



RPCYC Founded 1877

# SUMMER REGATTA

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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 (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, a copy of which is available for inspection at the Race Office at R.P.C.Y.C. 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** When racing, no boat shall sail through the mooring areas in the Cattewater or the North side of Drakes Island. These areas are deemed as prohibited areas and will be classed as an obstruction.
- 1.4** The sail number displayed by a boat when racing shall be that under which the boat is registered for the regatta, except where the written consent of the Race Committee has been obtained for the boat to display a different or temporary sail number. Such consent must be obtained before racing under the new sail number.

#### **2 Notices to Competitors.**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the RPCYC. Copies may also be displayed at the Mountbatten Centre.

#### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions.**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 2200 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 (Subject to Change)

**Saturday** - First Warning Signal 10.25

Two races back to back

Lunch on the water (subject to conditions)

Warning Signal for afternoon racing 13.55

Two races back to back

**Sunday** - First Warning Signal 09.55

Two races back to back

Lunch on the water (subject to conditions)

Warning Signal for afternoon race 13.25





One hour Pursuit Race. (Separate Prizes)

Races will be approx 45 minutes to an hour each and will be based on average lap times amended by PY handicaps.

Prize giving will take place at RPCYC at 1600 approx on Sunday afternoon.

## 6 Class Flags and Warning Signals

6.1 Class Flags will be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	
Asymmetric (PY 1075 or lower)	Flag T	
Fast Handicap (PY 1104 or lower)	Flag H	
Enterprise	Flag E	
Slow Handicap (PY 1105 or higher)	Flag D	

## 7 Racing Area

Racing will take place within Plymouth Sound, North of Plymouth Breakwater.

## 8 The Course

8.1.1 The Course for the fast handicap will be preceded by a diamond symbol.

8.1.2 The course for the slow handicap and Enterprise fleet will be preceded by a spade symbol.

8.1.3 The Course for the asymmetric fleet will be preceded by a club symbol.

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

## 9 Marks

9.1 The marks to be used will be indicated by lettered boards displayed on the side of the Committee Boat. The lettered boards refer to various buoys in Plymouth Sound as listed in Appendix A. 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.

**See Appendix A – Race Marks for locations**

## **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 Asymmetric and Fast Handicap
  - 2 Enterprises and Slow Handicap
- 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.
- 10.2.1** The start line will be from a mast or staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to an outer distance mark consisting of a dan buoy with an orange flag. All boats must pass through this line at the end of every round.
- 10.2.2** For races other than the first of the day the Committee Boat may make a series of short sound signals to indicate that the warning signal is imminent.
- 10.2.3** If Flag “G” is displayed from RPCYC flagpole, this indicates that the start line will be the RPCYC start line and the finish line will be between West Mallard buoy and RPCYC flagpole.
- 10.3 General Recall (amendment to RRS 29.2)**
- 10.3.1** ‘First Substitute’ – General Recall Signal means: The class is recalled for a new start in accordance with SI 10.3.2. This signal will be lowered after four minutes. The lowering of the ‘First Substitute’ will not be accompanied by any sound signal.
- 10.3.2** 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.

## **11 The Finish**

- 11.1** The finishing line will be the same as the start line except if SI 10.2.3 applies.
- 11.2** Each race will be approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour’s duration, at the discretion of the Race Officer. At the end of this period, flag S will be displayed, accompanied by 2 sound signals. Boats will finish when they next cross the finishing line on completion of their current round.
- 11.3** Within each class, any boat that does not finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat’s finish time will be scored using its last recorded lap time. The expiry of this time limit will be indicated by the lowering of “S” flag with 3 sound signals. Any boat which has not completed one lap will be scored DNF. This varies RRS 35.
- 11.4** Positions will be calculated using average lap times.

## **12 Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 12.1** Boats intending to protest another boat shall inform either the nearest safety boat as soon as possible after finishing that race but before the warning signal of the next race of the day, or the Race Office if the boat is unable to finish and has returned to shore. This intention must be acknowledged and recorded at the time, by the safety boat or Race Office, for the protest to be deemed a valid protest. This changes rules 61.1 and 61.3.
- 12.2** Protest forms are available at the Race Office at RPCYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 12.3** 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.
- 12.4** 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, as soon as possible following the last race of the day.
- 12.5** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b)
- 12.6** 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.

## **12.7 RYA Racing Charter Advisory Hearings**

- 12.7.1** The RYA Rule Dispute Advisory Hearing is available at this series.
- 12.7.2** A boat, the Race Committee or Protest Committee may request a hearing with a Rules advisor appointed by the Organising Authority to assist with rules disputes.
- 12.7.3** The request shall be made in writing within the protest time limit and shall identify the time of the incident, the other party or parties and contact information.
- 12.7.4** The part requesting the hearing shall notify the other parties of this request.
- 12.7.5** If a boat is identified as having broken a rule but no party takes any further action, the penalty for this infringement is zero.
- 12.7.6** If a boat is identified as having broken a rule and a party thereafter submits a protest, a boat may exonerate herself by taking the exoneration penalty below prior to the protest hearing.
- 12.7.7** If a boat initially requests an advisory hearing and then submits a protest for the same incident, the Protest Committee shall then use its flexibility under RRS 61.3 to extend the Protest Time Limit to allow the protestor to submit a written protest promptly after the conclusion of the advisory hearing.
- 12.7.8** The advisory penalty is 20% of the number of boats ranking as starters to a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 points. If a boat causes injury or serious damage, however, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her exoneration penalty shall be to retire.

## **13 Scoring**

- 13.1** The Low Point scoring system will apply, amended so that the winning competitor in each race will be awarded 0.75 points, second place will receive 2 points, third place 3 points etc. The competitor with the lowest score at the end of the series will be declared the winner.
- 13.2** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.3** Discards will be allowed as follows in each series:-
  - When 4 races have been completed one result shall be discarded.
  - When 6 or more races have been completed then two results shall be discarded.
- 13.4** Each dinghy retiring shall receive points equal to the number of starters in the race plus one point.
- 13.5** Each dinghy disqualified shall receive points equal to the number of starters in each race plus four points.
- 13.6** Each dinghy that enters but does not start, shall receive points equal to the number of starters in each race plus six points

## **14 Race 7 – One Hour Pursuit Race**

- 14.1** This will be run as a separate race and will not count towards the overall prizes. There will be separate prizes for this race. All boats will sail the same course.
- 14.2** Start times for each class will be announced during the lunch break and may be called from the Committee Boat during the starting period.
- 14.3** The normal sequence of sound signals will be made during the 5 minute starting period.
- 14.4** It is up to each competitor to start no earlier than the allocated start time for their class of dinghy.
- 14.5** If any boat starts earlier than their allocated start time this will be indicated by one sound signal and displaying flag X on the Committee Boat. This will be removed when such boats have returned to the pre-start side of the starting line.
- 14.6** At the end of the one hour period a long sound signal will be made from the Committee Boat and may be made from the safety boats. At this point all boats are requested to heave to and maintain their position so that the finishing order may be recorded by the safety boats. Boats are also requested to note their position relative to others in case of dispute.
- 14.7** The winning boat will be that which is in first position at the end of the time period.

## **15 Safety Regulations**

- 15.1** All competitors shall wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid at all times when afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor drysuit alone constitutes adequate buoyancy.
- 15.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by informing the nearest support boat.

**15.3** Competitors shall obey instructions from the organisers and safety boats. In addition any instruction given by any police boat, coastguard boat, military vessel or pilot boat must be obeyed immediately and without question. This may include an instruction to stop racing temporarily to allow a large vessel to pass through the race course. Any such instruction shall not be grounds for redress. Failure to obey safety instructions shall be grounds for disqualification from that race. Further breach of this rule may result in complete disqualification from the series

**16 Insurance**

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

**17 Prizes**

**17.1** Boats finishing in the top 25% of their class in each series shall be awarded an individual trophy.

**17.2** Overall class winners will be awarded perpetual trophies

**17.3** There will be additional prizes for competitors aged 16 and under on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

**18 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 regatta.

**APPENDIX A – RACE MARKS**



**17.3.1 List of Buoys.**

- A – LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (W/WARD)**
- B – LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (L/WARD)**
- C – ASIA**
- D – NORTH DRAKES ISLAND**
- E – MELAMPUS**
- F – QUEENS GROUND**
- G – NEW GROUNDS**
- H – DUKE ROCK**
- I – ASH**
- J – F MOORING BUOY**
- K – DUNSTONE**
- L - SOUTH MALLARD**

- M – YACHT HAVEN**
- N – ST. NICHOLAS**
- O – NW WINTER**
- P – SOUTH WINTER**
- R- LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (WINDWARD With Spreader)**
- U – KILDARE ROCK**
- V – WEST MALLARD**
- W – E MOORING BUOY**
- X – NE WINTER**
- Y – DEADMANS BAY**
- Z – ROYAL MARINES**