

1 Rules

Racing will take place under The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (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 ELYC club members.

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

An intention to race sheet to be completed by the helm will be available within the clubhouse foyer; no result will be given to a competitor who does not complete this sheet before launching.

3 Notices to Competitors

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

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

The aim is to sail 4 races weather and time permitting. It is intended that as many races as is practical shall be fitted into the allotted sailing time up to a maximum of 4, which will be advised at the briefing.

7 Class Signals

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

8 Course area

The course will be set depending on conditions in either the area to the north east of North Berwick harbour, extending east towards the Bass Rock or the north west towards Fidra Island.

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 2 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 General Recalls

Should any class be recalled as a General Recall the first class notified shall be given a new start 2 minutes after the last class start from the sequence above. Any subsequent General Recalls will follow on in the order of the original start sequence.

10.4 Prohibited area penalties

"Round the ends" rule: RRS 30.1 will apply to ALL starts when code flag "I" 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). Yachts shall then complete the lap they are on and after rounding mark 3, proceed directly to the finish line as defined in the course diagram

12.2 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

13 Time Limit

The race shall be valid for all yachts finishing within one hour 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 placed 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.



East Lothian Yacht Club Closed Regatta

3rd September 2016

NOTES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Briefing 1230 hours, Saturday 3rd September
ELYC Clubhouse

Rule 6 Schedule of Races

Race 1: Saturday 3rd September 2016

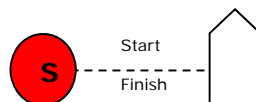
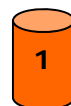
The first start of the sequence shall be at
13.55 hours.

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

Races 2,3 and 4 Saturday 3rd September 2016

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

Appendix A - Courses Not to scale



Numeral pennant 1, 2 or 3 shall be displayed before
the warning signal of each race to indicate the course
to be used for that race.

Courses

Course 1: 1 to port, 2 to port, 3 to port (triangle).

Course 2: 1 to port, 3 to port (sausage).

Course 3: 1 to port, 2 to port, 3 to port; 1 to port
and 3 to port (triangle-sausage). One round is a
triangle and a sausage.

All boats must pass through the start/finish line when
on a windward leg. Boats on a leeward leg must **not**
pass between the committee boat and the start/finish
mark.

Both the start and finish line shall be between the
Committee boat and mark S, as shown in the
diagram.

The courses to be sailed and the number of laps shall
be posted on the whiteboard at the clubhouse prior to
the briefing. Any amendments to these before shall
be posted on the whiteboard on the committee boat
before the commencement of any race or in
accordance with paragraph 12.1.

Please note:

- Mark 1 is intended to be the windward mark.
- All 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.