



RPCYC Founded 1877

Pigeon Trophy Charity Race

Sunday 31st May 2009

Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1** The organising authority is the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club
- 1.2** Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the Notice of Race (except as any of these may be altered by these Sailing Instructions) and by these sailing instructions (SI). In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3** Plymouth is a Naval and Commercial Port and the Port Authorities have ABSOLUTE control of seagoing 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, a copy of which is displayed on the Club notice board, and to Local Notice to Mariners. 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.

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

No change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted later than 12 hours before the first schedule start time.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the RPCYC.
- 4.2 (Dinghies only)** Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors **at all times when afloat** (changes RRS 40).
Wet suits and dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal is scheduled for 0955 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class Flags will be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Dinghies	D

Yachts	T
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7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place within Plymouth Sound and on the River Tamar.

8 THE COURSE

The course will be from the RPCYC start line to the finish which will be the rounding of the Neal Point Buoy at the junction of the Tamar & Tavy Rivers (50°25'.7N 4°11'.9W)

9 MARKS

9.1 The only Rounding Mark will be at the finish (Neal Buoy - 50°25'.7N 4°11'.9W).

9.2 All ammunition barges moored off Bull Point in the River Tamar MUST be left to STARBOARD when racing. Failure to comply with this instruction will result in disqualification without a hearing.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be a line extending from the RPCYC flag pole, through an **ORANGE AND BLACK** striped pole positioned seaward of the flag pole. The outer limit of the line will be Mount Batten Breakwater.

10.2 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with classes starting at 5 minute intervals in the following order:

- 1 Dinghies
- 2 Yachts

10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her start time will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1

11 THE FINISH

The finish time will be taken when the competitor rounds Neal Buoy - 50°25'.7N 4°11'.9W to Starboard & passes the vessel with the time keeper on board.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or RRS 44.1 shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity after finishing and within the protest time.

12.2 As provided in RRS 67, the protest committee may, without hearing, penalise a boat that has broken RRS 42.

13. TIME LIMIT

RRS 35 shall not apply. The Time Limit for all classes will be 15.00 hrs. Any boat finishing after this time will be scored Did Not Finish.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within the protest time.

14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the race. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to request redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. This displaying of the protest notice constitutes "notification" under RRS 63.2. Hearings will be held at the RPCYC at the earliest opportunity after completion of racing.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 66.1 (b).

14.5 A list of boats that, under SI 12.2, have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

14.6 Breaches of SI 12.1 and SI 16 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.

14.7 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.

15 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winning boat in each class on corrected time.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

19 INSURANCE

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