

RS200 Eurocup - 24-27 May 2019
RS400 Northerns - 25-26 May 2019

Hosted by Strangford Lough Yacht Club

Organising Authority – Strangford Lough Yacht Club in conjunction with
the RS Class Associations

NOTICE OF RACE

The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the 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* (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules of the International RS Class Associations will apply.
- 1.3 The racing rules will be changed as follows. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

Rule 32 is changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.

Rule 35 is changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit in their observed position on the course.

Rule 40 is changed so that personal Floatation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.

Rule 63.1 is changed so that for breaking certain rules boats can be disqualified without a hearing.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry is open to all boats of the RS 200 and 400 Classes.
- 3.2 Either the helm or crew must be a member of the RS International Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter on-line at:

RS200 -

<https://www.rs200sailing.org/championships/cindex.asp?clselect=Home&eid=1783>

RS400 -

<https://www.rs400.org/championships/cindex.asp?clselect=Home&eid=1897>

3.4 No entries will be accepted after 20 May 2019

3.5 Any competitors who are aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form. This can be downloaded from the 'Document' area of the UK RS Class Association websites and should be completed and handed in at the event.

4 FEES

4.1 Required fees are as follows:

Normal entry on or before 26 April 2019.

RS200 - £140 / €160

RS400 - £70 / €80

Entry after 26 April 2019.

RS200 - £180 / €200

RS400 - £90 / €100

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration will be in the clubhouse between 1600 hrs and 1800 hrs on Thursday 23 May, and between 0900 hrs and 1100 hrs on Friday 24 May. There will be an additional registration period for RS400 only between 0900 and 1000 on Saturday 25 May.

5.2 A competitor briefing for RS200 will be held at 1115 hrs on Friday 24 May.

5.2 Dates of racing, number of races, and first scheduled warning signal:

Friday	24 May	2 races (RS200 only)	1355hrs
Saturday	25 May	2 or 3 races (RS200 and RS400)	1155hrs
Sunday	26 May	2 or 3 races (RS200 and RS400)	1155hrs
Monday	27 May	2 races (RS200 only)	1025hrs

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

7 VENUE

7.1 Sailing will be in Strangford Lough.

7.2 Venue information is available on-line at the links above in paragraph 3.3.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions available at registration.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 9.3 Points will accrue to the registered helm or helm and crew and not the entered boat. The registered helm and crew may swap roles without restriction.
- 9.4 Where it is known before the start of the event that there will be a change of crew during the event then both crews should be registered on entry form along with which day(s) they will be sailing.

10 SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

- 10.1 All support boats shall be registered with the organising authority and will be required to comply with event support boat regulations.
- 10.2 Support boats with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 150m outside the race area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 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]

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 The overall winners of the RS200 Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title Eurocup Champions.
- The overall winners of the RS400 Championship fleet series will be awarded the first place trophy and the title RS400 Northerns Champions.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 Rule 4 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.

14 INSURANCE

- 14.1 Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (or equivalent) per event.

15 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

- 15.1 In participating in this event, any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the Nationals and International Class Associations permission to make, use, and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 For further information please contact Association secretary:
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