...

PREVENT FURTHER HARM.

CONTACT THE CLUB ASHORE 028 44 828375 TO ASSIST:
The House Duty Officer can take charge ashore and alert others by ringing the bar bell and asking for help to:

- 1. MANAGE CASUALTIES AT THE PONTOON.**
- 2. DIRECT OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES FROM THE ROAD.**
- 3. IF REQUIRED LAUNCH AVAILABLE AND APPROPRIATE SAFETY CRAFT; E.G. WORKBOAT OR RIB.**
- 4. MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS.**

COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION

Accident book...

SECURE CLUB PROPERTY

END THE PLANNED ACTIVITY AND ACCOUNT FOR ALL PERSONS

LIAISE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES, IF IN ATTENDANCE

DE-BRIEF ALL INVOLVED

INFORM AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Day	Date	HW EDYC BST	Series	Event	RO	RIB driver	Chevy driver	Shift Times	Food/bar shift	DHO
Sat	12-Apr			Clean up day !		sandwiches for all helpers		ALL MEMBERS to help with jobs throughout the club		
Sat	3-May	16.45	ES1		Robert Dow	Margie Crawford	Andrew Dow	15.30 - 17.30 16.00 - 18.00 17.30 - 19.30 18.00 - 20.00	Robin Anderson Alan G Patterson Gordon Reid Len McCourt	Gavin Briggs
Wed	7-May	20.1	EW1		Peter Thompson	Michael Watson	Mark Dow	17.45 - 19.30 19.00 - 20.00 20.00 - 21.30 20.00 - 21.30 21.00 - 22.45 21.00 - 22.45	Edwin Mitchell Bar Closed William McClune Martyn Todd Bill McCrory Dermot Gallaucher	Nicky Lowry
Sat	10-May	10.2	ES2		Colin Patterson	Paul Killen	John Patterson	15.30 - 17.30 16.00 - 18.00 17.30 - 19.30 18.00 - 20.00	Jeff Smith Colin Patterson Michael Alcorn Alistair Crockard	Michael Petticrew
Wed	14-May	13.32	EW2		Don Howes	Thomas Creaney	Dennis Earney	17.45 - 19.30 19.00 - 20.00 20.00 - 21.30 20.00 - 21.30 21.00 - 22.45 21.00 - 22.45	Joanne Brown Bar Closed Chris Mussen Andy Frew Dermot Mac Randal Laurence Denyer	Patricia Wright
Sat	17-May	15.5	ES3		Jay Colville	Paul Fekkes	Patrick Kelly	15.30 - 17.30 16.00 - 18.00 17.30 - 19.30 18.00 - 20.00 18.00 - 20.00	Graham McDowell Colman Byrnes Mark Dow K Dow Paul Dow	Robert Dow

EDYC SAILING COURSES 2014

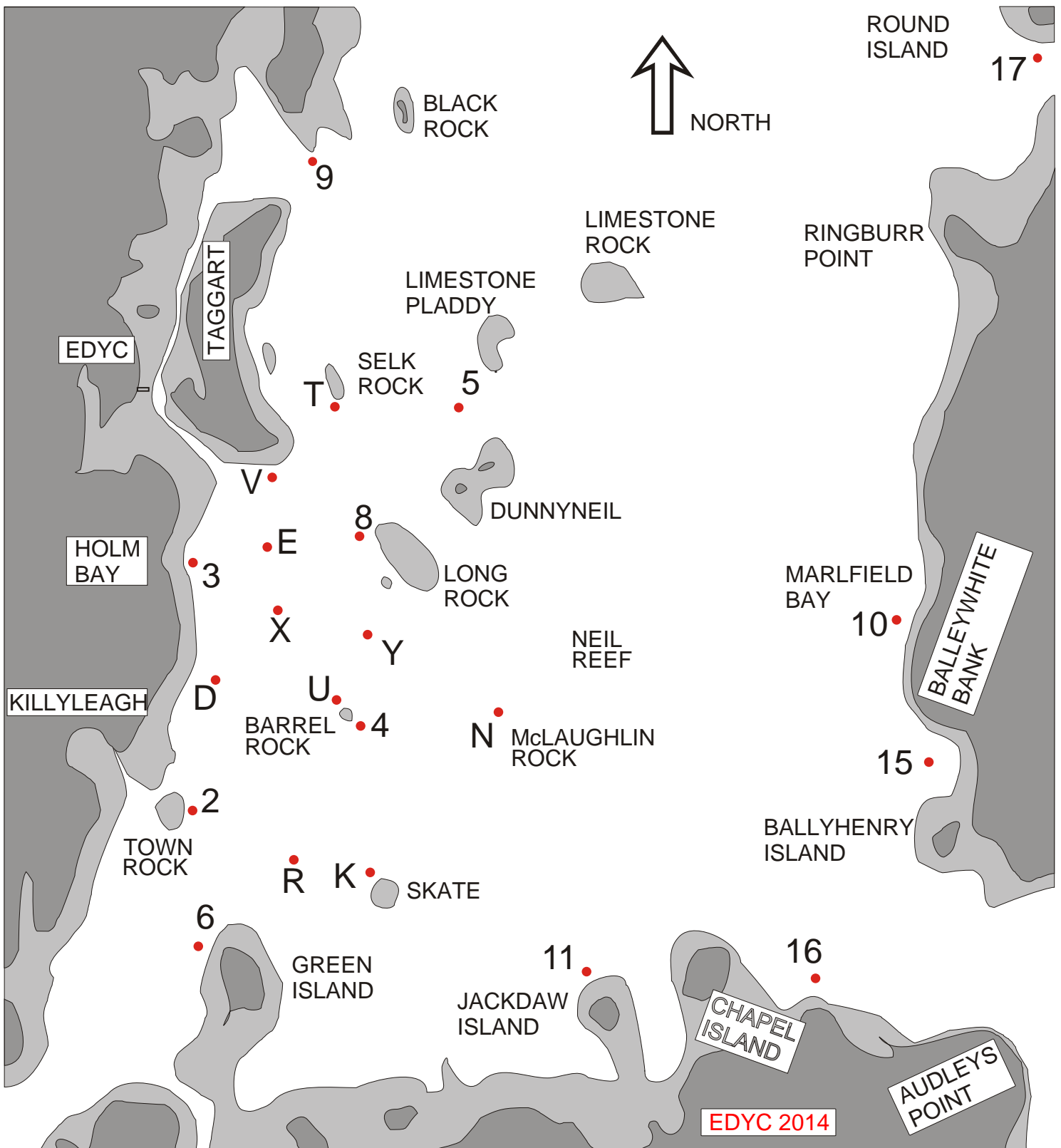
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AA	N	Starboard	9-10-2	T-N-2
AB	N	Starboard	9-2	T-U
AC	N	Starboard	T-N-2	T-U-D
AD	N	Starboard	T-U-D	T-S-X
AE	N	Starboard	N-S-U	N-S-X
AF	VARIABLES		R.O. Instructs	R.O. Instructs
AG	VARIABLES	Port	1-2-3	(see notes)
AH	VARIABLES	Starboard	1-2-3	(see notes)
BA	NE	Starboard	17-N-3	5-N-2
BB	NE	Starboard	5-N-2	5-U-D
BC	NE	Starboard	8-U-3	8-3
CA	E	Starboard	10-11-3	5-U-3
CB	E	Starboard	5-N-3	5-3
CC	E	Starboard	N-3	—
CD	E	Starboard	Y-2-3	Y-D-3 Dinghy only
DA	SE	Port	11-10-T	N-S-3
DB	SE	Port	N-S-3	N-S-3
DC	SE	Port	X-S-V	—
EA	S	Port	2-10-9	2-N-T
EB	S	Port	2-N-T	U-T
EC	S	Port	U-S-T	X-S-V
ED	S	Port	X-S-V	—
FA	SW	Port	2-11-5	2-N-5
FB	SW	Port	2-17	2-5
FC	SW	Port	2-N-5	2-U-8
FD	SW	Port	D-U-8	— Dinghy only
GA	W	Port	3-11-10	3-N
GB	W	Port	3-N-5	3-U-T
GC	W	Port	3-N	—
GD	W	Port	3-U-8	—
HA	NW	Starboard	N-10-11	N-N-3
HB	NW	Starboard	N-5-11	N-S-N
HC	NW	Starboard	N-5-N	N-S-U
HD	NW	Starboard	N-S-X	—

NOTES

Course AG and AH is a 1-2-3 course specifically laid for dinghies (normally) – mark 1 to windward and it will use the normal start line arrangement

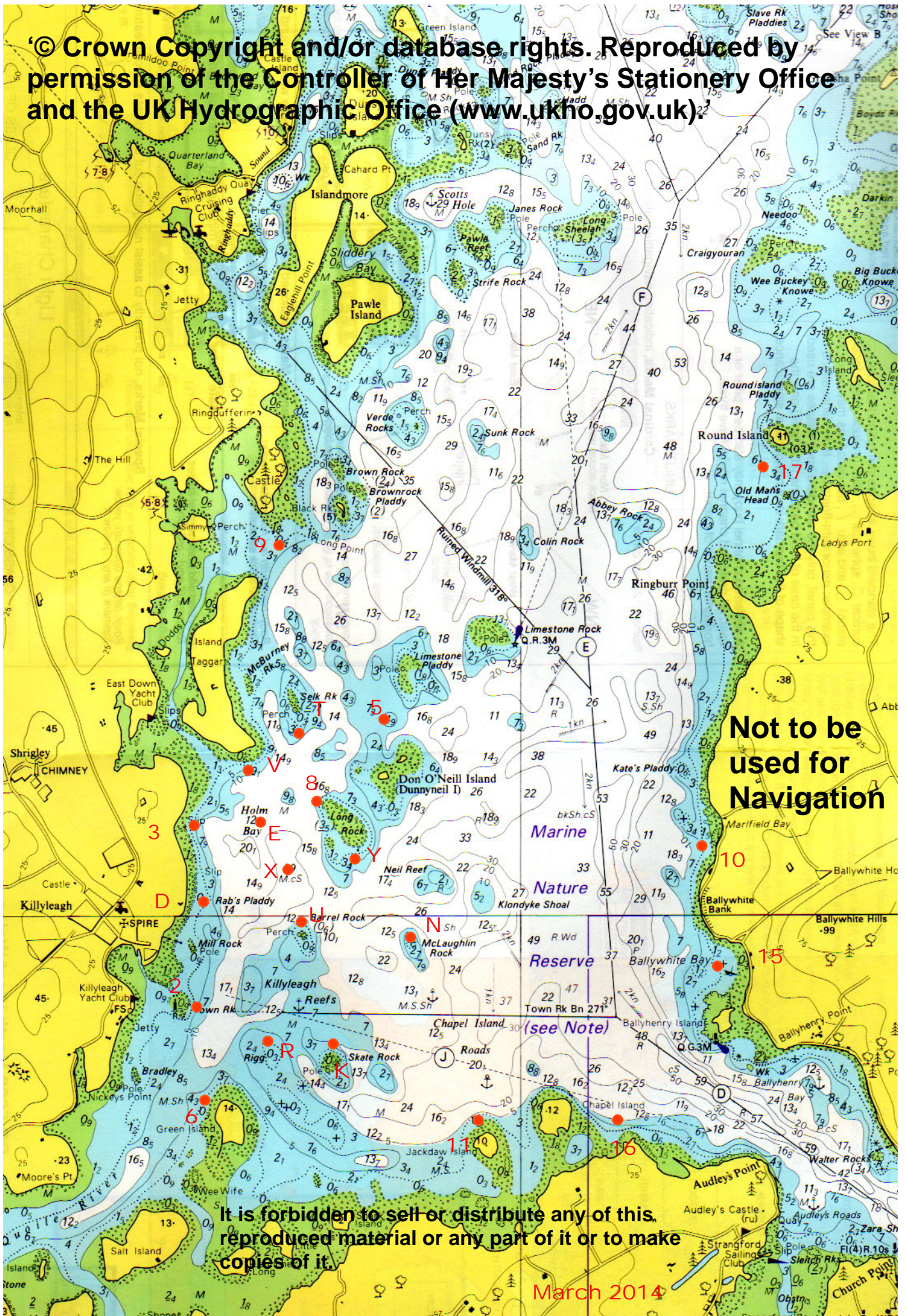
Courses AG and AH will use numbered barrels painted black, orange and white

POSITION OF CLUB RACING MARKS



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