

eSailing opportunities with EDYC.

Virtual Regatta Inshore April 20

This is a fun opportunity to try eSailing from home without getting wet, free, and to perfect your race tactics, with eSailing through Virtual Regatta, at <https://www.virtualregatta.com/en/>

We have secured a VIP subscription for EDYC, which means we can hold our own club e-racing, open to our members (with a pass code).

1. Anyone can go to the website, find Virtual Regatta Inshore (VRI), or download the app for your tablet/smartphone, go in as a guest (free), and do the training and rules modules, boat training alone, challenge another user, enter a group or official race.
2. If you set up an individual account (free), you can do many of these things,
3. If you subscribe, for £8.99 per month (auto renewing), you can do everything above but with enhanced race help features. There is no need to do this to get racing!

There is good guidance at <https://www.rya.org.uk/Pages/virtual-regatta.aspx> Juniors should have parental permission before taking part.

The pass code to join EDYC races is for club members only. If others get the code then EDYC races will be inundated with strangers and we won't get a look in. The max race fleet is 20.

We are already hosting EDYC racing on Wednesday nights and Sunday nights, starting 19:30hrs approx., with typically 5-8 races. If you send your name, mobile number and VRI boatname/pseudo-name, by email to edycomm@gmail.com we will add you to a whatsapp group to share info/results etc. Alternatively you can contact Grant McCullough on 077 4085 7777 or at g.mccullough@me.com

We generally try to link players on a group voice call so that we can talk as we race.

Even if you do not wish to race you can sign in as a guest and spectate on any race at any time.

If there is interest I am happy to set up a Friday night training session using the same system.

At the end of April we will host the EDYC Dayboat eChampionship races, with 5 races, (2 discards). The winner will progress to the RYANI Dayboat eChampionship to be held by 24 May, and the NI winner will progress to the National RYA eChamps on 30 May. Club results will appear on the EDYC website.

To enter the EDYC eChamps, send your name, mobile number and VRI boatname/pseudo-name, by email to edycomm@gmail.com by 24 April. We will set up the races and compile results. The Race Officer will be online at pseudo 'Imp', and you can message them on VRI anytime, but beware you might get challenged to a race!

Hopefully see you on the virtual water.

Gordon Reid, Commodore

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Virtual Regatta Inshore - a guide printable

<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/sportsdevelopment/eSailing%20guide%20V3.pdf>

guide with video

<https://www.rya.org.uk/Pages/virtual-regatta.aspx>