



**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**

NOTICE OF RACE

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 NOR 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(b), 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 Strangford Lough Yacht Club (SLYC) shall be followed and will be available on the Official Notice Board.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Racing will be for nominated dinghy classes. Fleets may be combined in the event of low entries. Fleets with entries of fewer than 5 boats by the entry closing date will be reviewed. The Organising Authority reserve the right to cancel racing for a fleet after the closing date if the minimum entry has not been met. The Organising Authority will offer a full refund to anyone whose fleet has been cancelled.
- 3.2 The nominated dinghies will be Optimist, Topper, Topper 4.2, RS Feva XL, Mirror, Laser 4.7, Laser Radial, Laser Standard, 29er and 420 fleets.
- 3.4 Competitors in the NI Youth Championships shall be under 19 on 31st December 2019, and under 16 in the Optimist, Topper, Mirror and RS Feva classes. Age Limits will not apply for competitors in the 420 Regional Championships and the 29er Triple Crown Northern Leg only.
- 3.5 For organisational and safety reasons all entries must be made on the event online entry form, on or before **16th September 2019**. Entries will not be accepted after this date except at the discretion of the High Performance Manager. Contact matthew.mcGovern@rya.org.uk or via www.rya.org.uk/racing-events
- 3.6 All helms and crews are required to submit Parent/ Guardian Declarations at registration at the event. This form can be downloaded from the event website and a copy shall be emailed upon receipt of entry and payment.
- 3.7 **Regatta fleet racing** at the SLYC Youth Championships is open to less experienced sailors in Optimists, Fevas and Toppers (Including 4.2 sailors) who are learning how to race. The racing shall be organised by an RYANI Coach and run on an informal basis on a separate course, starting at around the same time as the main fleets, on both days.



The coaches will brief the regatta fleet sailors on the format for the day, immediately after the main competitor briefing on Saturday.

4 FEES

The entry fees are as follows:

	RYA Member	Non-RYA Member
Single-hander:	£40	£55
Double-Hander	£55	£70
Regatta Fleet	£25	£35

Non RYA members can join the RYA at www.rya.org.uk Fees: Youth £15

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Competitors shall register at the Registration Office in SLYC on Friday 20th from 1600 - 1800 and Saturday 21st September from 0830 to 1000. There will be a competitor briefing at 1000.
- 5.2 Class measurement certificates may be required at registration. Except for the regatta fleet where they will not be required.
- 5.3 The warning signal for the first race on Saturday 21st September will not be before 1125. The race committee will endeavour to complete the Championships by mid-afternoon on Sunday.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at <http://bit.ly/30thRYANIYouthChamps> approximately one week prior to the event. Questions on the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may be emailed to matthew.mcgovern@rya.org.uk. These, together with answers, will be posted on the event website.

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Strangford Lough near to SLYC.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward and/or trapezoid.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 For the 29er Class only RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10 PROTESTS

- 10.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration 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 Official Notice Board for details.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 One race will constitute a championship.
- 11.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, coaches and supporters shall not communicate with competitors afloat, tow competitors to or from the race area, or enter the race area. [DP]

13 BERTHING

- 13.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces while they are in the boat park. [DP]

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and will normally be awarded to: 1st, 2nd and 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.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device 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 part 4 preamble.

17. RISK STATEMENT

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 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

18 INSPECTIONS

- 18.1 The fact that Race Officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE



FURTHER INFORMATON

All material relating to the event, including news, detailed schedules, entry lists etc. will be published on the event website in due course: <http://bit.ly/30thRYANIYouthChamps>

RYANI and SLYC are aiming to improve our environmental impact while running this event. As such we would ask sailors and supporters to consider avoiding single use plastic drinks bottles, and lunch packs as well as plastic bags. More information and sustainability advice, and support, will be available on site throughout the event.

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To be considered for the RYANI Junior or Youth Performance Programmes, sailors must complete the online application form, before 30th September 2019. This application form can be found on the RYANI website under the 'Performance' tab, along with other relevant Youth Performance Programme information.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/rya-regions/rya-ni/performance/Pages/youth-performance-programme.aspx>

