

Bangor (NI) Race and Muster

Friday 27th June to Saturday 28th June 2025

Sponsored by Fairlie Riggers

The Organising Authority is Fairlie Yacht Club

This event is open to all members of RYA affiliated Clubs

Sailing Instructions

HW Greenock 1457 BST 27th June
HW Dover 1324 BST 27th June
HW Bangor 0426 BST and 1712 BST 28th June

Start Friday 27th June 2025

	<i>Time Signal</i>	<i>1450</i>	<i>Orange Start Pennant Hoisted</i>
<i>Classes 1,3,4</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>	<i>1455</i>	<i>Pennants 1, 3 and 4 Hoisted</i>
<i>Classes 1,3,4</i>	<i>Prepare Signal</i>	<i>1456</i>	<i>Code Flag 'P' Hoisted</i>
<i>Classes 1,3,4</i>	<i>1 Minute</i>	<i>1459</i>	<i>Code Flag 'P' Lowered</i>
<i>Classes 1,3,4</i>	<i>START</i>	<i>1500</i>	<i>Pennants 1, 3 and 4 Lowered</i>

Starting Line:

Between Fairlie Racing Mark 'K' off Largs Yacht Haven, and a staff flying an orange pennant on a Committee Vessel displaying a Red FYC flag moored adjacent.

Course: From FAIRLIE to BANGOR, leaving the Committee Vessel to PORT. (*74nm approx*)

Finish: Between a White Pole with an X top mark at the RUYC Battery at Lukes Point (*N54 40.192 W005 39.491*) and Red Race Mark 'F' laid to the Northwest. Yachts should record their own finish time and position relative to other finishing yachts. If possible, a smart-phone photograph of the pin mark at the finish would assist the Race Committee in compiling the results.

Time Limit: The time limit shall be 17.00 hrs on Saturday 28th June.

Conditions: The Race shall be conducted in accordance with RRS 2025 - 2028

Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules contained in RRS Part 2 shall cease to govern the race, which shall be continued under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Navigation lights shall be shown during the hours of darkness

Minimum Equipment: Yachts should comply with World Sailing OSR Cat 3. In addition, each yacht shall be required to carry a liferaft and/or dinghy suitable for carrying the entire crew. Where an inflatable dinghy is used in place of a life raft, a suitable pump shall be carried to enable the inflation of such a dinghy.

It is also recommended that all participating vessels carry an AIS transmitter that will transmit the competitor's position at all times during the race.

Eligibility: The Race is free to enter for FYC members who have paid the Fairlie Race Fee or Passage Race Fee.

The Race is also open to members of any RYA affiliated club, on payment of a £10 race fee.

Class 1 - CYCA Handicaps

Class 3 - IRC Handicaps

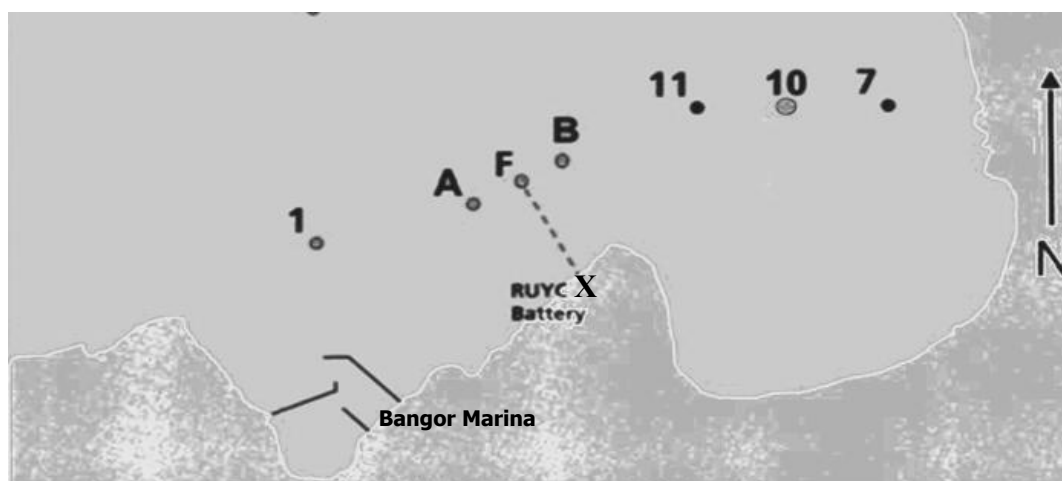
Class 4 - CYCA Handicaps - Restricted Sail

Retirals:

Any boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee either on VHF Ch 77, by telephoning the Race Officer on 07525 235888, or by using the Whatsapp Chat created for the event.

**THE RACE COMMITTEE MUST BE INFORMED IF A BOAT RETIRES AND AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHOULD BE RECEIVED.
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SAFETY MATTER**

Sketch of the Finishing area, in relation to Bangor Marina



Risk Statement

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

Sailing is by its 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 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 does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) There is no provision of patrol boat cover for assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions.
- (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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

Insurance

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.

The Muster

Social Arrangements - Saturday 28th June

There will be a muster in Bangor Marina at 1830. Listen out on VHF ch77 and Whatsapp for location.

Refreshments will be provided by the Club.

Dinner will be served in Royal Ulster Yacht Club at 2000. Reservations are required.

Please email Eilidh Brown at ***events@fairlieyachtclub.org.uk*** with your seating requirements.

Berthing:

All racing and cruising yachts participating should pass their berthing requirements for Bangor Marina to ***events@fairlieyachtclub.org.uk***

The Club will coordinate with the Marina and negotiate the best berthing rate possible.

Yachts not resident at Largs Yacht Haven and wishing to arrive the day before the race start, should contact LYH directly with their berthing requirements. A special berthing rate will be available for competitors.

LYH: 01475 675333

Cruising Yachts:

Cruising yachts are encouraged to join the Muster, making passage individually or as part of an organised Cruise in Company. Further information will be available by email and social media nearer the time.

Bangor Marina is a very secure and spacious marina, ideally situated for further exploration further South, or North along the Irish Coast. The Titanic Exhibition and other Belfast visitor attractions can be easily accessed by train from Bangor, or by a short sail to the City Centre