

WEST HOE SAILING CLUB

THURSDAY EVENING SERIES 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Amendment 1:	Para 12.1	WHSC Buoy designated “Y” Buoy
	Para 12.2	Change to Class Course Boards
Amendment 2	Para 9.1	Finish line direction
	Para 9.4	RAF as first mark of course
	Para 11.3	Revised Squib start time
	Para 17.8	Line Duties and scoring
Amendment 3	Para 9.4	RAF as course mark
Amendment 4	Para 6.3	Change of course

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS), the Prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the One Design Classes (except as any of these are altered by these sailing instructions), and by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 When boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth, regulations regarding interference with the safe navigation of large vessels must be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the current Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order and to Local Notices to Mariners. Any breach of such regulations may result in the boat concerned being disqualified from the race in which she was sailing at the time or, in serious cases, such other races as the Protest Committee of the Club may decide.
- 1.3 When racing boats are prohibited from entering the Controlled Mooring Area located north of the Mount Batten peninsula and south of the Plym navigation channel. Boats must remain north of a line extending from the westerly mooring buoy positioned on the south side of the Plym navigation channel, east through each mooring buoy on the northern boundary of the Controlled Mooring Area and west of a line extending from the most westerly mooring buoy on the south side of the Plym navigation channel due south to the Mountbatten peninsula.
The prohibited area defined above ranks as an obstruction to sea room under RRS
- 1.4 The WHSC shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, the skipper or crew, as a result of taking part in races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his/her boat for any race for which he/she enters. The owner/competitor also warrants by starting a race that adequate and suitable insurance covering at least third party and passenger liability has been affected.
- 1.5 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience that are physically fit to face the conditions that may arise in the source of the race. The owner/competitor must be fully satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear and ensure that all safety equipment is properly stored, maintained and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.
- 1.6 By launching (or putting to sea) participants imply the suitability of their boat and the competence of the skipper and crew for the expected or forecast conditions.
- 1.7 Nothing done by the organisers (i.e. the club, the race management team, patrol craft and anyone helping to run the event) will relieve participants of their responsibilities.
- 1.8 The provision of patrol craft does not relieve participants of their responsibilities.
- 1.9 Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat by the WHSC in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper, and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All helmpersons shall be:
- An individual member of WHSC
 - Named as a Joint member of WHSC
 - Is a Members immediate family provided the Member is on board.
- 2.2 Each boat shall complete registration in accordance with the Notice of Race prior to its 1st race. Boats racing prior to registration will not be given a result.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be issued to all members by email.

4 SAIL-OVERS

- 4.1 Sail-overs will be allowed and points awarded in accordance with para 17.1

5 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be signalled by displaying Flag L at the RPCYC Flagstaff. It is the responsibility of each competitor to obtain a written copy of the amendment(s) from the Line Officer. No amendments will be made less than 1 hour before the start of any race.

6 SIGNALS

- 6.1 All signals will be in accordance with RRS RACE SIGNALS and RRS Part 3 (except as modified by these sailing instructions) and will be displayed on the RPYC Flagstaff.
- 6.2 **No Race Signal:** Flag N over Flag A, accompanied by three sound signals, indicates that the scheduled race will not take place.
- 6.3 **Change of Course before the start:** A change of course before the start will be accompanied by signalled by displaying Flag F accompanied by one long sound signal.
- 6.4
- 6.5 **Change of Course after the start:** A change of course after the start will be signalled by displaying Flag C accompanied by repetitive sound signals as each boat crosses the finish line on the round preceding that to which the course change applies.
- 6.6 Flag E accompanied by two sound signals may be made **10 minutes** prior to the start of racing if shipping movements that may interfere with the racing are expected. This is an advisory signal and competitors are reminded of their obligations under Para 10 of these Sailing Instructions

7 STARTING SIGNALS

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

8 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS

- 8.1 Except with the prior written approval of the Race Committee, changes in distinguishing numbers will not be allowed and a boat having distinguishing numbers which are different from those on her measurement certificate or entry form will be disqualified. This SI constitutes prior warning under RRS Appendix G4 in respect of the number used.

9 START AND FINISH LINE, KEEPING CLEAR AT START

- 9.1 The starting line will be an extension of a line through the RPCYC flagstaff and an orange and black marker post and shall be crossed in the direction of the first mark. The outer limit of the starting line will be Mountbatten Breakwater.
- 9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- 9.3 The Finish Line will be between the RPCYC flagstaff and the tall flagpole located on the western end of Mountbatten Breakwater. The finish line will always be crossed from west to east.
- 9.4 When the start line is west to east RAF (Buoy B) will be the first mark of the course and may be used as the rounding mark on following rounds.

10 SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

- 10.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to maintain an awareness of shipping movements in the Cattewater and Plymouth Sound. Competitors shall take all necessary actions to comply with the Cattewater Regulations and instructions from MOD Police. Any competitor failing to comply with these regulations and instructions who is subsequently subject of a complaint by the Cattewater Commissioners or MOD Authorities will be disqualified from that race.
- 10.2 In the Port of Plymouth an escorting MOD patrol boat or Pilot Cutter may prevent a yacht from rounding a navigation mark being used as a mark of the course, or from crossing ahead of a RN/RFA or commercial vessel underway in a navigation channel.

WHEN THE SITUATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARISE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY:

- 10.2.1 Prevented from rounding a navigation mark being used as a mark of the course
When able to proceed yachts are to:
Round the mark clear astern of one another in the order/position they held astern of the first yacht prevented from rounding the mark.
- 10.2.2 Prevented from crossing a navigation channel
When able to proceed yachts are to:
Round the next mark clear astern of one another or finish (whichever is first) in the order/position they held astern of the first yacht prevented from crossing the navigation channel.
- EXCEPTION TO THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE:
When yachts are beating to windward the instructions at 10.2.2 above only apply when the next mark of the course is a navigation buoy marking the far side of the navigation channel which yachts are being prevented from crossing

11 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND START TIMES

- 11.2 The Summer Series will take place weekly on Thursdays from 8th April until 16th September, except 29th July (PPSA Regatta week). The Summer Series will be further sub divided into three Mini Series. The Spring Mini Series will consist of the races taking place between 8th April and 20th May. The Summer Mini series will consist of the races taking place between 27th May and 15th July. The Autumn Mini Series will consist of the races taking place between 22nd July and 16th September. The Charisma/Foxterrier class race for the Derek Oliver Memorial Trophy will take place on 1st July.
- 11.3 The times of starts, with the exception of races on 16th September, will be as follows:

Class	Start	Warning Signal
Trapper 300	18.20	Numeral Pennant 7
Squib	18.30	Naval Numeral 9

The races on the 16th September will start 15minutes earlier than the times given above

12 COURSES AND MARKS

12.2 Marks

The marks to be used will be indicated by lettered boards displayed adjacent to the RPCYC Flagstaff. The lettered boards refer to various buoys in Plymouth Sound in accordance with the PPSA Universal Buoy code with **the exception of Y which shall indicate the WHSC orange marker buoy located in the Cattewater estuary close to Mountbatten Breakwater**. The letters will be **White on Red** or **Green** background indicating **Port** or **Starboard** hand respectively. The boards are to be read from left to right. A number board after the letters indicates the number of rounds to be sailed.

12.3 Courses

A white board carrying a **black ace of clubs** preceding the letters denotes the course for the Charisma/Foxterrier Class and the Trapper 300 Class. A white board carrying a **black ace of diamonds** preceding the letters denotes the course for the Squib Class. If the same course is to be sailed by **all** classes both boards will precede the letters denoting the course.

13 **RECALLS** (Replaces RRS 29.1 and alters RRS 29.2)

- 13.2 **Individual Recall:** When at her starting signal any part of a boats hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, a second sound signal will be made and the warning signal will be held "at the dip" until all such boats are wholly on the pre-start side of the start line or for four minutes after the starting signal, whichever is the earlier.
- 13.3 **General Recall:** General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2. In case of a Trapper 300 general recall a restart will be signalled prior to the Foxterrier/Charisma start. A general recall for the Foxterrier/Charisma class will be restarted after the Squib Class start even if the Squib class is itself subject to a General recall. After a general recall for the Squib class a restart will be signalled as soon as practical.

14 **TIME LIMIT** (Replaces RRS 35)

- 14.2 With the exception of races on starting in September the time limit shall be 2045. The time limit for races starting in September will be 2000. Flag T will be displayed at the expiry of the time limit. The displaying of Flag T will **not** be accompanied by any sound signals.
- 14.3 If the leading boat of a class completes the course within the time limit, the race will be valid for all other boats in that class which complete the course within the time limit or within 10 minutes of the leading boat's finish time, whichever is the later.
- 14.4 If no boat of a class completes the course within the time limit, then the results will be taken as at the end of the last round completed by the leading boat in that class.
- 14.5 Boats, which stop racing prior to the expiry of the time limit, will be eligible for results in accordance with SI 17.2.
- 14.6 If the first round has not been completed by any boat of a class, the race for that class will be considered not completed.

15 **RETIREMENTS**

- 15.2 Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Line Officer within 1 hour after finishing or retiring.
- 15.3 Boats, which fail to report their retirement within that time of retiring, will be scored DNE, unless a satisfactory explanation of the delay is presented to the Line Officer.
- 15.4 Retirements may be reported via hail or by telephone (01752) 664327 to the Line Officer.
- 15.5 Boats flying ensigns at the start or during a race will be deemed to have retired.

16 **PROTESTS** (Changes RRS 61.1(a))

- 16.2 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 61, except that boats of hull length less than 6 metres **shall** display a protest flag. Protests shall be delivered to the Line Officer or Race Secretary within one hour of finishing or retiring from the race concerned.
- 16.3 **(Addition to RRS Part 5)**
Initially, protest will be submitted to "arbitrators" to try and resolve the protest prior to the formal hearing. If the parties to the protest agree with the arbitrator's decision, then that decision shall be final, and the formal hearing will not proceed.

17 **SCORING** (Modifies RRS Appendix A)

- 17.2 The series will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point System In the case of a single boat starting the race **it shall complete the course** and be awarded DE+0 points.
- 17.3 Points for boats that do not score finishing points (this changes RRS A9)

DNF	(Did not finish)	DE + 2
RAF	(Retired after finishing)	DE + 2
DNS	(Did not start)	DE + 2
OCS	(Started prematurely)	DE + 4
DSQ	(Disqualified)	DE + 4
DNE	(Disqualification not excludable under RRS 88.3(b))	DE + 4

DNC (Did not come to the starting area)

DE + 6

The Declared Entry (DE) for a class will be equal to the number of fully paid up entrants in each series or mini series.

17.4 **Race Ties** RRS A7 is replaced with the following:

If boats are tied at the Finish Line they shall both receive the points for the higher place. Boats tied for a race prize shall share it or be given equal prizes.

17.5 **Series Scores** (this changes RRS A2)

Each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores from each mini series (with DE adjusted to take account of the series entrants as per 17.2) excluding her worst scores in accordance with the following table:

Races completed	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7 or fewer
Races to count	15	14	14	13	12	11	11	10	9	9	8	7	7	7	7	All -----

17.6 **Mini Series Scores** (this changes RRS A2)

Each boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores in accordance with the following table:

Races completed	8	7	6													5 or fewer
Races to count	7	6	5													All -----

17.7 **Series Ties**

Ties for prize-winning positions will be broken by using the procedure detailed in RRS A8.

17.8 **Line Duties**

When a boat is supplying a line crew, and that boat does not race, its points for that race will be the average (mean) of its points, after discards, for the both the mini series in which this takes place and the overall series

18 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.2 Competitors participate in races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 any race.

Note Letter Y on the course board indicates the WHSC orange marker buoy in the Cattewater estuary close to the western end of Mountbatten Breakwater. IT DOES NOT INDICATE DEADMANS BAY (see 12.3)