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Bangor Regatta 2026

Incorporating the Sigma 33 Class Championship

Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Thursday 25th to Sunday 28th June 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Regatta overview

We invite sailors of all yachts to participate in Bangor Regatta 2026 (Regatta).

The Organising Authority (OA) of Bangor Regatta is Royal Ulster Yacht Club (RUYC).

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.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 For IRC Classes IRC rule 22.4 (Crew limitations) is modified see 6 'Crew Limitations' of this NoR.
- 1.3 Boats shall comply with, at least, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix B Inshore Racing.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at <https://www.bangorregatta.com/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located on Racing Rules for Sailing. A link will to the Official Notice Board will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 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.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on International channels. On the Water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The relevant channels will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 There will be an informal WhatsApp group between the OA and skippers where boats will be informed about their intentions for that day.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to boats of the following classes:
 - 4.1.1 IRC Classes - Boats with a valid IRC certificates rated to a minimum of 0.810

- 4.1.2 IRC Coastal Class - A separate start will be offered for boats with a valid IRC certificate rated to a minimum of 0.850. A minimum of one race will be offered a day.
- 4.1.3 One Design Classes - Separate starts will be offered to classes where the OA considers there are sufficient entries.
- 4.1.4 YTC - IRC classes will be dual scored with YTC handicaps
- 4.1.5 YTC Coastal - Restricted boats (those without spinnaker) wishing to sail coastal will be scored using YTC. A minimum of one race will be offered a day.
- 4.2 Class divisions, and One Design classes, will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.
- 4.3 IRC and One Design Classes will sail windward/leeward style courses and/or a triangle style course. Coastal classes will sail a course utilising various navigational buoys located around Belfast Lough and the North Channel.
- 4.4 Classes may be altered, divided, amalgamated or boats moved between classes at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.5 Boats shall display a class pennant, appropriate to the class in which they are sailing, from their backstay at all times when racing.
- 4.6 Eligible boats will enter by completing the entry form found on: <https://www.bangorregatta.com/>
- 4.7 Boats entered in IRC and/or YTC Classes shall submit a copy of their current IRC and/or Certificate not later than midnight, Monday 22nd June 2026. No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted after this date, except as a result of a rating protest, or to correct Rating Authority errors. If a boat enters under IRC after this date their primary rating shall be used.
- 4.8 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.9 Boats should enter before midnight on Monday 22nd June 2026. Late entries will only be accepted after this date in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.10 The Organising Authority may cancel the event, cancel classes and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 4.11 Should the Organising Authority cancel a class or reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.
- 4.12 Should the Organising Authority cancel the event within 36 hours prior to the scheduled start of Race 1 any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

	Class	Entry fee (if paid BEFORE 01/02/26)	Entry fee (if paid FROM 01/02/26)
1	Yachts 12m in length and above	£390	£420
2	Yachts between 9.1m and 11.9m in length	£350	£380
3	Yachts between 7.6m and 9m in length	£290	£320
4	Yachts 7.5m in length and below	£220	£250
5	Sigma 33 Class Championship	N/A	£275

- 5.2 Berthing for boats not normally berthed in Bangor Marina is included in the entry fee.
- 5.3 All yachts having a fixed rate berth in Bangor Marina at time of event will be subject to 10% discount on both full and early bird entry fee rate.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate except that;

-when the crew consists of either:

- at least two females
- at least two 25 years old or under (25 or under on 25th June 2026)

or

- at least one female and one 25 year old or under (25 or under on 25th June 2026)

then the crew limit is certificate number plus one.

- 6.2 Crew limits do not apply for YTC Classes.

- 6.3 Crew limits for one design classes are as per rules of each class.

7 ADVERTISING

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

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Registration; Wednesday 24th June 2026 1400 to 1900 in the Race Office at Bangor Marina and Thursday 25th June 2026 0800 to 1000 in the Race Office at Bangor Marina.

- 8.2 Briefing – A race briefing will take place at the Race Office at Bangor Marina at 10:00 on Thursday 25th June 2026. If other briefings are required they will be announced by the OA on the Official Noticeboard.

- 8.3 The number of races will be announced in the Sailing Instructions.

- 8.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will not be before 10:25 with the exception of Thursday 25th June 2026 where the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race that will day will not be before 11:25.

- 8.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1330.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce, or verify the existence of, a valid measurement or rating certificate. In the case of IRC this event is categorised as Non-endorsed.

- 9.2 Boats may be inspected at any time. One Design Classes may arrange inspections in agreement with the OA.

10 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

If flag Y is displayed by the OA RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11 VENUE

The Sailing Area will be Belfast Lough and the North Channel.

12 COURSES

The courses to be sailed for IRC and One Design yachts will be windward leeward or a triangle style course and may include a short coastal race. The courses for Coastal Classes will be round permanent and temporary marks or islands in Belfast Lough.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Appendix T applies

14 SCORING

14.1 Both IRC and YTC handicap systems will be utilised during this event.

14.2 One Design boat classes shall be scored in order that they finish in their respective classes.

14.3 For IRC and One Design Classes three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. For IRC and YTC Coastal, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.4 For IRC and One Design Classes, when four races are sailed one discard will be applied. There will be no discards available for IRC and YTC Coastal classes.

14.5 For IRC Classes when fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

14.6 Irish Sea Nations Championship – Visiting boats from other Irish Sea nations will automatically be included in this championship and details will be forwarded to the ISNC organising committee.

15 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

15.1 Support Person Vessels shall register at registration with a description of the support vessel, their callsign and the sail number of the boat/s supported. Support vessels should be notified to the Race Committee by flying a flag provided by the OA at registration.

15.2 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m 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.

15.3 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.

16 BERTHING

[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the Marina. An email with berthing information will be sent to the email address used to sign up to this event by the operators of Bangor Marina as soon as possible after entering online.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

18 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools, or their equivalent, shall not be used around keelboats from 10:00 on the first race and the end of the event unless the skipper of the boat has written permission from the OA.

19 DATA PROTECTION

The Club Data Processing Policy is available on the club website.

20 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone".

Sailing by its nature is 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;
- (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 or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 A Prize giving for Bangor Regatta 2026 will occur at Royal Ulster Yacht Club on Sunday 28th June 2026.
- 22.2 Prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries and at the discretion of the Race Committee, as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
- 22.3 The Bangor Town Trophy will be awarded to the top performing boat over all classes to be determined by the race committee.
- 22.4 The Sigma 33 Class Association's trophy will be presented.
- 22.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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