

Ruffian 23 Ulster Championship

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

Sat 24th & Sun 25th May 2025

Sailing Instructions

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(a).

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by announcement on VHF Channel 37.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2025/ruffian-23-ulster-championship.
- 3.2. The race office is located at the Starting Battery, email sailing@carrickfergussc.org.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 37.
- 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

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

5. Signals made ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Starting Battery.
- 5.2. In the event of foul weather an alternative shore based start will be used as described in Addendum B. This will be indicated by displaying flag F at least 30 minutes before the warning signal.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1. See NoR 6.

7. Class flags

- 7.1. The class flag is Numeral Pennant 4.

8. Racing Area

- 8.1. The racing area is on Belfast Lough near to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

9. Courses

- 9.1. The diagrams in SI Addendum A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the flag to indicate which course is to be sailed.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10. Marks

- 10.1. Marks are Red spherical.

11. The Start

- 11.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 37. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.3. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

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

13. The Finish

- 13.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. Penalty System

- 14.1. The Post-Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and 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.

15. Time Limits

- 15.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.
Race Time Limit - 60 minutes.
Finishing Window - 15 minutes.

- 15.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. Hearing Requests

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the Starting Battery.
- 16.3. 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Alcorn Room, Carrickfergus Sailing Club, beginning at the time posted.

17. Scoring

- 17.1. See NoR 10.

18. Safety Regulations

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.2. Personal Flotation Devices shall be worn at all times when afloat (except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment) in accordance with the provisions of rule 40 except that flag Y will not be displayed and no sound signal will be made. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to part 4 of the RRS.
- 18.3. Boats shall give way to any ship underway in the Victoria Channel.

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20. Trash Disposal

- 20.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

21. Prizes

- 21.1. See NoR 13.

22. Risk Statement

- 22.1. See NoR 11.

Addendum A

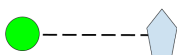
Windward/Leeward Course - Flag W

Start, 1, 2, 3P/3S, Start/Finish, 1, 2, 3P/3S, Start/Finish, 1, 2, 3P/3S, Finish

Marks 2 and 2 are to be rounded to port.

Marks 3P and 3S are a gate.

Start/Finish line is a gate at the end of each lap.

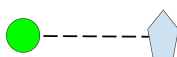


Triangular course - Flag T

Start, 1, 2, 3, Start/Finish, 1, 1a, 3, Start/Finish, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Marks 1, 1a, 2 and 2 are to be rounded to port.

Start/Finish line is a gate at the end of each lap.



Addendum B

1. Courses

- 1.1. The diagrams below show the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 1.2. Course direction will be indicated by a red or green board located under the class flags. A red board indicates starting East to West and leaving all marks to port. A green board indicates starting West to East and leaving all marks to starboard.
- 1.3. On completion of a round of a course, boats shall continue on a further round.
- 1.4. When the letter 'F' is displayed, then boats shall finish.
- 1.5. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

2. Marks

- 2.1. Marks are:
 - R Red Outer Limit of start line
 - G Green Outer Limit of start line
 - 1 Red spherical

3. The Start

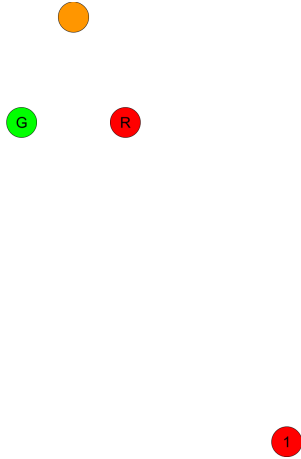
- 3.1. The start line is formed between the orange pole at the front of the battery and a green limit mark (G) if the first mark is to be rounded to starboard, or a red limit mark (R) if the first mark is to be rounded to port.
- 3.2. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 37 (M1). Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

4. The Finish

- 4.1. The finishing line will be formed between the orange pole at the battery and the red limit mark (R) if the previous mark was left to starboard, and the green limit mark (G) if the previous mark was left to port.
- 4.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

Green Board

Start (G) - 1 - G - Finish (R)



Red Board

Start (R) - 1 - R - Finish (G)

