

## **1 Rules**

Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions, the Notice of Race and the appropriate class rules. The event will be designated Category C.

## **2 Conditions of entry**

### **2.1 General**

The safety of a yacht and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these sailing instructions, nor the inspection of a yacht under these conditions, in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his crew, his yacht and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to owner/competitor, his skipper or crew during the regatta. Moreover, the owner/competitor warrants his and his yachts suitability for the regatta.

### **2.2 Measurement or rating certificates**

Before a yacht is eligible to race, the race officer may require to see her valid measurement or rating certificate. Only under exceptional circumstances will RRS 78.2 be applied.

### **2.3 Measurement**

Yachts may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the race committee.

### **2.4 Distinguishing Numbers**

The race committee may permit a yacht to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77.

### **2.5 Eligibility**

The event is open to anyone sailing a dinghy that qualifies under the criteria of the Scottish Skiff Racing Association.

### **2.6 Personal Buoyancy**

Wetsuits or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times on the water. (This alters RRS 40.)

### **2.7 Insurance**

Each participating yacht shall insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

### **2.8 Tally system**

A tally system shall be used and will be explained at the briefing.

## **3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located within the ELYC Marquee.

## **4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted for one hour before the advertised start of the race or races concerned. Displaying code flag "L" ashore will indicate changes to the sailing instructions. When no further changes have been made, code flag "L" will be lowered after the start of the last race of that day.

## **5 Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located at ELYC. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced by 30 minutes in the race signal AP.

## **6 Schedule of Races**

There shall not be a specific number of races. It is intended that as many races as is practical shall be fitted into the allotted sailing time, which will be advised at the briefing.

## **7 Class Signals**

Class signals shall be posted on the notice board and advised at the briefing.

## **8 Course area**

The courses will be set in the area to the north east of North Berwick harbour, extending east towards the Bass Rock.

## **9 The Course**

### **9.1 Configuration**

The courses that may be used are detailed with the course chart at Appendix A.

### **9.2 Marks**

Course marks shall be as detailed in the course chart at Appendix A and generally yellow or orange cylindrical marks or red buoys.

## **10 The Start**

### **10.1 Start Line**

The start line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the outer distance start mark (S on the course chart).

### **10.2 Limit Mark**

An inner limit mark may be used to protect the committee boat. If used, no yacht shall pass between the limit mark and the committee boat

### **10.3 Starting Procedure**

The starting procedure will differ from RRS 26 (Signals for Starting a Race). The warning signal and the raising of the flag for each class will be 4 minutes prior to their start. The preparatory flag shall be raised at 2 minutes prior to the start along with the 4 minute warning signal for the next class. The following signal will serve as the start signal for the first class, the 2 minute preparatory signal for the second class, and the 4 minute warning signal for the 3rd class. Starts will continue at 2 minute intervals until all classes have been started. A boat shall not start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

### **10.3 Prohibited area penalties**

"Round the ends" rule: RRS 30.1 will apply to ALL starts when code flag "1" is flown with the preparatory signal. Similarly the "the black flag" rule: RRS 30.3 will apply when a Black flag is flown with the preparatory flag.

## **11 Change of course after the start**

When, after a race has started, there is a substantial wind shift, the race committee may move or change one or more marks. When the course to be made good is significantly changed by such alteration, a boat will be stationed near the start of the first leg to be affected and will act as pathfinder round the course until it is evident what the new course is. (This alters RRS rule 33).

## **12 Finishing**

### **12.1 About to finish signal**

The race committee shall signal the intention to finish the race by displaying flag S with two sounds. (This alters rule 32).

### **12.2 Finish line**

The finish line shall be as defined by the course diagram.

### **12.3 Limit Mark**

An inner limit mark may be used to protect the committee boat. If used, no yacht shall pass between the limit mark and the committee boat

## **13 Time Limit**

The race shall be valid for all yachts finishing within two hours of the starting signal. When no yacht finishes within the time limit, the race will be abandoned without possibility of re-sail. The signal will be in accordance with RRS 32 "N" (Race committee signals).

## **14 Protests**

Protests, in accordance with RRS 60, shall be written on the standard forms available from ELYC and lodged not more than 60 minutes after the finishing time of the last boat in the last race of the day. Protest hearings will commence as soon as possible thereafter. The protests to be heard will be posted on the notice board at the end of the protest time limit.

## **15 Scoring system**

15.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. The low points system shall be used.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

(b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst score.

15.4 Racing shall take place using the Portsmouth Yardstick system and Average Lap Times.

## **16 Alternative penalties**

### **16.1 Touching a mark**

There shall be no penalty for touching marks with the exception of starting marks and the committee boat. A yacht that touches a starting mark or the committee boat shall exonerate herself in accordance with RRS 31.

### **16.2 Alternative Penalties**

Alternative penalties, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply for an infringement of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS.

**Your Entry Number is:**

**Colour:**

**Number:**



# East Lothian Yacht Club Regatta 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June East Course

(2000, RS 200, RS 400,  
Phantoms, 29ers)

## NOTES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Briefing 1200 hours, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017,  
ELYC Clubhouse

### Rule 6 Schedule of Races

Race 1: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

The first start of the sequence shall be at  
12.55 hours.

The sequence shall be advised on the  
regatta notice board prior to the briefing.

Following Races Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

The following races shall start as soon as  
possible after the end of the preceding Race.

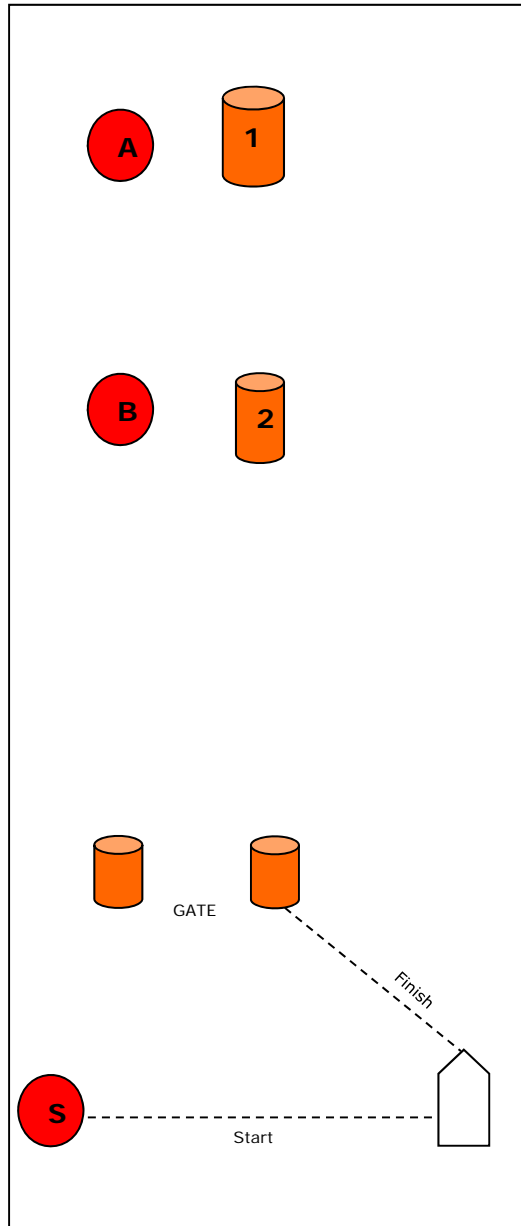
First Race: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

The first start of the sequence shall be at  
10.55 hours.

Following Races: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The following races shall start as soon as  
possible after the end of the preceding Race.

## Appendix A - Courses Not to scale



## COURSES

Numeral pennant 1 or 2 shall be displayed before the  
warning signal of each race for each class start to  
indicate the course to be used for that race.

Course 1: 1 to port, stretcher mark A to port, GATE

Course 2: 2 to port, BASS ROCK to port, GATE

The finish line shall be between the Committee boat  
and the GATE, as shown in the diagram. All boats  
shall pass through the gate before finishing.

The ALBA CUP COURSE will be advised on notice  
board

### Please note:

- Marks 1 and 2 are intended to be the  
windward marks.
- The number of rounds for each class will be  
displayed on the committee boat. Handicap  
classes will be run on an average lap time  
basis.
- Limit Mark  
An inner limit mark may be used to protect  
the committee boat. If used, no yacht shall  
pass between the limit mark and the  
committee boat.

