



RS 400 and RS 200 Northern Championships 2023

6th May and 7th May 2023

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Strangford Sailing Club
Seafront Road
Castleward Estate
Strangford
BT30 7LS

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Strangford Sailing Club in conjunction with The Irish RS Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) 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*.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 31, 33, 35, 44.1, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on www.strangfordsailingclub.com and www.rsireland.com (when new RS Ireland website is complete)

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located on Whatsapp please join with the link below or scan the QR code in appendix 2.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FLJIRtZ6Tzo8i49bAGuJvr>
- 3.2 [DP] 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 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the RS 400 and RS 200 classes.
- 4.2 At least one of helm or crew shall be a member of the RS Ireland or other National RS Class Association.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online form at <https://www.itsplainsailing.com/org/strangford>



- 4.4 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 4.6 [NP] [DP] The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.7 [NP] [DP] Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

5 FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

Up to 1800 Wednesday 3rd May 2023

RS 400 Seniors	£55
RS 400 Juniors/Students	£35
RS 200 Seniors	£55
RS 200 Juniors/Students	£35

Juniors – both helm and crew must be under 19 on 31st December 2022 or a student with valid undergraduate student ID.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply.

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Friday 5th May 1800 to 2030. Saturday 6th May 0900 to 1030

9.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 6th May 2023.

9.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 6 th May	Races 1 to 3
Sunday 7 th May	Races 4 to 6

9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 At the discretion of the Race Officer a Race may be brought forward to the first day or postponed to the second day depending on weather conditions. No more than one race of the scheduled number of races may be brought forward or postponed.

9.6 No warning signal will be after 15:00 on Sunday the 7th May

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday 6th May is 1155.
The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Sunday 7th May is 1055.

**10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

12 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be Sothern waters of Strangford Lough, see Appendix 1.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Windward Leeward.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 Hitting a mark other than the start or finish marks will not be penalised for the RS 400 and RS 200 Classes. This changes RRS 31.

15 SCORING

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

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.

15.3 Low points scoring system will be used.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 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.

16.2 When the engine of a support vessel is running, 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

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

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

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION



The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Refer to Strangford Sailing Club website.

23 INSURANCE

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

24 PRIZES

Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, in each class as follows:

First, Second and Third

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: William Findlay - wrfindlay@gmail.com (RS400 Northern Rep)

26 PRIVACY STATEMENT

Refer to Strangford Sailing Club website.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Access to the club

Please note there is **NO** access through Castleward Estate to the club with a vehicle. You must use the Audleystown Road. The club address should work with google maps.

Lat Long Coordinates are 54.376311, -5.573168

Accommodation

- Camping:

A limited number of free camping spots are available at the club. Please contact William Findlay wrfindlay@gmail.com

There are also paid spots in Castleward Campsite/Caravan park (walking distance to the club) <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/holidays/northern-ireland/castle-ward-caravan-park>

- B&B

The closest town with accommodation is Strangford (10 min drive away) or Downpatrick (20 min drive)

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Hospitality

- The club will have a bar open on the Friday and Saturday nights. (Card payment preferred)
- BBQs Will be lit from 1800 – 2100 on Saturday (BBQ packs can be purchased with entry)
- BBQs can also be lit on Friday night if needed.
- Free Tea, Coffee and refreshments available throughout the event
- Bacon Buddies available on Saturday and Sunday morning (included with entry)



Appendix 1 – Race Area



Appendix 2 – Official Notice Board

