



Lifeboats

QUOILE YACHT CLUB RNLI Lifeboat Race – Sailing Instructions Saturday 15th August 2020

COVID-19

We are running the event in line with current guidelines, with a focus on providing fun and safe sailing for all the sailors. With this in mind, unfortunately there will be no prize giving ashore and the results will be posted online.

The overall winner will be presented with the RNLI Salpara Salver and bottles will be presented to the class winners at a later stage.

To donate to the RNLI Lifeboat charity, download the link [HERE](#).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescription of the RYA, Strangford Lough Regatta Conference and these Sailing Instructions will govern the races.

2. CLASSES, RACES and HANDICAPS

The Event is open to all yachts in the following classes: IMPALA, NHC, NHCRS & Squib.

Class 1 IMPALA

Code flag - Numeral 2

Class 2 NHC

Code flag - Numeral 3

Class 3 NHCRS

Code flag - Numeral 5

Class 4 Squib

Code flag - E

Handicaps shall be as per the RYA base number.

2. (a)

If no boat name is recorded on the SLRC database, it is the responsibility of the owner to inform the race officer well before the start of the race. All yachts except Squibs should fly a code flag to indicate the class in which they are competing.

2. (b)

Class 3 – NHCRS

Due to the wide variation in the NHCRS base numbers, the class may be split in two for result purposes. All NHCRS yachts shall start together and sail the same course.

3. ENTRY FEE

Voluntary donations to the RNLI are encouraged in lieu of an entry fee.

4. STARTING

CLASS	START TIME	CODE FLAG
Class 1	13:35	Numeral 2
Class 2	13:40	Numeral 3
Class 3	13:45	Numeral 5
Class 4	14:55	Numeral E

5. STARTING AND FINISHING

The starting line is between a red and white post on the Committee Boat and mark number 7. Finishing will be at the committee boat, or, if shortened course, by a boat carrying the Class flag(s), S flag and sounding two signals, between such boat and its' adjacent Lough mark. Boats finish by passing between the finishing boat and the mark in a direction directly from the previous mark of the course.

6. COURSE

The course shall be around the Lough type courses starting and ending (unless shortened) at mark number 7.

All course marks shall be rounding marks except the finishing mark.

The course shall be displayed on the committee boat.

-Numbers on a green background - leave mark to Starboard.

-Numbers on a red background - leave mark to Port. -Numbers on a black background - number of laps.

Alterations to the course will be signified by the Class Flag, Flag 'S' and two sound signals.

7. RECALLS

Individual and general recalls are as RRS 29.

Altering RRS 29.2 after a General Recall the First Substitute will be lowered without sound signal after 4 minutes. The normal starting sequence will not be interrupted by a General Recall. The Warning signal for that recalled class will be 5 minutes before its starting signal and will normally be displayed at the start time of the last class to start correctly. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the second class will start five minutes after the first class, and so on. If the last class to start is subject to a general recall then its new warning signal will normally be displayed five minutes after its original starting time.

Recalled classes will sail the course which was displayed at their scheduled starting signal irrespective of any course which may be displayed at their new start time.

8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the race shall be 2 hours. Boats not finished within that time shall be deemed to have retired.

9. MARKS

Please note due to Covid-19 and lough club's inactively racing, QYC/Race Officer will set courses in good faith in relation to Marks laid/position.

All yachts pass North and West of Mark 6 and North of K and R unless they are Marks of the course.

10. RACE COMMITTEE

Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted online from 1100 am on the day of the event.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4.

12. DECISION TO RACE

The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

13. PROTESTS and RULE INFRINGEMENTS

This is an RNLI funding raising day out and it would be greatly appreciated by QYC/Race Officer if protests could be avoided.

Protests written on the RYA form accompanied by £25.00 should be forwarded to the Race Officer within an hour after finishing.

Protest forms are not to be presented to the RO while he is engaged in race management at the Start/Finish line, although he should be verbally advised of a protest at the Committee Boat. A protest flag must be hoisted by the protestor as soon as possible after the incident.

The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is deemed invalid.

Yachts retiring should advise the Committee boat at the earliest opportunity.