



RS Feva Northerns

East Down Yacht Club (EDYC)
26–27 August 2023
Moymore, Killyleagh.



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Sailing Instructions (SIs)



1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) shall apply.
- 1.3 The International RS Feva Class Association class rules shall apply.

2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by a committee vessel by communicating with a boat verbally. Code flag L will be displayed on the race committee signal vessel.

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 The [online notice board](https://edyc.co.uk/2023/07/23/rs-feva-northerns-2023-online-noticeboard/) is located on the EDYC website at <https://edyc.co.uk/2023/07/23/rs-feva-northerns-2023-online-noticeboard/>.
- 3.2 The race office is located on the first floor of the clubhouse in the Holm Bay Bar.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Code of Conduct

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

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole at the front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound means 'Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.'

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 A briefing for competitors will be held at 10.30am each day at the top of the slipway.

6.2

Race	Date	Start
1	Saturday 26 August 2023	12:00
2	Saturday 26 August 2023	
3	Saturday 26 August 2023	
4	Saturday 26 August 2023	
5	Sunday 27 August 2023	12:00
6	Sunday 27 August 2023	

6.3 An additional race may be run on either day at the discretion of the race committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display numeral pennant 7 at the end of the last race scheduled for that day.

6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11.55am.

6.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7 Class Flag

7.1 The RS Feva Class Flag is the RS Feva logo on a white background.

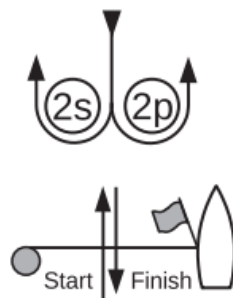
8 Racing Area

8.1 The racing area is in or near Holm Bay in Strangford Lough.

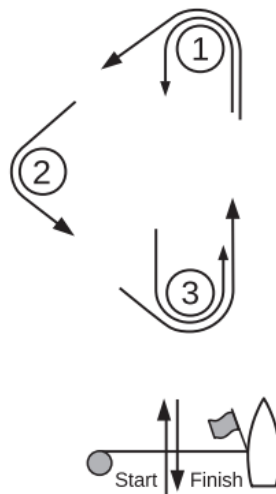
8.2 A more specific location for the racing area will be communicated at the briefing for competitors on each day of the event.

9 Courses

- 9.1 If second substitute is not displayed at the warning signal the course is:
Start – 1 – 2p (or 2s) – 1 – Finish



- 9.2 If mark 2s is not present boats should leave mark 2p to port. The absence of mark 2s will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.3 If second substitute is displayed at the warning signal the course is:
Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – Finish



10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks are large yellow spherical buoys.
- 10.2 The start / finish mark is a large yellow spherical buoy marked with the letter F.
- 10.3 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are spherical pink buoys smaller than the original marks.

12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting line is between a red and white pole on the signal vessel and a yellow buoy marked 'F'.
- 12.2 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 Change of the next leg of the course

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line is between the red and white pole on the signal vessel and a yellow buoy marked 'F'.

15 Penalty System

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Meeting and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply (for information on the procedures, go to <https://www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes>). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

16 Time Limits and Target Times

- 16.1 If no boat has sailed the first leg within 40 minutes of her start, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2 The Finishing Window opens after the first boat sails the course and finishes. The Finishing Window closes ten minutes after it opens. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 16.3 The target time for the lead boat in each race will be forty-five minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.4 The race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) code flag W — *Whiskey* – with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (this changes RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing.
- 16.5 A finishing score under SI 16.4 will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course without gaining or losing any place. When two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied
- 16.6 The decision by the race committee to use the procedure in SI 16.4 or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and RRS 62.1(a).

17 Hearing Requests

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes. The time will be posted on the online notice board.

- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office or for [download](#) from the online notice board.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted on the online notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held on the EDYC site, beginning at the time and location posted on the online notice board.

18 Scoring

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.4 RRS A5.3 applies.

19 Safety Regulations

- 19.1 [DP] Numbered tags will be provided at registration and must be attached to both boats and trolleys.
- 19.2 [DP] If a competitor comes ashore separately to their boat, they must notify the beach master at the first reasonable opportunity. The beach master will be identified to the competitors at the briefing.
- 19.3 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 [DP] Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

23 Official Vessels

- 23.1 The signal vessel will be a blue hulled yacht, "Ogun".

24 [DP] Support Teams

- 24.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 24.2 While afloat support person vessels shall monitor VHF channel 37.
- 24.3 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

25 Trash Disposal

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 Berthing

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

29 Prizes

29.1 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the race committee, in each class as follows:

- First, Second and Third Youth (under 19 on December 31st, 2023)
- First, Second and Third Junior (under 14 on December 31st, 2023)
- First, Second and Third for Family (parent and child or two children)

30 Risk statement

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

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety or competitor briefing held for the event.

31 Insurance

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

32 Post-Race Penalty

32.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the protest time limit or, if a hearing has been scheduled, before the start of that hearing, notify the race committee that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP), based on the number of boats that came to the starting area in that race, except that the minimum penalty is

three places and the boat shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by its breach, its penalty shall be to retire.

32.2 When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:

- a. neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- b. the boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

33 Advisory Meeting

33.1 When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory meeting and notify any boat involved in the incident.

33.2 An adviser will then call a meeting to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat.

33.3 A boat may as a result notify the race office that it accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

34 RYA Arbitration

34.1 After a protest is lodged, a boat may request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

34.2 If the parties and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be a member of the protest committee) will call an arbitration. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration has broken a rule for which the Post-Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if all such penalties are accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

34.3 When any of the following conditions apply,

- a. a party to the protest does not agree to RYA Arbitration,
- b. the arbitrator's opinion is that the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the incident
- c. a boat may be entitled to redress
- d. a boat does not accept an offered Post-Race penalty,
- e. the protest is not withdrawn,

there will be a protest committee hearing.

The arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee.

Any boat is entitled to accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the later of the protest time limit or the start of the protest committee hearing and receive protection from further penalisation. The boat may also retire.

34.4 Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an RYA Arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure.

35 Privacy Statement

- 35.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published. Photographs or images of the event may be published on the EDYC website or social media.