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# RPCYC

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## DOOMBAR REAL ALE SPRING SERIES 2009 Sailing Instructions

- 1 Rules**
- 1.1** The Organizing Authority is the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club. Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the individual classes concerned (except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions), and by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2** Plymouth is a Naval and Commercial Port and the Port Authorities have ABSOLUTE control of seagoing activities within the Port, which by definition also extends two nautical miles to seaward of the Breakwater. Where boats are racing within the boundaries of a port they shall comply with such regulations as may be in force within that port. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1 (a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct. The Port Authority may also take legal action.
- 1.3** Where a boat is sailing in the J24 class, the combined sailing weight of her crew shall not exceed 410 kgs.
- 1.4** Where a boat is sailing in the J80 class, if the total crewmembers exceed 3, the combined weight shall not exceed 338.6kgs.
- 2 Notices to Competitors.**  
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the RPCYC.
- 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions.**  
Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 4 Signals Made Ashore.**  
Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RPCYC flagpole.
- 5 Schedule of Races**
- 5.1** Racing will take place every Sunday from 29<sup>th</sup> March to 26<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive).

5.2 The first warning signal is scheduled for 0955hrs each Sunday.

## 6 Class Flags and Warning Signals

6.1 Class Flags and Warning Signals will be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	
IRC(A)	Numeral Pennant 3	When split, IRC(B) Numeral Pennant 6
J80	Numeral Pennant 0	
J24	I.C. Flag 'J'	
PYS(A)	Numeral Pennant 2	When Split, PYS(B) Numeral Pennant 7

6.2 All boats in IRC & PYS shall fly their class flag from their backstay.

## 7 Racing Area

Racing will take place within Plymouth Sound, including the area south of Plymouth Breakwater.

## 8 The Course

### 8.1 Committee Vessel Start Line

8.1.1 Classes with D above their Class Flag will sail Windward / Leeward Course.

8.1.2 The Number of rounds will be illustrated by a number following the letters on the course board.

8.1.3 Boats shall pass between the Committee Boat at the Starboard end and the Outer Distance Mark at the port end of each round.

### 8.2 RPCYC Start Line

8.2.1 The Course for the IRC and J80 classes will be preceded by a diamond symbol.

8.2.2 The Course for the J24 and PYS classes will be preceded by a club symbol.

8.2.3 The rounding of West Mallard (V) will denote the completion of each round.

8.3 Boats shall not pass between the Drakes Island and Mount Edgecombe whilst racing.

## 9 Marks

All Marks, referred to in these SI's are rounding marks for the purposes of RRS.

### 9.1 Committee Vessel Start Line

9.1.1 The Marks to be used will be buoys as listed in SI 9.2.2, and will be displayed on a board from the Committee Boat as in 9.2.1

9.1.2 The Outer Distance Mark, if used, will be a DAN BUOY carrying an ORANGE FLAG.

### 9.2 RPCYC Start Line

9.2.1 The marks to be used will be indicated by lettered boards displayed on the RPCYC balcony. The lettered boards refer to various buoys in Plymouth Sound as listed in SI 9.2.2. The letters will be WHITE on RED or GREEN background indicating PORT or STARBOARD hand respectively. The boards are to be read from left to right. A number after the letters indicates the number of rounds to be sailed.

### 9.2.2 List of Buoys.

A – LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (Windward)	M – YACHT HAVEN
B – LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (Leeward)	N – ST. NICHOLAS
C – ASIA	O – NW WINTER
D – NORTH DRAKES ISLAND	P – SOUTH WINTER
E – MELAMPUS	Q – OSR SOUTH
F – QUEENS GROUND	R – KNAP
G – NEW GROUNDS	S – EAST TINKER
H – DUKE ROCK	T – DRAYSTONE
I – ASH	U – KILDARE ROCK
J – F MOORING BUOY	V – WEST MALLARD
K – DUNSTONE	W – E MOORING BUOY
L – SOUTH MALLARD	X – NE WINTER

- 10 The Start**
- 10.1** Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with classes starting at 5 minute intervals in the following order:
- |   |     |                                 |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1 | IRC | (When split IRC A – then IRC B) |
| 2 | PYS | (When split PYS A – then PYS B) |
- 10.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 10.3 Committee Vessel Start Line**
- 10.3.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the Outer Distance Mark at the port end.
- 10.4 RPCYC Start Line**
- 10.4.1** Flag G, accompanied by one long sound signal, displayed from the RPCYC flagstaff not later than 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled start, indicates that racing will be controlled from the RPCYC Start Line.
- 10.4.2** The starting line will be an extension of a line through the RPCYC flagstaff and an orange and black marker post and shall be crossed from East to West. The outer limit of the starting line will be Mount Batten Breakwater.
- 10.5 General Recall (exception to RRS 29.2)**
- 10.5.1** ‘First Substitute’ – General Recall Signal means: The class is recalled for a new start in accordance with SI 10.5.2. This signal will be lowered after four minutes. The lowering of the ‘First Substitute’ will not be accompanied by any sound signal.
- 10.5.2** In the event of a General Recall, the class or classes concerned will start at five-minute intervals after the last class in the programme and in the same order as that in which the General Recalls occurred.
- 10.5.3** In the event of a General Recall, a broadcast message may be transmitted on VHF Ch 72. Failure to receive any such transmission shall not constitute grounds for redress.
- 11 Changing the next leg of the Course (changes RRS 33)**
- Changes to the next leg of the course will be signalled in accordance with RRS 33, except that RRS 33 (a) (2) is changed to read: “a green or red rectangular flag indicating a change to starboard or port respectively.”
- 12 The Finish**
- 12.1 Committee Vessel Finish Line**
- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and Outer Distance Mark at the port end.
- 12.2 RPCYC Finish Line**
- The finishing line will be between the RPCYC flagstaff and West Mallard.
- 13 Penalty System**
- 13.1** A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 14 Time Limit**
- 14.1** Rule 35 shall not apply. The time limit for all classes will be 150 minutes from the time of the **first** start.
- 14.2** Within each class, any boat that does not finish within 30 minutes of the leading boat’s finish time, or within the time limit (whichever is the later) will be scored Did Not Finish.
- 14.3** If within a class, one or more boats have completed at least one round, but no boat finishes within the time limit, the result for that class will be calculated based on lap times taken from the last round completed by the leading boat. Boats that have not completed the round from which these times are taken will be scored Did Not Finish.

## **15 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 15.1** Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished. The same protest time applies to all protests by the Race Committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. This displaying of the protest notice constitutes “notification” under RRS 63.2. Hearings will be held at the RPCYC, beginning at 19.30hrs on the Friday following the race concerned, except where the race concerned is the last race of the series. In this case, the Protest Committee will hear the protest as soon as possible after the completion of the race.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b)
- 15.5** A list of boats disqualified under SI 6.2 or SI 14.2, or have acknowledged breaking RRS 42, or have been disqualified by the protest committee, shall be posted before the time limit.
- 15.6** Breaches of SI’s 10.2, 13.0 and 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7** RRS 66 is amended such that: A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision.

## **16 Scoring**

The Low Point scoring system, RRS A4 will apply, modified so that each boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if 4 or 5 races have been completed. 5 races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

## **17 Safety Regulations**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **18 Radio Communications**

- 18.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 18.2** The Race Committee may broadcast information to competitors on VHF Channel 72.

## **19 Insurance**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum cover of £2 million per event or the equivalent.

## **20 Prizes**

- 20.1** Weekly class winners will receive prizes supplied by Doombur Real Ale.
- 20.2** Boats finishing in the top 25% of their class overall will receive prizes supplied by Doombur Real Ale.
- 20.3** Overall class winners will be awarded perpetual trophies as follows:

<b>IRC A:</b>	Minima Trophy
<b>PYS A:</b>	Plymouth Gin Salver
<b>IRC B:</b>	David Frost Memorial Trophy
<b>PYS B:</b>	Ford & Lock Trophy

## **21 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the series.