



Ardglass Race 24

Notice of Race

1. TITLE, PLACE & DATES. East Down Yacht Club will be the Organising Authority for the East Down to Ardglass Race offshore event on Sat 31st of August 2024. Sailing Instructions giving the details of the race, boat classes and times, will be published along with an entry form for all participants.

2. RULES AND RESPONSIBILITY. The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Any changes will be posted on EDYC Web Site (www.edyc.co.uk) by 18.00hrs the evening before the race. If changes are made code flag "L" will be flown from the mast of EDYC Committee Boat.

4. ELIGIBILITY. This is an Open event for keelboats. EDYC club handbook rule 43 defines the specific eligibility criteria, including the scoring arrangements for each class. This event shall have three classes; YTC, YTCRS, Impala. Strangford Lough Regatta handicaps will be used, see <http://www.strangfordloughregattas.co.uk/index-2.html> . Skippers shall have logged their details onto this website before the event so that results can be calculated using the procedures in the club handbook. If you have difficulty completing this task, follow the directions provided on the link just identified.

5.FEES. An entry form and fee of **£10** is required. Sailors intending to participate shall have this completed and returned to the EDYC Sailing Committee by the 31st of August.

Class Warning Signal time:

YTCRS - 13.00

YTC - 13.05

Impala - 13.10

A course will be displayed, within the 5 minute pre start period (additionally VHF channel 37 may be used).

6. COURSE. The EDYC Standard Sailing Instructions will adopt the following rules of the RRS: The start shall be in Holme Bay utilising the EDYC permanent committee boat.- The first mark number of the course shall be displayed by a board on the Committee boat. Red board indicates round the mark to port – green board round the mark to starboard.

6.1. Rule 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat.

6.2. Rule 26 is in use with – The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

7. ELIGIBILITY. An entry form must be completed for all boats. The form will contain specific statements that sailors:-

7.1. agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, and the relevant parts of the club handbook

7.2. their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3million against third party claims

7.3. all crew participating have been identified

7.4. a mobile phone number will be provided in case the Race Officer needs to contact your vessel during the event, in a more private manner than VHF. VHF channel 37 may be used for race information.

8. RESPONSIBILITY. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment is in compliance with their class rules. For classes YTC and YTCRS a current certificate shall be provided to the Strangford Lough Regatta index. In addition, sailors who “sign on” for a race shall be deemed to be confirming that their boats conform to class rules. All other boats competing in the event shall have a valid measurement certificate issued under their relevant class association procedures.

9. NOTICES. EDYC will publish Sailing Instructions and these will be available to download on the EDYC club website. Hard copies are NOT available.

10. COURSE. For racing will be around the fixed marks, within Strangford Lough, the Bar mouth, Irish Sea and Ardglass Harbour

13. RISK STATEMENT. 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 any of the events covered by this notice of race, 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; **f.** It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this off shore event **g.** All boats will have a working VHF and are advised to contact coast guard on their departure from Strangford Lough and their arrival in Ardglass marina.

11. COMMUNICATIONS. Email JP - maverick9599@mail.com or Gina - gina_lyttle@hotmail.com - Message EDYC Facebook Page: @EastDownYachtClub. Phone: EDYC Sailing Committee 07498 724747