



RPCYC Founded 1877

# Wednesday Evening Dinghy Series

## Wednesdays from 14th April to 15th September 2010

### 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.

**1.2.1** Boats shall not pass between Drakes Island and Mount Edgecombe or through the mooring areas in the Cattewater or North of Drakes Island whilst racing.

**1.3** The sail number displayed by a boat when racing shall be that under which the boat is registered for the series, 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

**5.1** Racing shall take place each Wednesday from 14<sup>th</sup> April to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2010.

- 5.2 Series 1 will run from 14 April to 16<sup>h</sup> June 2010
- 5.3 Series 2 will run from 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 15<sup>h</sup> September 2010
- 5.4 No racing will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> July (PPSA Regatta) or 11<sup>th</sup> August (Firework Competition)
- 5.5 The first warning signal is scheduled for 18.25hrs.

**6 Class Flags and Warning Signals**

6.1 Class Flags will be as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>	
Asymmetric (PY 1090 or lower)	Flag T	
Fast Handicap (PY 1104 or lower)	Flag H	
Enterprise	Flag E	
Slow Handicap (PY 1105 or higher)	Flag D	

**7 RPCYC Start Line**

- 7.1.1 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 in the direction of the first mark. The outer limit of the starting line will be Mount Batten Breakwater.
- 7.1.2 When the RPCYC start line is to be used an orange flag will be displayed on the flagpole.
- 7.1.3 The Course for the fast, slow and Enterprise fleets will be preceded by a diamond symbol.
- 7.1.4 The Course for the asymmetric fleet will be preceded by a club symbol.
- 7.1.5 The rounding of West Mallard (V) will denote the completion of each round.
- 7.1.6 The marks to be used will be buoys as listed in Appendix A and indicated by lettered boards displayed on the RPCYC balcony. The letters will be on Red or Green background indicating Port or Starboard hand respectively. The boards are to be read from left to right.

**9 Committee Vessel Start Line**

- 9.1 The start line will be from a mast or staff with an orange flag on the Committee Boat to an outer distance mark consisting of a dan buoy with an orange flag. Each dinghy must pass between these at the start of every lap of each race.
- 9.2.1 The marks to be used will be buoys as listed in Appendix A and will be displayed on a board from the Committee Boat. The letters will be on Red or Green background indicating Port or Starboard hand respectively. The boards are to be read from left to right. The Asymmetric class will sail a Windward / Leeward Course.

**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.

### 10.3 **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**

11.1.1 The finishing line will be between the RPCYC flagstaff and West Mallard buoy when using the RPCYC start line. When Flag "G" is displayed the finish line will be the same as the start line. When a Committee Boat start is used then the finish line will be the same as the start line.

11.1.2 Each race will be approximately 45 minutes to one hour and 15 minute'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. The first boat to finish may not be the leading boat. Flag S may also be displayed from a safety boat close to the finishing line.

11.1.3 Within each class, any boat which does not finish within 20 minutes of the lead boat's finish time may be scored using its last recorded lap time. Any boat which has not completed one lap may be scored as DNF. This varies RRS 35.

11.1.4 Positions will be calculated using average lap times.

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

12.1.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.1.2 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.

12.1.3 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, on the Friday evening following the day of the race.

12.1.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b)

12.1.5 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.

## **13 RYA Racing Charter Advisory Hearings**

13.1.1 The RYA Rule Dispute Advisory Hearing is available at this series.

13.1.2 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.

13.1.3 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.

13.1.4 The part requesting the hearing shall notify the other parties of this request.

13.1.5 If a boat is identified as having broken a rule but no party takes any further action, the penalty for this infringement is zero.

13.1.6 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.

13.1.7 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.

- 13.1.8 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.

## **14 Scoring**

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 5 races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 14.3 Discards will be allowed as follows in each series:-  
When 5 races have been completed one result shall be discarded.  
When 7 races have been completed then two results shall be discarded.  
When 9 or more races have been completed then three results shall be discarded.
- 14.4 Each dinghy retiring shall receive points equal to the number of starters in the race plus one point.
- 14.5 Each dinghy disqualified shall receive points equal to the number of starters in each race plus four points.
- 14.6 Each dinghy that enters a series but does not start a race, shall receive points equal to the number of starters in each race plus six points
- 14.7 Overall: A boats score for the series overall shall be the sum total of all races. Discards shall be allowed in addition to SI 14.3 as follows;- when 14 races have been completed, 4 discards shall be allowed, when 16 races have been completed, 5 discards shall be allowed and when 18 or more races have been completed then 6 discards shall be allowed.
- 14.8 Sailovers shall not be permitted.
- 14.9 When any competitor stands a duty on the Race Committee then the boat shall be awarded the average of her score for that series.

## **15 Safety Regulations**

- 14.1 All competitors shall wear a wetsuit or drysuit as well as a lifejacket or buoyancy aid at all times when afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor drysuit alone constitutes adequate buoyancy.
- 14.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by informing the nearest support boat.
- 14.3 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> April 2010
- 17.4 Additional prizes may be awarded for a class when 6 or more entries are received.

## **18 Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the series 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.

