



ROYAL PLYMOUTH
CORINTHIAN
YACHT CLUB

Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club

Enterprise & Mirror Open Meeting

Sunday, 7th September 2014

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** 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.
- 1.4** 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. .

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions.

Any change 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.

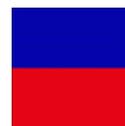
Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RPCYC flagpole.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1** Racing will take place on the date listed above.
- 5.2** 3 races will be held back-to-back (subject to conditions)

6 Class Flags and Warning Signals

Enterprise Fleet (First Start) International Flag E



Mirror Fleet (Second Start) International Flag B



7 Race Area

Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound, North of the Breakwater.

8 The Course

8.1 The Course will be as shown in Appendix A.

8.2 The marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.

8.3 An orange inflatable buoy will be used for a course change.

9 Start Line

The Start Line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the Outer Distance Mark. The Outer Distance Mark will be a dan buoy with an orange flag.

10 The Finish

The Finish Line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and Finish Mark. The Finish Mark will be a dan buoy with a blue flag.

11 Time Limits

11.1 The target time for each race will be 50 minutes.

11.2 The time limit for the leading boat in each class will be 75 minutes.

11.3 Within each class any boat which does not finish within 20 minutes of the lead boat's finish time may be recorded as DNF.

11.4 The expiry of the time limit will be indicated by the displaying of Flag T. No sound signal will be made.

12 Protests and Requests for Redress

12.1 Competitors must inform the Committee Boat of their intention to protest before the warning signal for the next race or immediately after finishing the final race and receive an acknowledgement, for the protest to be valid. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. 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.

12.3 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, as soon as possible after completion of the day's racing.

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

12.5 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 and Arbitration Hearings

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

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

13.4 The party requesting the hearing shall notify the other parties of this request.

- 13.5 If a boat is identified as having broken a rule but no party takes any further action, the penalty for this infringement is zero.
- 13.6 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.
- 13.7 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.
- 13.8 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. The competitor with the lowest score at the end of the series will be declared the winner.
- 14.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 No discards will be allowed. This changes RRS A2.

15 Safety Regulations

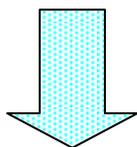
- 15.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor drysuit alone constitutes adequate buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by informing the nearest support boat.
- 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 alter course or 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 Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 16.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 16.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 16.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 16.5 The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 16.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 16.7 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance against third party claims.

APPENDIX A – THE COURSE



Wind



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Start Line



Finish Line

Enterprise Fleet 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Mirror Fleet 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

All marks are to be left to Port.