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## **RS 400 and RS 200 Northern Championships 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Sponsored by Bann River Cruises**

**East Antrim Boat Club,  
88 Coastguard Road, Larne BT40 1AU**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

This event will be organised by East Antrim Boat Club in conjunction with The Irish RS Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

#### **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on [www.eabc.club](http://www.eabc.club)

#### **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located on WhatsApp. Please join with the link below or scan the QR code in Appendix 1  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EaEBEPBr47e7Xnj7lR3or0>
- 3.2 [DP] 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS 400 and RS 200 classes.
- 4.2 At least one of helm or crew shall be a member of the RS Ireland or other National RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at [www.eabc.club](http://www.eabc.club)
- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

#### 5. FEES

Entry fees are as follows:	Up to 20:00hrs Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024
RS 400 Adult / Master	£65.00
RS 400 Students	£50.00
RS 200 Adult / Master	£65.00
RS 200 Students	£50.00

NB Student entry – in full time education, or hold valid undergraduate student ID.

#### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

#### 7. ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

#### 8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

#### 9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration: Friday 3rd May 19:00 to 20:00 and Saturday 4th May 09:00 to 10:00
- 9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- 9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 4th May	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 5th May	Races 4 to 6
- 9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 4th May is 1155.

The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 5th May is 1055.

9.6 An additional race may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the race committee. To indicate the intention to do this, the finish boat will display numeral four at the end of race three.

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

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

## **10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Boats may be inspected at any time.

## **11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT**

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

## **12. VENUE**

The Sailing Area will be indicated at the briefing and will be in the Larne Lough area.

## **13. COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward or Trapezoid.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 Appendix T and the Exoneration Penalty apply to this regatta. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **15. SCORING**

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 (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 six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS A2.

## **16. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels 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.
- 16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

## 17. BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

## 18. DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

## 19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1 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".

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.

## 20. INSURANCE

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

## 21. PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third

First Junior (under 19 on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2024)

First Female Helm (or crew if no female helm)

First Masters Helm (over 55) (or crew if helm is not over 55)

## 22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact via our club website [www.eabc.club](http://www.eabc.club)

## END OF NOTICE OF RACE

For information regarding directions, event parking, accommodation etc please refer to the Welcome Document on the club website.

Appendix 1 – Official Notice Board



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WhatsApp group

