



Hosted by Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club Sunday 25 August to Thursday 29 August 2019

Organising Authority – Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club in conjunction with the UK and Irish RS400 Class Associations

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of the International RS Class Association will apply.
- 1.4 The racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - RRS 31 changed so that marks other than starting and finishing marks may be touched without penalty.
 - RRS 40 changed so that personal Floatation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.
 - RRS 44.1 - the two-turn penalty is changed to a one turn penalty.
 - RRS 63.1 changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all boats of the RS400 Class.

- 3.2 Either the helm or crew must be a member of the RS International Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter on-line at
<https://www.rs400.org/championships/cindex.asp?eid=1775>
- 3.4 No entries will be accepted after 24 August 2019.
- 3.5 Any competitors who are aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the RS400 Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at the event.

4 FEES

- 4.1 Required fees are as follows:
 - Normal entry on or before 28th July 2019 - £ 195.00
 - Youth entry on or before 28th July 2019 - £ 175.00 (for helms aged 22 or below at start of Championship)
 - Entry after 28th July 2019 - £ 225.00
 - Youth entry after 28th July 2019 - £ 205.00
- Entries received on or before 28th July 2019 will receive two complimentary Event Polo Shirts.**

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration will be between 1600 and 1900 on Saturday 24th August, and between 0900 and 1030 on Sunday 25th August in the Race Office upstairs
- 5.2 A competitor briefing will be held at 1100 on Sunday 25th August.
- 5.3 Dates of racing, number of races, and first scheduled warning signal:

Sunday 25 th August	2 races	1355
Monday 26 th August	2 races	1155
Tuesday 27 th August	2 races	1155
Wednesday 28 th August	2 races	1155
Thursday 29 th August	2 races	1155

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the championship website one week before the event and on the official notice board.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Sailing will be in Belfast Lough to the East of Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club.
- 7.2 Venue information is available on-line at
<https://www.rs400.org/championships/cindex.asp?eid=1775>

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward. Gate starts may be used.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

- (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

This changes RRS A2.1

- 9.3 Points will accrue to the registered helm and crew and not the entered boat. The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.
- 9.4 Where it is known before the start of the event that there will be a change of crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing.

10 SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

- 10.1 All support boats shall clearly display identification supplied by the OA at all times while afloat.
- 10.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 150m outside the race area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 Except in an emergency a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

The UK National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the first boat normally sailed in UK helmed by a helmsman normally domiciled in UK.

The Irish National Championship Perpetual Trophy will be presented to the first boat normally sailed in the Island of Ireland helmed by a helmsman normally domiciled in the Island of Ireland.

Top five places overall.

First Master Helm – aged 50 or over on 25th August 2019

First Grandmaster Helm – aged 60 or over on 25th August 2019

First Lady Helm

First Lady Crew

Loving Cup – First couple

Silver Division – First three places

Bronze Division – First three places

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is 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 organiser 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.
- (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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

14 INSURANCE

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

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 For further information please contact Heather Chipperfield on heatherc@rs-association.com or +44 (0) 1590 610273

END OF NOTICE OF RACE