



**RYA NI Youth Championships and NI Schools Cup
Incorporating 2019 420 Regional Championships
and 2019 29er Triple Crown – Northern Leg
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September 2019
Strangford Lough Yacht Club**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organised by the Royal Yachting Association Northern Ireland (RYANI) in conjunction with Strangford Lough Yacht Club (SLYC)

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SIs means that a 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 Racing rules will be changed as follows: Race Signals AP, 28.1, 33, 35, 40, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61.3, 62.2, 64.1, A4 and A5. The changes will appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 Rules of the Individual Classes will apply.
- 1.5 Competitors should note that RYA Events implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (*Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*), or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/racingcharter
- 1.6 The rules and regulations of SLYC shall be followed and will be available on the Official Notice Board.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of SLYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1 hour before the scheduled start time of the class on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the first races of a day will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

4 BRIEFING

- 4.1 There will be a competitor briefing at 1000 on Saturday.
A briefing for the Regatta Fleet will be held immediately after the main Competitors briefing.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole of SLYC.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is shown ashore "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes race signal AP.
- 5.3 Flag D with one sound signal means that the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after Flag D is displayed. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made. [DP]

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 A total of 6 races are scheduled.
- 6.2 Three races are scheduled each day.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee Race 4 may be sailed on the Saturday. If a fourth race is to be sailed the Committee boat will display Numeral 4 at the finish of Race three.



- 6.4 The time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 21st September will be 1125 and on Sunday 22nd September it will be 1025.
- 6.5 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 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 6.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Sunday 22nd September.

7 CLASS FLAGS AND COURSE ALLOCATION

7.1 The Class flags and courses allocated will be:

Class	Flag	Course	
Laser Radial	Green Laser Radial Class Flag	1	Course 1 Committee Boat will display Numeral Pennant 1
Laser Standard	(will start with Laser Radials as above)		
420	420 Class Flag	1	
29er	29er Class flag	1	
Laser 4.7	Yellow 4.7 Class Flag	1	
Topper	T	2	Course 2 Committee Boat will display Numeral Pennant 2
Topper 4.2	Q	2	
Feva XL	F	2	

7.2 Course 2 will be just to the north and east of the moorings and Course 1 will be further to the North East.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Strangford Lough to the East of SLYC.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The Courses are described in Appendix A.

9.2 The Course to sail will be displayed on a board on the side of the Committee Boat.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be Black Inflatable marks. The start marks will be as described in SI 11. The finish mark will be a small blue inflatable mark for all classes except 29er. The finish mark, for the 29er class only, will be a Yellow spherical mark.

11 THE START

11.1 Course 1: The starting line for the Laser Radial class will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and an Orange Cylinder port end mark.

11.2 Course 2: The starting line for the Topper class will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and an Yellow Cylinder port end mark.

11.3 The starting line for the Feva XL, 420, 29er, Laser 4.7 and Topper 4.2 classes will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and a small blue inflatable mark at the port end.

11.4 A boat whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. [DP]

11.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

12.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark, or the finishing line, to a new position.

12.2 Minor Course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line for all classes except 29er will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and a small blue spherical mark. The finish line for the 29er class only will be between a mast on a committee boat and a yellow inflatable mark.

13.2 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her, from a committee vessel (which may be in motion), flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing



RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For the 29er Class only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 Appendix P will apply as changed by SI 14.3.
- 14.3 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their class has sailed the course and finished will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 ARBITRATION HEARINGS; EXONERATION PENALTY

- 16.1 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details

17 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 For each class or fleet the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat on that course finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and time of hearings will be posted.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 One or two turn penalties shall be declared at the Race Office within the Protest Time Limit using the Declaration Form available from the Race Office. [DP]
- 17.6 Breaches of instructions 5.3, 11.4, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP]
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 18.4 Overall NI Youth Championship and Schools Cup rankings will be calculated using a boat's weighted score. The Club Trophy is awarded to the Northern Ireland club based on the most entries, and the best overall performances in their respective class.
- 18.5 A boat's weighted score is calculated according to the RYA Formula for the Youth Championships, based on total class entries and a boat's Net Score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 19.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device to an appropriate standard at all times when afloat except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40 and the Part 4 preamble
- 19.2 Before going on the water and immediately after arrival ashore, all crew members of each competing boat shall tally in and out individually as described at the briefing. [DP]
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the Race Office as soon as possible
- 19.4 Boats wishing to sail ashore before the end of the day's racing shall not do so unless authorised by a safety boat. The safety boat will instruct boats in the procedure for returning ashore.



19.5 Boats shall follow the instructions of the safety boats. Infringements will be reported to the race committee, which may protest the boat. Boats penalised under this instruction may be scored DNE, or such other penalty that the protest committee may decide. This changes RRS 64.1.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

21.1 Support boats shall register with the Organising Committee at competitor registration.

21.2 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, coaches and supporters may not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to the race area or enter the race area.

21.3 Support Boats must stay 150m distant from the race area except when requested to assist by an official boat.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1 Trash may be placed aboard support, rescue and race committee boats. [DP]

23 BERTHING

23.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned areas in the boat park. [DP]

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

25 PRIZES

25.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and will normally be awarded to:

1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class. This may be adjusted for classes with small fleets.

Only residents from Northern Ireland are eligible to compete for the overall RYANI prizes. Overall prizes are calculated using a boat's weighted score.

The RYA Northern Ireland Youth Champion trophy shall be awarded to the first Youth sailor overall in an RYA Youth Pathway Class.

The RYA Northern Ireland Lady's Youth Trophy will be awarded to the first Youth Lady overall in an RYA Youth Pathway Class.

The RYA Northern Ireland Junior Champion trophy shall be awarded to the first Junior sailor overall in an RYA Junior Pathway Class.

The RYA Northern Ireland Lady's Junior Champion trophy shall be awarded to the first Junior Lady overall in an RYA Junior Pathway Class.

The RYA Northern Ireland Schools Cup will be awarded to the first NI school overall.

The RYA Northern Ireland Club Trophy will be awarded to the first RYA affiliated Club in NI overall.

26 MEMBERSHIP

26.1 For the duration of the Event participants will become temporary members of Strangford Lough Yacht Club

27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Risk Statement as per NOR 17

28 INSURANCE

28.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.



APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

COURSE 1

Laser Radial, Std, 4.7, and 420

O1 Start – 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O2 Start – 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O3 Start – 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I2 Start – 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I3 Start – 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be rounded to Port

29er Class Only:

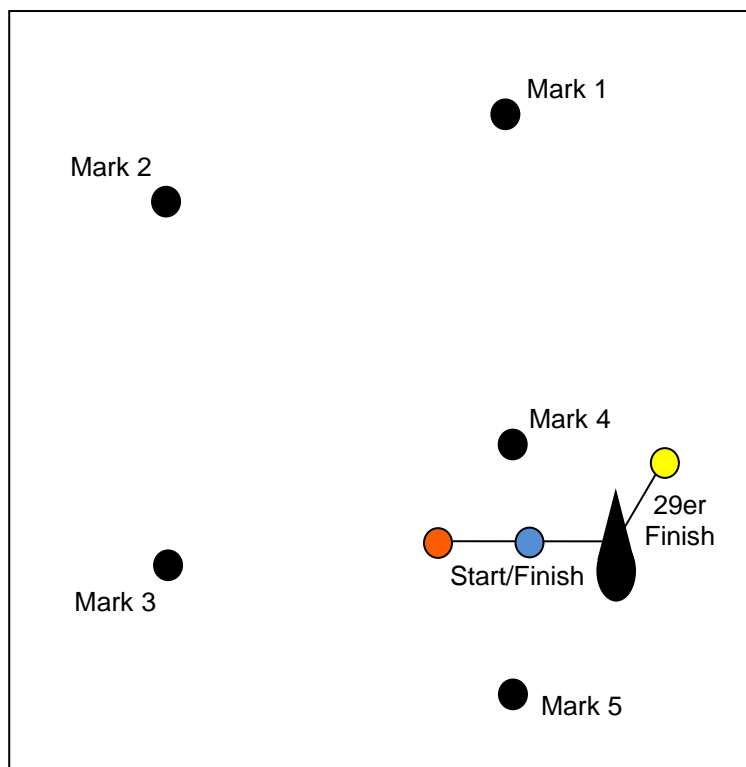
I2 Start – 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish

I3 Start – 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish

I4 Start – 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish

Note: different Finish Line

Marks 1 and 4 to be rounded to Port



COURSE 2

Topper, Topper 4.2 and Feva XL

O1 Start – 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O2 Start – 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

O3 Start – 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I2 Start – 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

I3 Start – 1, 4, 1, 4, 1, 2, 3, 5, Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be rounded to Port

