



ANTRIM BOAT CLUB

WINTER SERIES 23/24 - *Beginning 5th November 2023*

Sponsored by Rolo's

Notice of Race

1. Organising Authority;

An open event organised by Antrim Boat Club.

2. Classes

There will be one class for all boats. ABC accepts the following types of boats to enter:

- Sports boats / Keel Boats with an IRC Handicap band of .900 or greater.
- Cruisers with an ABC Club Handicap of up to .899.

3. Rules and Eligibility

Racing will be governed by the latest ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) RYA prescriptions

Boats shall display event advertising, if required, supplied by the organising authority.

No safety cover is provided by the Organising Authority

4. Handicaps;

Handicaps will be according to the Antrim Boat Club Handicap Policy published Sep 2023. Any boat that submits an IRC Certificate to the Handicap Committee the deadline for the 1st Half is 2nd November 2023 & the 2nd Half is 25th January 2024.

5. Schedule of Races

The 15-race series will be split in two parts consisting of 6 races in the first part and 9 races in the second part.

Races are scheduled on consecutive Sundays with the first part beginning 5th November 2023 and running to 10th December 2023. The second part will resume on the 28th January 2024 and run to 23rd March 2024 (Saturday).

The Starting signal will be at 2.30 pm on each day. The race area will be Antrim Bay, Lough Neagh. An extra race may be scheduled at the end of the either part if the number of races sailed is not enough to constitute a series. A charity race may be held on the following Sunday or the next weekend depending on preference.

6. Discards

4 races must be completed in each part to constitute a series. A discard will apply in each part only if 5 races are sailed, 2 discards only if 7 races are sailed and 3 discards if 9 races are sailed. I.e. there is 1 discard in the first part of at least 5 races and 3 discards in the second part of at least 9 races. In the complete competition of two parts the number of discards will be the same as the total of both parts, but not necessarily the same races. I.e. the discards are those most beneficial to the boat of the total sailed.

7. Entries

Entries and registration will take place before racing on the first day of the series. Fees will be £30.00 for 2023 & £30 for the 2024 parts of the series or £50.00 for the whole event.

8. Registration

Registration will take place in the Clubhouse on the following dates only:

Sunday 29th October – 4pm to 5pm

Saturday 4th November – 4pm to 5pm

Sunday 5th November – 12pm to 1pm.

9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places for each part, and 1st, 2nd & 3rd place overall. Also 1st Overall will win The Pat Kelly Memorial Cup.

10. Berthing and Craneage

Berthing and use of crane will be provided for competitors subject to availability.