

**East Lothian Yacht Club**  
**Northern Aero Championship**  
**8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**



*Organising Authority – East Lothian Yacht Club*

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat. Flay Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front foyer of Club House.
- 2.2 Briefings to competitors will take place outside the Club House
- 2.3 There will be a Briefing on day 1 at 11:30
- 2.4 There will be a Briefing on day 2 at 09:30

### **3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 20:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole by the clubhouse.
- 4.2 Flag D with one sound means the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. All Boats shall not launch until this signal has been made.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The schedule for racing is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>First Warning Signal</b>	<b>Number of Races</b>
Day 1 - Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	12:55hrs	4* (see 5.2 and 5.5)
Day 2 - Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	10:55hrs	4(See 5.5)

- 5.2 If conditions allow, the race committee may run the Bass Rock race after the series racing has been completed.

- 5.3 The race committee will signal their intention to run the Bass Rock race by displaying Flag B at the finish of the last race of the day.
- 5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs
- 5.5 There will be a maximum of 4 races per day and the total number of races for the series will not exceed 6.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The class flag that will be used shall be stated on the official notice board before 11:30hrs on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September and advised at the briefing.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

- 7.1 The courses will be set either in the area to the north east of North Berwick harbour, extending east towards the Bass Rock or extending West between Craigleith and The Lamb.

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A show the courses to be sailed for the schedule of racing.
- 8.2 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course to be sailed for the Bass Rock race.
- 8.3 The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark may be displayed on the committee boat.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Course marks shall be as detailed in the course chart in Attachment A and B and generally be orange cylindrical marks or red or yellow spherical buoys.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 The line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the pin end buoy.
- 10.2 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 Boats must start by crossing through the start line within 5 minutes of the starting signal. Boats not crossing the line before 5 minutes of the starting signal will be DNS.
- 10.4 A start sequence will not commence unless the wind strength on the course is judged by the PRO to be > 5knots.

## **11 CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish line is defined as the line between the mast on the committee boat with the orange flag and the pin end buoy, as shown the course diagram in Attachment A,
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 The race committee shall signal the intention to finish boats by displaying flag S with two sounds on the committee boat.
- 12.4 The race committee may move the committee boat at the finish from its position at the start.
- 12.5 The race committee may display flags C over F in the vicinity of mark 4 (with no sound signal), which indicates flag S is displayed on the committee boat.

### **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 Boats may touch a mark other than a starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

### **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS**

14.1 The target time for the first boat finishing in each class will be 45 minutes and the mark 1 time limit will be 30 minutes. If no boat has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet these target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

14.2 The race committee may finish boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes unless SI 14.3 applies. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.3 After the first boat has finished, boats may be finished based on their observed position on the course. Flag W will be displayed in the vicinity of boats being finished on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protests, in accordance with RRS 60, shall be written on the standard forms available from the ELYC race office 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.

### **16 SCORING**

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

16.1.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

16.1.2 When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16.2 If different classes (Aero 5, 7 and 9) start together and are in one race, results will be determined using the Portsmouth Yardstick system and average lap times.

### **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon possible.

### **18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

### **19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

### **20 PRIZES**

20.1 Prizes will be presented at the prize-giving that will take place on Sunday in the bar after racing.

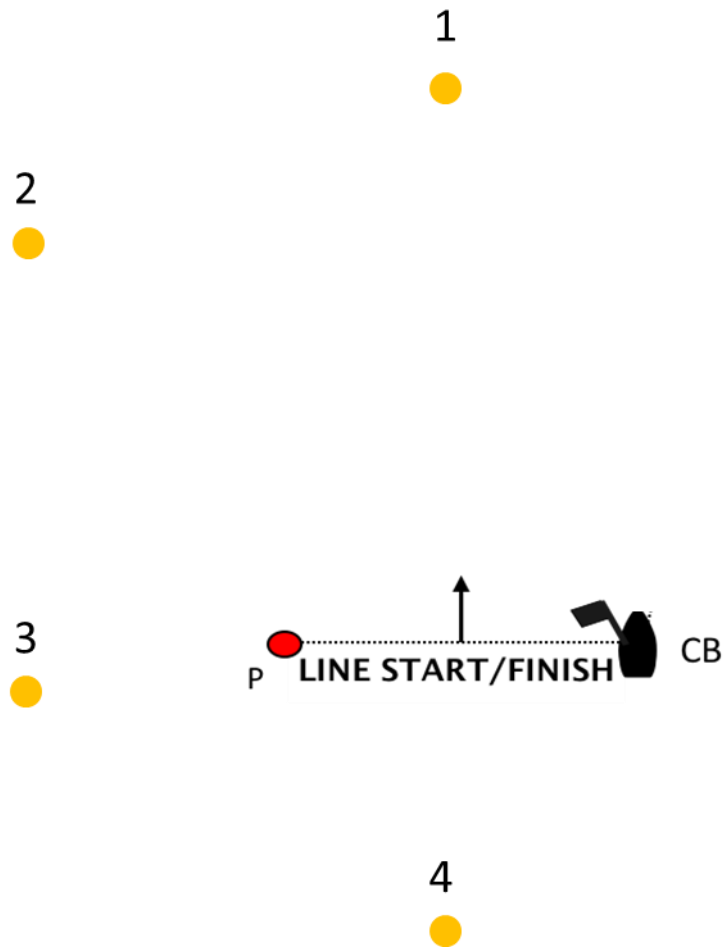
### **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with you or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **22 INSURANCE**

23 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £2,000,000.

## Attachment A



A 1.1: The course to be sailed is a trapezoid. One lap is defined as follows: 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Start/Finish Line. All marks will be left to port.

A 1.2: Boats shall continue to sail the course until flag S is displayed on the committee boat when they will get a finish when they sail through the start/finish line (CB – P). Boats shall sail through the start/finish line every time they sail from mark 4 to mark 1.

## Attachment B – Bass Rock Race

B 1.1: The course for the Bass Rock race is as follows: 1A – B – Finish. 1A and B are to be left to port. Depending on the wind direction, mark 1A may be attached to the pin end buoy and boats shall sail straight to B.

B 1.2: Boats shall leave the yellow marker buoy (S) to port on the way to mark B and to starboard from B to the finish.

B 1.3: The finish line will be between the pole on the ELYC watch hut and an orange championship mark.

B 1.4: The figure below shows the intended positions of mark B and the finish line.

