



ISA Youth Pathway National Championships 2017

Ballyholme Yacht Club, Bangor, Northern Ireland

Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd April 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is Ballyholme Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Sailing Association (ISA).

The ISA Youth Pathway National Championships, herein after called the Regatta may form part of the ISA selection trials for the 2017 World Sailing Youth Worlds (venue and dates TBC) and the ISA National Squads and an indicator, amongst other events, for the ISA Academy.

The first leg of the IODAI 2017 Optimist Trials will be held in conjunction with this regatta, but sailed on a separate course. Please refer to www.iodai.com for the Trials fleet entry fleet criteria, Entry form and Notice of Race.

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 ISA will apply.
- 1.3 Boats competing in each class shall comply with their respective class rules. Boats may be checked for compliance with class rules at any time during the regatta
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42, will apply.
- 1.5 RRS ISA Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. Decisions from Arbitration may be referred to a Protest Committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 1.6 Racing rules Race Signal AP, 28.1, 29.2, 60.1(a), 61.1(b), 62.2, 63.1, 63.2, 64.1, A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.7 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided by rule 70.5, subject to the approval of the Protest Committee.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising and/or identification numbers chosen and supplied by the organising authority. Conflicting advertising shall be removed, or otherwise obscured, to the satisfaction of the organising authority, from hulls, spars, sails and competitors clothing and equipment.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the 420, Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 classes.
- 3.2 Competitors in the 420, Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 classes shall be under 19 years of age on 31st December 2017.
- 3.3 Competitors in the Topper and Topper 4.2 class shall be under 16 years of age on 31st December 2017.
- 3.4 Boats shall display their full class allocated sail number in accordance with their class rules.
- 3.5 Overseas entries are welcome in all classes.
- 3.6 Eligible boats should enter online at www.ballyholme.com.
- 3.7 Competitors under 18 years of age shall return a completed Parent/Guardian Consent Form prior to or at registration. This consent form will be available online at www.ballyholme.com.

3.8 A minimum of seven boats is required to be entered in a class for racing to be held for that class.

4 FEES

4.1 The required fees are as follows:

Class	Entry fee if paid on or before 31 st March	Entry fee if paid after 31 st March
Laser Radial Laser 4.7 Topper Topper 4.2	£90.00	£120.00
420	£120.00	£160.00

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration, Briefings and Prize Giving

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 19 th April	Registration for 420 and Laser Radial Classes	1700 – 2000
Thursday 20 th April	Registration for 420 and Laser Radial Classes	0830 -1000
	Competitor Briefing	1015
	Registration Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 classes	1700 -2000
Friday 21 st April	Registration Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 classes	0830 - 1000
	Competitor Briefing	1015
Saturday 22 nd April	Racing	
Sunday 23 rd April	Prize Giving	1530 or earlier if advised

5.2 Racing, Number of Races and Time of Warning Signal

Date	No of Races	Course 420, Laser Radial	Course Laser 4.7, Topper, Topper 4.2
Thursday 20 th April	3 Races	1155	No Racing
Friday 21 st April	3 Races	1055	1155
Saturday 22 nd April	3 Races	1055	1055
Sunday 23 rd April	2 Races	1055	1055

5.3 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal for any fleet will be made after 1500

6 BOAT PARKING & LAUNCHING [DP]

6.1 Boats shall only be parked in the space allocated to them.

6.2 Competitors are required to have a launching trolley suitable for their class of boat that is fully serviceable. Trolleys may be used on a first come first served basis except on the last day of the Regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration, on the Ballyholme Yacht Club website, www.ballyholme.com, prior to the event and will be displayed on the Official Notice Board at the event.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Will be in Belfast Lough just to the North and West of Ballyholme Bay.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be either Trapezoid or Windward Leeward.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5. Arbitration will be available to decide some protests.

11 SCORING

11.1 420 and Laser Radial Classes: A total of 11 races are scheduled. 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

11.2 Laser 4.7, Topper and Topper 4.2 Classes: A total of 8 races scheduled. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

11.3 For all classes, when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

11.4 For all classes, when five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 Support boats shall register with the Race Office. An identification flag, which must be conspicuously displayed during the regatta, will be issued by the OA on receipt of a returnable deposit of £10.00.

12.2 Except when requested by, or agreed with, the race committee, support boats must stay 100 m distant from the race area except when requested to assist by an official boat from the time of the warning until the time that the last competitor finishes the last race to be sailed each day on that race course.

12.3 In addition, for the 420 and Laser Radial classes, support boats shall not communicate with competitors afloat or tow competitors to or from the race area unless asked to assist by an official race committee boat.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats overall in each class and to the highest placed all female crew in each class.

14 RISK STATEMENT

14.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or 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 omission;

(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 organisers 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;

INSPECTIONS 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.

15 INSURANCE

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

16 PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

- 16.1 By entering the Regatta competitors and where relevant their parents/guardians accept that they may be photographed and/or videotaped participating in the racing and/or using the Championship facilities and they consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media, in conjunction with the competitors name or not, without compensation and without the competitors approval of such images or any use thereof.
- 16.2 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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