

**Killyleagh Yacht Club
Open Keelboat Event 2019
(incorporating the Bennett and Crooks Cup)
Saturday 31st August 2019**

Notice of Race

1. RULES

The races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS2017-2020) and the prescriptions of the R.Y.A. IRC rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The Open Keelboat Event is open to all eligible boats in the following classes:-

Class 1:	IRC	Class 2:	NHC
Class 3:	NHCRS	Class 4:	Squib

Yachts shall be deemed to have entered only on receipt of a completed entry form, and in the case of IRC classes, receipt of a copy of the current handicap certificate.

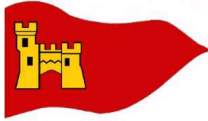
The closing date for entries will be 12:00hrs on Friday 30th August 2019. No results will be published for yachts not entered.

IRC handicaps used will be as per the certificate, provided the certificate is current. NHC handicaps will be as listed in the SLRC boat list in force on 30th August 2019. Boats not listed may be given a rating by the race committee based on information provided by the entrant.

Yachts competing in restricted sail class may not carry any sail which is not secured along its luff to a mast or forestay.

3. SCHEDULE

Two races are scheduled for Saturday 31st August. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 12:55hrs. One race will constitute a series.



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The races will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS2017-2020) the prescriptions of the R.Y.A, and these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The race committee reserves the right to alter the programme in any way or to abandon the event. Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted in the club from 10.30am on the day of the event and may be announced on channel 37 VHF radio 30 minutes before the start of the first race. No signals will be given.

3 COMMUNICATION

The committee may communicate with competitors using VHF channel 37. Failure to make an announcement or an announcement not being received or heard by a competitor shall not be grounds for redress. Competitors should refrain from transmitting on this channel during start sequences.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Two races are scheduled for Sunday 31st August. One race will constitute a series.

Start sequence and times: -	1300hrs	Class 1
	1305hrs	Class 2
	1310hrs	Class 3
	1315hrs	Class 4

The warning signal for the second race in each class will be made as soon as practicable after the first race has finished.

5 CLASSES AND CODE FLAGS

CLASS	HANDICAP	CODE FLAG
Class 1:	IRC	1
Class 2:	NHC	3
Class 3:	NHC Restricted Sail	5
Class 4:	Squib	E

Yachts competing in a handicap class shall fly the appropriate numeral pennant from the backstay or a prominent place near the stern if no backstay is fitted. Classes may be amalgamated if there are less than 3 entries in any one class.

6 COURSES

A course, using the normal lough markers, will be displayed on the side of the committee boat. Marks on a red background are to be left to port. Marks on a green background are to be left to starboard. Courses will be designated as listed below using a white letter on a black background.

Class 1	- Course A
Class 2	- Course B
Class 3	- Course C
Class 4	- Course D

7 MARKS

All boats must pass north of Marks K and R and to the seaward side of marks 2 and 6 unless they are marks of the course.

8 THE START

The start line will be an imaginary line between an orange pole on the committee boat and mark S. An inner limit mark may be laid, which may or may not be on the starting line. No boat shall pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat after the warning signal for the first race of a sequence.

9 RECALLS

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

10 THE FINISH

The finish line shall be the start line. A race may be shortened by finishing at a mark - a finishing boat flying a blue flag 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.

11 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 2 hours after the time of the start of that boat's class.

RRS 35 and 63.1 are 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).

12 PROTESTS

Intention to protest must be advised to the committee boat as soon as convenient and not more than 15 minutes after the protestor finishes the race the protest relates to. The protest must be submitted in writing giving all relevant details and a sketch of the incident if possible. Protests must be submitted within 1 hour of the last finish of the day's racing.

13 SCORING

The low points scoring system of the RRS Appendix A, changed to remove all discards, will apply. A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

14 PRIZES

Prize giving will be held in the clubhouse, as soon as practical after the day's racing.

15 LIABILITY

13.1 Competitors participate in the event at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

13.2 Rule 4 of the racing rules of sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature 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.

16 SAFETY

The owner/skipper of each boat has sole responsibility for the safety of the Yacht and its crew.