East Down Yacht Club

Leisure 17 Big Weekend, 3rd & 4th May 2025

Notice of Race

1. Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)2025-2028.

1.2 All documents, including any amendments pertaining to this event are available from The Official Notice Board and will be located in the EDYC Clubhouse.

1.3 The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available by registration and also available on the EDYC website beforehand www.edyc.co.uk

3. Communications

3.1 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.

3.2 All boats are advised to carry VHF radio whilst on the water. Channel 37 will be used for race organization and the Race Officer may make courtesy or advisory transmissions to the fleet on this channel.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to Leisure 17 yachts as described by the Leisure Owners Association www.leisureowners.org.uk

4.2.1 All Yachts must make every reasonable effort to comply with measurements of the Leisure 17 design as outlined in the specifications section of leisure-yacht-owners - Leisure 17. For this event the L17 and L17sl, fin or twin keel variants will be treated as a One-Design class.

4.2.2 All boats are permitted to race using a Cruising chute, asymmetrical Spinnaker, or Symmetrical Spinnaker, as long as the sail cloth size does not exceed that indicated in the original specifications, of No.1 Spinnaker, 208sq ft / 19.3sq m

4.2.3 All boats must carry the following safety equipment while racing: outboard engine mounted on the transom, fuel for 1 hour motoring, sail number on mainsail, fire extinguisher, bucket and lanyard, warp (2 x LOA of boat), torch, adequate anchor and warp, foghorn, personal floatation devices for all crew members and First Aid Equipment.'

4.3 An Entry Form will be made available on the East Down Yacht Club website. Go to 'Additional Information' & scan our QR code

5. Fees

£45 registration fee for boat and helm, including Sunday Dinner
£30 registration fee for each additional crew member, including Sunday Dinner
Registration closes 28th April, 6pm. Entries after this point can be made by emailing stephenmperry@btinternet.com , incurring an additional £15 per boat and £5 per crew.

6. Advertising

6.1 Boats maybe required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulations 20.9.2 applies

7. Schedule

7.1 There shall be four races on Saturday 3rd May and 1 longer pursuit race on Sunday 4th May. The first start on each day will be 10:00am Details will be specified in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Equipment Inspection / Measurement

8.1 The event organisers will appoint a Scrutineer who may inspect any boat if there reason to suspect significant inconsistency with specifications in section 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 above.

9. Venue

9.1 The event will be hosted and run by East Down Yacht Club

9.2 The Racing area will be the southern half of Strangford Lough

10. Courses

10.1 The Courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions. Racing will be 'round the can' races on Saturday and a longer pursuit race on Sunday

11. Support Boats

11.1 Support boats will not be permitted

12. Berthing

12.1 Limited berthing will be available alongside the EDYC pontoon, and some moorings will be available for visiting yachts. Requirements should be specified at the time of entry or by emailing Stephen Perry stephenmperry@btinternet.com or mob:07779895613

13. Insurance

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Completion of an entry form shall be taken as a declaration to that effect. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the competitors.

14. Prizes

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race, or to the next boat if the winner has already received a prize.

14.2 Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

15. Tides

15.1 High Water East Down Yacht Club Saturday 3rd 05:56hrs

15.2 High Water East Down Yacht Club Sunday 4th 06:52hrs

16. Ferry Service

16.1 On both race days there will be ferry service from EDYC pontoon to the moorings in The Dorn and Holm Bay

17. Risk Statement

17.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing state: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'. Sailing is by it's 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 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 and their boat and their other property wether 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 organizer 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 practically provided

in the circumstances. (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize 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. Additional information:

18.1 **Booking link** – on www.edyc.co.uk use the QR code to access the event booking page

18.2 **Accommodation** – There are spaces available for motorhomes, caravans and tents. These spaces are limited and can be requested at the time of booking or by emailing Stephen Perry stephenmperry@btinternet.com or mob:07779895613. Additionally there are numerous accommodation offerings around Killyleagh, Accommodation in Northern Ireland | Glamping, Hotels & B&Bs

18.3 **Food and Social** -

Saturday evening there will be food provision by way of a point of sale, limited menu offering of Burgers/Goujons/chips/salads etc in the Clubhouse. Holm Bar will be open for the afternoon/evening for dining, bar facilities and socializing.

Sunday; Registration includes provision of a buffet evening meal on Sunday 4th May, following the prize giving.
Buffet dinner will also be available for visitors and guests not sailing in the event, to purchase at £25. To aid in the planning of the food, please use the event registration platform to purchase in advance. East Down Yacht Club - Its Plain Sailing Online Payments page events

18.4 **Membership of EDYC** – All visiting competitors and their families will be Honorary Members of East Down Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

18.5 **Practice Race** – If there is enough interest, there maybe a practice race on Friday 2nd May to help the visiting yachts with set-up & to become familiar with the race area.


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