

THE SOLWAY YACHT CLUB
KIPPFORD WEEK AND REGATTA – 31 July to 05 August 2011
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – CRUISERS

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 (RRS) and the prescriptions of the RYA, except as they are changed by these Sailing Instructions. Where conflict occurs, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence
- 1.2 Each competing boat must hold 3rd party insurance to the value of £3,000,000

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Boats must be genuine cruising yachts fit for sea going outside the Urr Estuary. See SI 21 Safety Regulations and Seaworthiness.
- 2.2 Boats must be entered, skippered and crewed by Full, Family, Youth or Cadet Members of the SYC. Crew only, who do not comply with this requirement, will be made Temporary Members of SYC for the duration of the race or series. Visiting yachts from RYA affiliated clubs, who wish to compete, may also be granted this privilege.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the entrance hall of the SYC Clubhouse (to the left of the door into the Race Office).

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the Warning Signal on the day on which it takes effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 BST on the day before it will take effect. Flags L over T will be flown at the Club Pier for all cruiser classes.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at the end of the SYC Pier.
- 5.2 Flag AP with 2 sound signals when hoisted indicates that the first race of the day is postponed. When it is lowered with 1 sound signal, the Warning Signal for the first race of the day will be made in not more than 45 minutes.
- 5.3 Flag N indicates that all racing is cancelled for the day.
- 5.4 Flags N over T indicate that all cruiser racing only is cancelled.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Day	Date	Time (BST)	Warning Signal	HW (BST)
Sunday (Regatta)	31 July	1200	1st Race	1258
Monday	01 Aug	1230	1st Race	1340
Tuesday	02 Aug	1315	1st Race	1422
Wednesday	03 Aug	1400	1st Race	1504
Thursday	04 Aug	1445	1st Race	1547
Friday	05 Aug	1530	1st Race	1633

- 6.2 On Friday 05 Aug 2011, no warning signal will be made after 1600 BST.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags will be as follows:
- F15 Red diamond in White background (Flag F)
CHCP Red/White/Blue Stripes (Flag T)
(If required) CHCP2 Blue/White/Blue Stripe (Flag J)
- 7.2 In the event of insufficient cruisers entering to have separate starts, all cruisers will use Flag T. Notice will be given as in paragraph 4 above.

8 RESULTS SYSTEM & HANDICAPS

- 8.1 Races will be run on handicap with the results calculated on the latest Portsmouth Yardstick data issued by Solway Yacht Club.

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9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be provided on water resistant paper as shown in Appendix A to these SI's.

10 THE COURSES

10.1 If a Committee Boat Start is used, the Course will be displayed on a board on the side of the Committee Boat giving the turning marks and direction of rounding. Where possible this information will be broadcast on VHF (channel to be advised at the briefing) but failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS Rule 62.1 (a).

10.2 A race will at most consist of three rounds of the set course. It may be shortened in one of two ways:

- a) The committee boat will fly flag S together with the class flag(s) of the class(es) affected. Two sound signals will be made as the leading boat in class approaches the finishing line.
- b) Flag S, together with the flag(s) of the classes affected may be flown from a support boat positioned adjacent to a mark of the course. The classes indicated will finish the race between that mark and the support boat which will be positioned so that crossing this 'finish' line allows the mark to be rounded on the required hand. Two sound signals will be given as the leading boat in each class approaches.

10.3 Boats must pass through the start line at the start of each round of the course.

11 MARKS

11.1 Marks consist of SYC fixed and movable orange mark buoys, green conical Channel Navigation Buoys and Hestan Island. The approximate positions of the SYC fixed buoys and the Channel Buoys are shown on the SYC Course Chart in Appendix A.

11.2 Hestan Island may be treated as a mark of the course. This will be signified by showing mark H on the Committee Boat. The island will be rounded in the direction shown.

11.3 Additional marks may be laid and specified. Their position will be promulgated in accordance with Sailing Instruction No.4

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

12.1 The locations of these obstructions are shown in Appendix A

12.1.1 Almorness Fishing Nets : Boats must at all times pass to the East of southernmost port (red) channel marker which lies 25 metres southwest of small withy on the outermost post.

12.1.2 Rough Island - The island may not be passed on its Eastern side.

12.1.3 Rough Island (Spring Stones Rocks): Boats must, at all times, pass to the south of Spring Stones Rocks at the southern end of Rough Island. The rocks will be marked by a temporary buoy which will be described at the briefing.

12.1.4 Robin Rigg Windfarm - Boats must comply with current regulations relating to navigation in the vicinity of the Robin Rigg Windfarm (not shown in Appendix A)

13 THE START

13.1 Races will be started in classes using RRS Rule 26 with the warning for each class given 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.

13.2 Classes will normally start in the order F15, CHCP(1/2). The start sequences will normally be such that the warning signal for each class (other than the first) will coincide with the start of the previous class. This may not always be the case and competitors should always observe the flags being flown.

13.3 The Start Line will be between the main mast of the Committee boat displaying an orange flag and an orange outer distance mark normally designated X. An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the Committee Boat and boats shall not pass between this mark and the Committee Boat.

13.4 **RECALLS** Individual and general recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Rule 29. In the case of a general recall, the class concerned will then be the last start.

13.5 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made, shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. This adds to RRS Rule 23.1

13.6 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal must wait until the final fleet has cleared the starting area before starting. This changes RRS A4.1

13.7 **Minimum Wind Strength.** Races will not be started unless the Principal Race Officer is satisfied that the wind strength in the starting area, and to the best of his belief on the rest of the course, is in excess of an average of three knots for a reasonable period before the start.

14 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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- 14.1 Only in exceptional circumstances, as a result of a substantial wind shift, will courses be changed during a race. An official boat may move a mark and position itself adjacent to it, flying flag C and making repetitive sound signals. This changes RRS Rule 33.
- 14.2 Notwithstanding Sailing Instructions 14.1 a mark will not be moved if it affects the point of sailing of any competitor during the time it is being moved.
- 15 PROPULSION AFTER PREPARATORY SIGNAL**
- 15.1 A boat arriving late for her Start may remain under engine or tow or other means of propulsion after her Preparatory Signal provided that, after ceasing such propulsion and before crossing the Start Line in the direction of the First Mark, she completes a 2 turn penalty on the pre start side of the Start Line or its extensions, keeping clear of all other boats during the manoeuvre.
- 16 THE FINISH**
- 16.1 The Finish Line will be the same as the Start Line except as in 10.2 above.
- 16.2 Boats must cross the Finish Line in the direction of the course from the last mark.
- 16.3 A Boat that has finished shall then pass completely through the Finish Line and no part of her shall thereafter again cross the Finish Line from either direction while other boats are still competing in the race. This changes RRS Rule 28.1. A boat that infringes this Sailing Instruction will be scored Did Not Finish in the race she has just completed. This changes RRS Rule 63.1 and RRS A4
- 17 PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 17.1 The two-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.1 & RRS 44.2 shall apply. RRS 44.3 shall not apply.
- 17.2 Touching a mark with any part of the boat or crew shall constitute an infringement of the Rules and does require a one-turn penalty. If a boat touches a Start or Finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty in accordance with RRS 44.2.
- 18 TIME LIMIT**
- 18.1 The time limit will be at the discretion of the PRO although will not normally exceed 2 hours 30 minutes from the starting signal for each class.
- 18.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35 and A4. At the PRO's discretion, in same class fleets, positions may be awarded to boats still sailing the course.
- 18.3 The PRO has the power to abandon if he/she thinks fit.
- 19 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 19.1 Protest forms will be available from the Race Office and must be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 19.2 For each class, the protest time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes, or where two or more races are to be sailed without coming ashore, within one hour of finishing the last race.
- 19.3 Competitors who are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses will be informed of hearings in which they are involved by notices posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit or by word of mouth. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the notice board for such notices.
- 19.4 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) No later than half an hour after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS Rule 66.
- 19.5 If a protest committee awards average points for a series, it should be for the whole series, not races sailed so far.
- 20 SCORING**
- 20.1 The Low Point Scoring System in A4 of Appendix A of RRS will apply.
- 20.2 The minimum number of races to be completed to constitute a Series will be 3 (except for the regatta).
- 20.3 Discards allowed in a Series:-
Up to three races – no discards
Up to seven races – one discard
Up to eleven races – two discards
- 20.4 If, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.
- 20.5 Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Numbers will not be changed during Kippford Week unless in exceptional circumstances determined by the Sailing Committee of SYC.

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21 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND SEAWORTHINESS

- 21.1 Boats must be genuine cruising yachts with internal accommodation to include a minimum of two fitted bunks, a cooker and a toilet facility. They should have a pulpit, fitted lifelines, a bilge pump, a suitable anchor with chain or warp, a life ring (preferably with dan buoy, light and whistle), fitted compass, VHF radio, first aid kit and distress flares. Each boat must carry sufficient life jackets and safety harnesses to equip each member of the crew.
- 21.2 Cruiser races will not normally be supported by safety boats. It is the sole responsibility of Competing Skippers whether or not to start a race. Boats retiring from a race must notify the Race Officer by the most expedient means available.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1 In a Series, replacement of skipper/helmsman will not be allowed without prior approval of the Race Committee.
- 22.2 Alterations to the boat's configuration and/or equipment which may affect the boat's allocated Portsmouth Yardstick Number MUST be reported to the Sailing Committee of SYC or the Race Officer as soon as possible.

23 EQUIPMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat and its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with these Sailing Instructions and carrying of mandatory safety equipment.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 24.1 A boat shall only receive radio communications available to all competitors. Mobile telephones must not be used to acquire private information of material advantage to the boat using such equipment.

25 DISCLAIMER

- 25.1 Competitors participate in any race(s) entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule4 "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, during or after the race

Appendix A

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