



2016 Sigma 33 Class UK and Irish Championship

17th – 19th June 2016

Royal Ulster Yacht Club, Bangor, County Down

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules A4, A5.41, 62.1(a), 28.1, 61.3, 62.2, 60.1(a) will be changed. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class will apply.
- 1.5 Entrants may be required to carry sponsors advertising decals.
- 1.6 It is not necessary to carry a storm jib on board during this event. This changes Sigma 33 OOD Class Rule 11.2

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Sigma 33 Offshore One Design Class. Owners and Helmsperson must be paid up members of the Sigma 33 OOD Class Association.
- 2.2 There will be a separate family class for boats not using a spinnaker – this must be declared at point of entry. Boats that have entered the Spinnaker class will only be permitted to change to family class, after entry, in exceptional circumstances, with permission of the Race Committee.
- 2.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to Royal Ulster Yacht Club by Friday 3rd June 2016.
- 2.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Committee, subject to the payment of a late entry surcharge.
- 2.5 All boats will be inspected for compliance with the Class Rules on Friday 17th June.

3 FEES

- 3.1 Required fees are as follows: £145.00 per Boat. Late Entry Surcharge (After 3rd June 2016) £ 50.00.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Briefing – A Briefing will be held in Royal Ulster Yacht Club at 2100 on Thursday 16th June 2016.
- 4.2 Registration:
Thursday 16th June 2016 from 1900 to 2100 at RUYC

4.3 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Friday 17 th June	Races 1, 2 and 3
Saturday 18 th June	Races 4, 5, 6 and 7
Sunday 19 th June	Races 8, 9 and 10

4.4 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on Friday 17th June is 1155 and on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th it will be 1025.

4.5 No warning signal shall be made later than 1415 on Sunday 19th June.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the Royal Ulster Yacht Club website prior to the event.

6 SAILING AREA

6.1 The Sailing Area will be in Belfast Lough.

7 THE COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward.

8 SCORING

8.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

8.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

8.3 After completion of sailing on Saturday 18th June the Silver Fleet will be identified as follows: The results will be taken without discard and the number of entrants divided by two (if there is an uneven number the Gold fleet will always be one larger than the Silver). The second half of the fleet will comprise the Silver Fleet. On the last day of the series the Gold and Silver Fleets will start together. The Gold Fleet will be identified by displaying Flag E from their backstay.

9 ARBITRATION

9.1 An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 25% penalty. See the Official Notice Board for details.

10 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

10.1 Keel boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

11 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

11.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

The Sigma Championship Perpetual Trophy for the overall winner.

The Irish Championship Trophy will be presented to the first boat normally berthed in Ireland helmed by a helmsman normally domiciled in Ireland.

The Royal Irish Yacht Club Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Silver Fleet.

First, Second and Third prizes will be awarded in the Gold and Silver Fleets.

First prize will be awarded for the Family Class

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

14 RISK STATEMENT

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.

15 INSPECTIONS

15.1 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 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.

17 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 For further information please contact :

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