



## **Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club**

### **Regatta Sailing Instructions**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes rule 63.7.

#### **1.3 SHIPPING AND PORT REGULATIONS**

- 1.3.1 Any boat infringing the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea or by-laws in respect of commercial shipping, or Dover Harbour Board Regulations, or any current Notice to Mariners may be protested by the Race Committee for infringement of this requirement.
- 1.3.2 An engine shall be used when appropriate to avoid risk of collision with another vessel that is under way but not racing; or in grave emergency. The facts shall be reported to the RC at the finish, with written details to the race office before the protest time limit.
- 1.3.3 Dover Harbour Regulations are displayed on the RCPYC notice board.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside RCPYC.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Verbal amendments to the Sailing Instructions may be advised by the Race Committee on VHF Channel 72.

#### **4. SIGNALS**

- 4.1 There will be no visual signals, all communication will be by VHF Radio on the assigned channel or channels as mentioned above.

#### **5. BRIEFING AND SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 There will be a competitors briefing at 20:00 hours on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August and again on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August at or as near as practicable to 19:00 hours on for all classes at RCPYC

5.2 Races are scheduled as follows:-

Race 1 Start Saturday 09:30hrs Western Course, details to be advised at the pre-race briefing .

Race 2 Start Sunday 10:30 Western Course details to be advised at the pre-race briefing

Any alterations to the above, where practical to do so, will be advised on RCPYC notice board or at the pre-race briefing or by VHF 72 prior to start of the racing .

5.3 Final confirmation of course will be provided not later than 30 minutes prior to scheduled race starts on each day.

5.4 The race organisers reserve the right to amend, alter or cancel any race should conditions or circumstances render it prudent to do so.

### **All Classes TCC Class Flag No 2**

5.4 Boats are required to display their Class Flag (with a hoist of not less than 9 inches) on their backstay.

5.5 IRC Boats to display the class flag representing letter A

Byron / RCPYC Handicap boats to display the class flag representing the letter B

5.6 The Race Organiser may elect either a staggered start by class or a single start as the circumstances and / or conditions dictate on the day.

### **6. RACING AREAS**

The racing area for both races will be as displayed in the RCPYC Race Pack available at registration but essentially within the inshore shipping area between Dungeness and Margate.

### **7. THE COURSES**

7.1 The marks to be rounded and the sequence of rounding will be advised by the Race Officer at Skippers Briefing and again no less than 30 minutes before the warning signal for the Start of each race.

7.2 No later than the first warning signal the Committee Boat will advise the approximate bearing to the first mark of the course.

7.3 The course configuration and identifying of marks will be broadcast on VHF Ch.72 approximately 10 minutes before the first warning signal is displayed.

### **8. MARKS**

8.1 Marks are a combination of fluorescent buoys and Trinity House IALA buoyage the number and position of which will be advised at the pre race briefing and broadcast as per 7.3 above.

8.2 Additional marks may be laid and designated 'X', 'Y' or 'Z'. These will be fluorescent inflatable round marks and approximate position will be broadcast on VHF Channel 72.

### **9. THE START**

9.1 The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer distance mark which will be an orange inflatable buoy or a course mark. The committee boat may be positioned at the Starboard or Port end of the line.

9.2 Sail numbers or in the absence of, the name of any offending vessel OCS or infringing other starting rules will be given on VHF Ch. 72.

9.2a In the event of a General Recall 3 long blasts on a fog horn (also relayed over VHF Ch. 72) will be given, any vessel unable to make the re-start within 10 minutes of a general recall must still cross the start line in the right direction in order to have joined the race.

9.3 A boat may use her engine or be towed, in order to get to the starting area, after her preparatory signal provided that, before she starts, she stops using her engine for propulsion, or drops her tow and then takes a one turn penalty including one tack

and one gybe.

9.4 Race start will be a 10 minute warning, followed by the 5, 4, 1 minute warnings and race start.

#### **10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the first leg affected. The new course to be sailed will be broadcast on VHF Ch. 72.

**10.2** It is incumbent upon all Skippers to monitor the VHF CH. 72 at their own risk

#### **11. THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee

Boat displaying an orange flag and the designated mark of the course,

11.2 The finishing For the Western Course will be the outer distance mark and the outfall pipe The committee boat will be anchored seaward side of the ODM and record finishing times

11.3 Finishing boats to confirm with the Committee Boat on channel 72.

#### **Yachts to note their own finish time**

The finish declaration forms must be handed to the race office as soon as possible after completing the course.

#### **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 There are **no** time limits and **the Race Committee may shorten the course at any time and for any reason**. Yachts must monitor VHF Channel 72 at all times. This changes Rule 32.

#### **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 Protest forms are available in your race pack. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered to the Race Results Office within the appropriate time limit.

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

13.3 The protest will be heard by a member of RCPYC ,the Race Officer a member of RTYC and one independent Skipper for adjudication, proven protests will result in a time penalty to the default boat.

Protests will be held in the protest room in the RCPYC

13.4 Rule 61.1(b) is amended so that the listing of a boat on the Protest Schedule shall constitute informing the boat and the time limit is altered accordingly. It shall be the sole responsibility of the competitors to check the official notice board and to attend any protest hearing together with witnesses.

13.5 Not Applicable

13.6 Breaches of instructions 5.5 and 15 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

13.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

#### **14. SCORING**

14.1 The regatta will be scored using the Low Points system of RRS Appendix A.

14.2 All corrected times for handicap classes will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing place.

#### **15. SAFETY**

15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on VHF Marine Ch. 72 or by telephone RCPYC 01304 206262 check as soon as practicable after retirement.

15.2 Boats sailing in the Harbour must comply with Rules 9(b) and 9(d)

of IRPCS. Boats impeding the progress of a large vessel in the or immediately adjacent to or in the approaches to the Port of Dover will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

## **16. MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

## **17 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17.2 The race committee will use VHF Marine Channel 72 to communicate with competitors. Such communications may include sail numbers of boats recalled OCS, course changes and safety matters. Boats called by the race committee by name or sail number may respond and under such circumstances will not be in breach of instruction 17.1

17.3 Failure to broadcast by the race committee or to time it accurately or failure to receive a broadcast by the race committee will not be grounds for redress.

This changes Rule 62.1(a)

## **18. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

### **18.1 1<sup>st</sup> Place Race 1**

- The yacht with the fastest corrected time will win the Marquess of Reading Bowl
- The highest placed RCPYC yacht on corrected time will win the Davidson Plate

### **18.2 1<sup>st</sup> Place Race 2**

- The yacht with the fastest corrected time will win the Prince of Wales Cup
- The highest placed RCPYC yacht on corrected time will win the Iverson Cup

18.3 Miscellaneous prizes will be awarded for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed yachts in each open race.

18.4 In addition, any yacht meriting special mention for achievement, effort or the spirit of sail racing, at the sole discretion of the Commodore RCPYC.

18.5 Notwithstanding points 18.1 and 18.2 above, where it is not the overall winner on corrected time, the fastest RCPYC yacht on corrected time will receive a trophy as outlined above and a miscellaneous prize, where it is an RCPYC yacht which wins overall, the second fastest RCPYC will win the Davidson Plate or the Iverson Cup in it's stead (whichever is the appropriate one).

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 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, during, or after the regatta.

19.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner / Skipper who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race or races. Neither the Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the helm or crew as a result of taking part in the race or races.

19.3 By competing and taking part in the races, the boat and crew accept instructions 19.1 and 19.2 and also the Disclaimer of Liability in paragraph 12 of the Notice of

Race.

## **20. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance sufficient to meet all of any claims, for the total period of the regatta.

### **APPENDIX 1**

## **ROYAL CINQUE PORTS YACHT CLUB**

### **Minimum Safety Equipment Rules for Cruisers Class**

#### **1. Buoyancy**

Boats shall either be self-righting from 60 degrees or have enough reserve buoyancy to support the boat and crew for at least 30 minutes following a capsize. Boats shall be equipped with suitable means for bailing or pumping.

#### **2. Flares**

Boats shall carry, in a waterproof pack, at least two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.

#### **3. Fire Extinguisher**

Boats carrying engine or cooking fuel shall carry a fire extinguisher and a stout bucket of 9 litres minimum capacity attached to a lanyard.

#### **4. Personal Buoyancy and Man Overboard**

4.1 Boats **without** lifelines or with lifelines which do not meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall have personal buoyancy for each crew member at least sufficient to comply with RRS 40. Personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members at all times whilst racing.

4.2 Boats **with** lifelines which meet ISAF Offshore Special regulations Category 4 shall carry personal buoyancy or lifejackets for each crew member. Boats shall also carry a rescue quoit or throw bag with at least 15m of floating line and at least one lifebuoy or life sling.

#### **5. First Aid**

Boats shall carry a waterproof first aid pack with instructions.

#### **6. Anchor**

Boats shall carry a suitable anchor and sufficient warp to hold the boat in 15m depth of water in the expected racing conditions.

#### **7. Compass**

Boats shall carry a suitable compass – handheld is acceptable.

#### **8. Equipment**

All equipment, fittings and engines shall be securely fastened.

#### **9. Propulsion**

A means of propulsion, other than the boat's sails, is to be provided.

#### **10. Communication**

Fixed or handheld VHF must be carried at all times.



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## RACE DECLARATION FORM Regatta 2019

**Event** .....

Yacht: .....

IRC TCC ..... Class ..... Sail Number: .....

Finishing Time: (**British Summer Time - UT + 1 hr**): .....

Elapsed Time .....

I finished about ..... minutes astern of the yacht .....

And about ..... minutes ahead of the yacht .....

I declare that during the race, the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), IRC Rules and the RCPYC Regatta Sailing Instructions were observed and that I have properly completed the course.

If use was made of an engine at any time or if any mark of the course could not be Seen / rounded, all details must be noted below or on the reverse of this form.

Owner/ Skipper

Signed: ..... Name (Printed): .....