



Ballyholme YC



ILCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor

15th – 17th August 2025



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The event will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club in association with ILCA Ireland - (OA).

The notation '{NP}' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions (SI) 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 Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will comprise of the ILCA Ireland Major Event Sailing Instructions in addition to particular inserts from the OA and which will be available on the ILCA Ireland website, Ballyholme Yacht Club website (<http://www.ballyholme.com>) and the online Official Notice Board from no later than 23:59 on 5th August 2025 .

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board will be located at a link that will be published no later than 23:59 on 5th August 2025.
- 3.2. The official notice board is the south facing window of the race office, located in Ballyholme Yacht Club.
- 3.3. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the ILCA Class.
- 4.2. Helms shall be a member of the Irish or other National ILCA Associations.
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying online here: <https://ilcaireland.com/event/ilca-ireland-national-championships-2025/>
- 4.4. Competitors under the age of 18 shall ensure that their declaration form has been signed by a responsible adult and must be submitted at registration.
- 4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6. Boats should enter before 23:59 on Sunday 10th August 2025. Late online entries will be possible until 23:59 on Tuesday 12th August 2025. Late entries will also be accepted in person at the Ballyholme Yacht Club Registration between 17:00 and 19:00 on Thursday 14th August 2025 or at the discretion of the OA.

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4.7. The maximum number of entries for this event is 150.

5. FEES

5.1. The early bird entry fee is €110 until early bird date. The normal entry fee is €165. Entry closes on Sunday 10th August 12.00pm.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1. Does not apply.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1. [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

8.1. Does not apply.

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration:

Date	From	To
14th August 2025	17:00	19:30
15 th August 2025	08:00	10:00

9.2. Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10:15 on 15th August 2025

9.3. Racing:

Date	Number of races
15 th August 2025	3
16 th August 2025	3
17 th August 2025	2

9.4. 8 races are scheduled.

9.5. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday is **11:55**. The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Saturday and Sunday is **10:55**.

9.6. No Warning signal will be made after **15:00** on the last day of racing.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Equipment may be inspected at any time during the event.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

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11.2. All boats shall have a painter of at least 7 metres in length, made fast to the bow.

12. VENUE

12.1. The Sailing Area will be North of Ballyholme Bay in Belfast Lough.

13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be trapezoid.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Appendix T Arbitration shall apply to this event.

14.2. RRS Appendix P applies.

14.3. RRS P2.3 does not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it applies to any penalty after the first one.

15. SCORING

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

15.2. When *four* or more races are sailed, a boat shall discard her worst result.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1. [DP] Shall register with the Organising Authority at registration and may be required to pre-register on the host website at <http://www.ballyholme.com> and, if required, carry identification flags provided by the Organising Authority.

16.2. [DP] Support boats shall have an operating VHF marine radio and maintain a watch on the dedicated working channel in the event they are called by the Event Safety Officer to assist in the case of an emergency.

16.3. [DP] Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, unless otherwise instructed by a race official, shall stay 150m 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.

16.4. When afloat all support persons on that vessel shall wear a personal flotation device and the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

17.1. Does not apply.

18. BERTHING

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

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1. Does not apply.

20. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOL

20.1. Does not apply.

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21. DATA PROTECTION

21.1. The data processing policy is available on the class website.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1. Rule 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.

23. INSURANCE

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

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given as follows: First, Second and Third in each class. Further Prizes may be awarded.

24.2. Perpetual Trophies may be awarded for first place for ILCA 4, ILCA 6 & ILCA 7.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact clubmanager@ballyholme.com

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