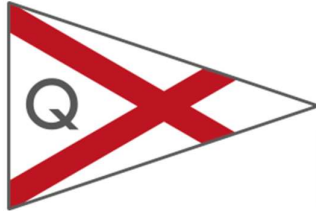


QUOILE
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Lifeboats

**QUOILE YACHT CLUB
LIFEBOAT RACE
SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Quoile Yacht Club, 21 Castle Island Road, Downpatrick, BT30 7LD

The notation "[NP]" in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, and these Sailing Instructions and any amendment thereto.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted in the club before 09.00hrs on the day they will take effect.

2.2 Any change to the scheduled time of any first warning signal will be posted by 20.00hrs on the day before it takes effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. This will be located at the Quoile Yacht Club clubhouse.

3.2 The Race Committee may communicate with competitors using VHF radio. VHF Channel 37 will be the preferred communication channel for the event. Any changes to the channel in use will be announced on VHF Channel 37 before the change is made.

3.3 The content of any communication by the Race Committee or their failure to make a transmission will not be considered as valid grounds for a protest or redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

3.4 While racing, 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

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole located at the front of the clubhouse. Code flag L will be displayed on the flagpole if changes have been made to the Sailing Instructions.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 The racing schedule includes one “Round the Cans”

Round the Cans Race:

Class	Flag	Start Time
YTC	Numeral 3	14.00
YTC Restricted Sail	Numeral 4	14.05

6.2 One Round the Cans Race is scheduled for all classes.

6.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal for the Round the Cans Race is 1355.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flags are as shown above.

8. RACING AREA

The sailing area will be Strangford Lough. The chart in Appendix A shows the approximate positions of race marks.

9. COURSES

9.1 Courses shall be 'round the lough' type courses using the normal lough race marks.

9.2 The course designations are as shown above.

9.3 Courses will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

9.4 Marks on a green background are to be left to starboard. Marks on a red background are to be left to port.

9.5 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

10. MARKS

All boats shall pass north of marks 'R' and "K", and to the seaward side of marks "6" and "2" unless it is the next mark of the displayed course. Where marks "R", "K", "6" or "2" form part of a displayed course they may be rounded.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat and mark No.7

11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 Individual and general recalls are as RRS 29. After a general recall, that class will restart after all other classes have started that race.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a red and white pole on the Committee Boat and mark No.7

12.2 A race may be shortened by finishing at a mark of the course. A finishing boat displaying the appropriate class flag(s) and an S flag shall be stationed at the mark. A sound signal shall be made as the leading boat approaches the mark. Boats will finish by passing between the finishing boat and the mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

Does not apply.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 120 minutes.

14.2 RRS 35 is changed so that boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF).

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 A protesting boat shall conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity. This amends RRS 60.2(a)(1).

15.2 The intention to protest must be advised to the Race Officer as soon as convenient and not more than 30 minutes after the protestor finishes the race the protest relates to.

15.3 The protest must be submitted in writing, giving all relevant details and a sketch of the incident if possible. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 60 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16. SCORING

The Low Points System of the RSS Appendix A applies.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

Does not apply.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Does not apply.

20. SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

Does not apply.

22. SUPPORT TEAMS

Does not apply.

23. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

24. PRIZES

The prize giving will take place ashore after racing.

25. RISK STATEMENT & DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 RRS 3 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."

25.2 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 and information produced for the venue or event, and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

26. INSURANCE

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.