



RS Northern Championships

7 – 8 April 2018

Introduction:

Firstly, a very warm welcome to **County Antrim Yacht Club** and the **RS Northern Championships 2018** for **RS200, RS400 and RS Feva** classes.

A special thanks to our trio of event sponsors: C60 Architects and Town Planners, AMC Developments (property developer and house builder/renovator) and Haze at No 10 (Larne-based hairdressers). All of these businesses have sailors expecting to participate in the event (Roger Perrot, Alan McLernon and Ben Ferris respectively), so it is particularly great to see home-grown support for the event. Web links to each business are at the bottom of this welcome note. Thanks also go to Rooster, DrinksInc. and Mid and East Antrim Council for their support.

For those unfamiliar with CAYC, Whitehead, the club has a proud history of hosting high-profile events, including European, national and regional championships, most recently hosting the Flying Fifteen Irish Nationals in 2017, the Ulster Laser Championships in 2016 and the Topper Irish Nationals in 2015. Everyone at the Club is particularly looking forward to hosting this event as we seek to develop our own RS200 and Feva fleet.

This welcome note is intended to give you practical information and guidance about the event, including directions, meet and greet arrangements, parking, timings, accommodation options, race office/registration, event food and drink, evening entertainment, tides, launching and information about boat storage. Please do read through it so that you are armed with all relevant information. Topics include:

- Directions
- Arrival and Parking
- Accommodation
- Camping
- Launching
- Safety
- Registration
- Protests
- Food & Social Programme

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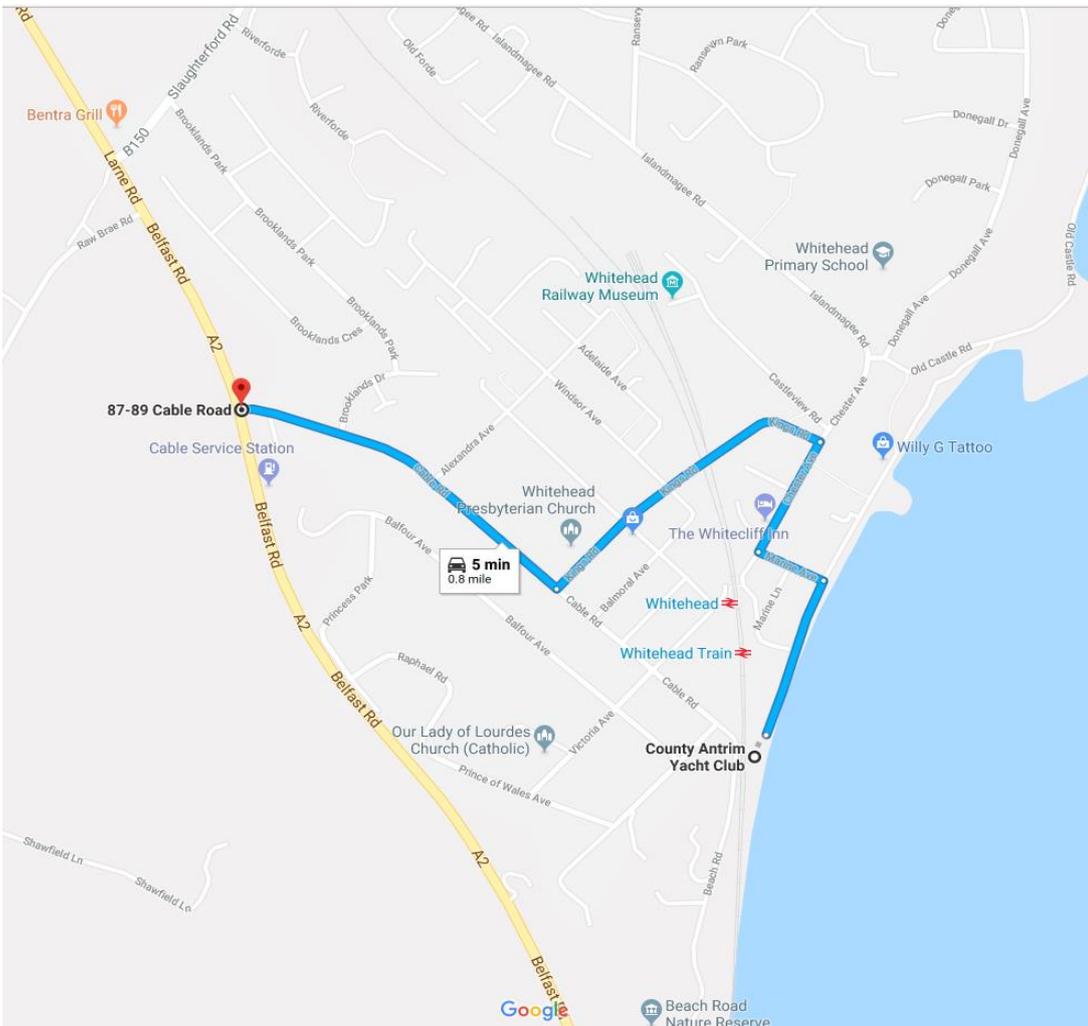


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Directions to the Club:

For SATNAV use the postcode: BT38 9QP



Approaching from the Belfast direction take the right turn immediately after passing the Solo petrol station on the right on to Cable Road: the main road into Whitehead. At the junction of this road and King's Road you will see a signpost directing you left. Should you miss this turning and continue to the bottom of Cable Road, this then becomes Beach Road (NB no through road to CAYC for cars or boats due to the railway tracks but there is a pedestrian tunnel and bridge across the railway tracks).

After passing the shops in the town you will continue over a railway bridge to a T-junction. Take a right here (following signposts to CAYC) and follow the road down to the Promenade, Marine Parade, where the Clubhouse is situated at the South end.

Approaching from Larne, you can take the first road on the left at the Bentra Grill on to Slaughterford Road or travel another 500 yards and take the next road on the left on to Cable Road (in which case follow



directions above). If you take the 'Bentra' junction, follow this road through Whitehead (it becomes Islandmagee Road), past the primary school on your left, continuing towards the train station where you will be sign-posted to CAYC.

Arrival and Parking:

At larger events space immediately outside the Club is at a premium. We have a tried and tested method of managing large volumes of cars and dinghies but it requires you to help us by please following a few simple rules when you arrive:

1. Drop your boat off on Marine Parade (aka the Promenade) before reaching the hard standing area outside the Clubhouse. Participants' cars are not permitted within the club hard-standing area.
2. Club volunteers will be assisting on Saturday morning to take your boat from the drop off point to the dinghy park so once your boat is unhooked please move your car on promptly to free up access for others arriving.
3. Parking immediately beside the Clubhouse is restricted to residents only. Residents' cars must not be blocked in, and the marked 'no parking' area must be observed.
4. Parking along Marine Parade is limited, but there is plenty of parking past the old Swimming Pool. This is only a short walk from the clubhouse and enables the appreciation and view of the bay and multi-coloured houses! If you are camping at Beach Road you may wish to park your car outside the Scout Hall or CAYC boathouse and walk to the Clubhouse through the tunnel (not suitable for access with a boat), but please be respectful of residents' driveways. There are no parking charges anywhere in Whitehead.
5. Anyone arriving on Friday evening can drop their boat off directly outside the Clubhouse. Please pop in to the Clubhouse to say hello – volunteers will be there if you would like any help or direction about where to leave your boat.

B&B/Hotel Accommodation:

For information about local B&B / hotels please visit our website [here]. Local offerings vary from excellent Air BnB guesthouses a stones-throw from the Clubhouse to cottages at the Lighthouse with a stunning view over the bay, to Holiday Inn and similar budget hotels in nearby Carrickfergus.

For those staying in Carrickfergus a regular train service runs from Whitehead train station situated 100 metres from the Clubhouse which you may wish to avail of after the social programme finishes on Saturday night.

Taxis are also available at approximately £8.50 each way to Carrickfergus:

Mahoods Taxis - 028 9336 2727

Whitehead Taxis - 028 9335 3302

Camping/Caravan:

Close to the Clubhouse on Beach Road (opposite side of the railway tracks from the Clubhouse) is a Scout Hall and a grassy area with picnic tables and parking. Camper-vans/caravans may park and tents may be pitched in this area overnight. You will have access to the Clubhouse during the event (a 2 minute walk) and



the Scout Hall can also be made available for use, giving access to mains power, water, a toilet and kitchen. It is a large hall with a wooden floor and, depending on the weather, may be preferable to sleeping in a tent! There is no charge for access to this facility, but if you would like to use it please let us know so that we can organise for it to be made available. All we ask is that you leave it in the way you found it.

There is also a Council-provisioned Camper-van location approximately 0.7 miles from the Club at the Bentra Municipal Golf Club. An Electrics and Water standpoint is available here.

Launching:

You will be assisted in the launching and recovery of your Boat at the Club slipway on the race days.

Please follow the directions you are given by the Beach Master and his support team as they have planned the most efficient method to launch and recover boats on our slipways.

Dinghies can be launched and recovered in all tidal states, although recovery takes considerably less energy when the tide is in. Tide times for the event are favourable in this regard, with high tides on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 6pm.

Tags & Safety Tally System:

At registration all visiting dinghies will be given a trolley number along with tags to be attached to their trolley and boat. Please attach this tag as soon as possible as this will assist recovery each day. You should also mark your road trailer so that it does not get mixed up with others'.

The Safety tally system will align with these numbers assigned to you. Please adhere to this system and the volunteers providing the administration. The Safety Tally board is made up of numbered wrist bands and additional coloured medical bands will be allocated as appropriate. In the ground floor Training Room there will be a sheet for a check-out / check-in system.

Local knowledge:

In addition to any other condition-specific safety warnings, the briefing session will include awareness of two submerged / semi-submerged hazards:-

- 1) There are two submerged rocks either side of the bay marked by red & black striped barrels.
- 2) There is shallow water and a reef (visible at half to low tide) running from beyond the old swimming pool to just beyond the end of the public slipway. This area should be avoided at all states of the tide.

Race Office and Registration:

A temporary Race Office will be situated in the Committee Room on the first floor of CAYC at the top of the first flight of stairs during Registration on the evening of Friday 6 April from 19:00-20:30, and the morning of Saturday 09:00 – 11:00. The official Race Office is situated on the second floor of CAYC directly opposite the stairs and will be in use at all other times during the Event.



Registration should be completed along with cash/cheques as payment if payment has not been made in advance. All cheques should be made payable to **County Antrim Yacht Club**.

NB: you must be an association member to participate in the event. We can take payment of fees for this on the day on behalf of the association, but can only accept cash (sterling) or cheque. It would help immensely with administration if you could do this prior to the event on the association's website.

The Sailing Instructions will be provided at Registration. The NoR is online on the Club website.

Any visiting support RIBs must also be registered with the event team and abide by any instructions given, including being available on the allocated VHF channel.

Protests:

In the event of a protest please read and follow the relevant section of the Sailing Instructions. Protest Forms will be available in the Race Office. A racing rule book will be available in the Race Office for reference, please return this as soon as possible if removed.

Protest schedules will be located on the **Official Race Notice Board** located in the main hallway of the Clubhouse next to the entrance. Note that the onus is on each competitor to check the Notice Board for protests. Please note you will not be contacted personally in the event of a protest.

Security:

Please ensure that you do not leave any valuables in the changing rooms at any or in (or on) your boat unattended. Boats are stored within the hard-standing dinghy park outside the Clubhouse throughout the year without incident.

Food & Social Program:

Mornings: complimentary coffee, tea and scones will be provided on Saturday and Sunday morning (an RNLI box will be available for any donations).

Lunch: will not be provided to competitors, but soup & rolls are included in the entry fee and will be provided immediately after racing each day. Packed lunches will be provided for Committee Boat, Mark Boat and Safety Boat crews.

Saturday evening: a meal with a complimentary glass of wine is available £8/10Eur (£16/20Eur per boat). This will be served at approx. 6:30 pm with live musical entertainment and a late license. You can get tickets for this at registration or in advance online. **PLEASE LET THE EVENT ORGANISERS KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS IN ADVANCE**

The Club bar: will be open (sterling cash only please) from 4pm on Saturday and 3pm Sunday with hot, soft and alcoholic refreshments and bar snacks available for purchase. Whitehead has several cashpoints should you need cash, including at the Solo garage on the main road into Whitehead, outside the 'Old Bankhouse' and at the Spar (both in the centre of the town a short walk from the Clubhouse).

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Leaving CAYC:

Prize Giving will be at approx. 4:00 pm on Sunday as soon as possible after racing has been completed and all results finalised.

As with arrival, two-way traffic to the hard-standing outside the Clubhouse is virtually impossible and there is very little turning space. Please therefore follow the arrival instructions in reverse. Where assistance is required Club volunteers will be available. Please only bring your car to collect your boat after it has been prepared for immediate departure.

County Antrim Yacht Club would like to thank you all for coming. We hope you have a very enjoyable event.

Kind regards

Event Committee

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