DONAGHADEE SAILING CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Apres Summer Races

Saturday 10 October 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY
This event will be organised by Donaghadee Sailing Club (www.donaghadeesc.co.uk)
The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI 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 event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 and RYA Prescriptions.
   1.2. Racing rules 27.1, 32, 33, 40.1, 63.1 and Appendix A will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions.
2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS The sailing instructions are attached to this document and are available on the club website www.donaghadeesc.co.uk

3. COMMUNICATION
3.1 The official noticeboard is located in the clubhouse.
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 members' boats and club boats as defined in SI 7 below. Visiting boats may compete at the discretion of the race officer.
4.2 There is no formal entry form – boats must be registered with the club.

5. FEES - There is no entry fee for this event, however please consider a donation of £5 per boat to the RNLI.

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

7. SCHEDULE
7.1 The event will consist of three races. A minimum of one race must be completed to be constitute the series.
7.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors at 13:00 at the dinghy park
7.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race will be at 13:55
7.4 High Water is approximately 12:05

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION - [NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
9.1 For dinghy classes, RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.
9.2 All dinghies shall have a painter of at least 5 metres of suitable line which is separate from any other lines or sheets affixed to the boat.
9.3 Boats may sail with a sail number different from their allotted number, provided that notice of this intention is given to the Race Officer for each individual race of a series before going afloat. Failure to comply with this may result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5

10. VENUE - The Sailing Area will be in the vicinity of Donaghadee Harbour.

11. COURSES - The course to be sailed will be around fixed and laid marks.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Post Race Penalty and Appendix T Arbitration Procedures shall apply. No protests will be heard.

12.2 Any on the water infringements shall be exonerated by the boat taking the appropriate penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1 Scoring will be on the basis of the low points system, the person with the lowest points will win.

14. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 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.

14.2 When afloat all support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and when the engine of a support vessel is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

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

16. DATA PROTECTION - The Club Data Processing Policy is available on the club website.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 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.

18. 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.

19. PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the race committee.

20. CLUB BOATS

20.1 Club owned boats can be available to club members for the event on a first come basis and cannot be booked in advance

20.2 Mast head flotation shall be used at all times on club owned double handers except for the Feva’s.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION - For further information please contact sailing@donaghadeesc.co.uk.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES - See NoR 1

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the first warning signal on that day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing notice board inside Donaghadee Sailing Club

4. CODE OF CONDUCT - [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE- Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony at the clubhouse.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES - See NoR 7

7. START TIMES & CLASS FLAGS

7.2 The racing is open to all dinghy classes and will be PY handicap races using the class flag T.

7.3 The boats shall race as one fleet.

7.4 The first warning signal is scheduled for 13:55. Thereafter races will start at the discretion of the race officers.

8. RACING AREA - See NoR 10.

9. COURSES

9.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be described at the briefing.

9.2 Having started a race, boats shall not re-cross the start / finish line unless completing a lap of the course.

10. MARKS will be described at the briefing.

11. OBSTRUCTIONS – Boats racing are not to sail through Donaghadee Harbour. Boats contravening this SI will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

12. THE START

12.1 The start line will be described at the briefing.

12.2 A boat that does not start within 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finish line will be described at the briefing.

13.2 The finishing signal will be a plain blue code flag

14. PENALTY SYSTEM - See NoR 12.

15. TIME LIMITS - the time limit for each race will be 45 mins, if one boat finishes within the time limit, the limit will be extended by 15 minutes. Boats failing to finish after the extension of the time limit will be scored “Did Not Finish” without a hearing.

16. SCORING - As per NoR 13

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.2 All crew shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while on the water.

18. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT - [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. OFFICIAL VESSELS - Donaghadee Sailing Club patrol vessels are RIBs normally yellow in colour.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL - Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS