

East Lothian Yacht Club Open Regatta

1st and 2nd June 2019



Organising Authority – East Lothian Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – WEST COURSE

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. Flag 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 ELYC Marquee.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00hrs 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. The signals will be replicated on the flagpole on Elcho Green.
- 4.2 Flag D with one sound means the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed for all courses. All Boats shall not launch until this signal has been made.
- 4.2.1 If Flag D over W is displayed SI 4.2 applies to all boats sailing on the west course only.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule for racing is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Races
Saturday 1st June	12:56hrs	Up to 4
Sunday 2nd June	10:56hrs	Up to 4

- 5.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags to be used shall be posted on the official notice board before 11:30hrs on Saturday 1st June and advised at the briefing.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The courses will be in the west bay of North Berwick between Craigleith Island and the Lamb offshore of the Law rocks.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A show the courses to be sailed for the schedule of racing.

8.2 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 generally be yellow or 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 The race committee may choose to use a single starting sequence for a class or a rolling starting sequence to start a race as follows. This changes RRS 26.

Time	Signal	Signals Displayed/Removed
4 minutes	Warning Signal	1 st Class flag displayed
2 minutes	Preparatory Signal	Preparatory signal displayed and next class flag displayed if rolling sequence
0 minutes	1 st Class Start Signal	1 st Class flag and preparatory removed if not a rolling sequence.
+2 minutes	2 nd Class Start Signal	Class flag removed
<i>Rolling sequence repeats with start signals at 2 minute intervals</i>		

10.4 In the event of a general recall the class that has failed to start will go to the end of the start sequence. The classes yet to start will continue without alteration. This changes RRS 29.2.

10.4.1 For general recalls of any class except the last one, the first substitute will be removed without a sound signal 1 minute after the starting signal of that class.

10.4.2 RRS 29.2 will apply in the event of a general recall for the last class starting.

10.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her warning signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line shall be defined by the course diagram in Attachment A.

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

11.3 The race committee may signal the intention to shorten course by displaying flag S with two sounds on the committee boat. The race committee may display flag S over class flags indicating that those classes only are to finish.

11.4 The race committee may move the committee boat at the finish from its position at the start. Alternately, classes may be finished by a RIB displaying flag S at any mark on the course.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 In the event that a boat breaks rule 31, touching a mark, they shall take their penalty, if applicable, as per their class rules, only if they have their own class start and are not sailing in the general handicap fleet.
- 12.2 If a boat who is sailing in a general handicap fleet breaks rule 31, touching a mark, they shall exonerate themselves by taking a one-turn penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS

- 13.1 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)
- 13.2 The race committee may finish boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes by their observed position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 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.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 15.1.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 15.1.2 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.
- 15.2 If different classes start together and are in one race, results will be determined using the Portsmouth Yardstick system and average lap times.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 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.

19 PRIZES

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

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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.

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3,000,000.

Attachment A: Courses

A 1.1: The courses to be sailed are as follows. All marks to be left to port.

Course 1: Long Outer Loop: (S - 1a - 2a - 3 - 2a - 3 - F)

Course 2: Long Inner Loop: (S - 1a - 4 - 1a - 2a - 3 - F)

Course 3: Short Outer Loop: (S - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 3 - F)

Course 4: Short Inner Loop: (S - 1 - 4 - 1 - 2 - 3 - F)

