



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

for

THE PILOT CUTTERS REGATTA

incorporating

The St. George's Day Trophy

on

**Friday 8th May &
Saturday 10th May 2015**



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The Flag Officers and Members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club extend a warm welcome to competitors as visitors to the Club. They are requested to sign and enter their name and address in the Visitors' Book and should acquaint themselves with the rules of the Royal Solent Yacht Club particularly those concerning dress.

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High Water Portsmouth BST:	Friday 8th May	15:03 hrs
	Saturday 9th May	15:54 hrs
	Sunday 10th May	04:08 & 16:56 hrs

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

- 2.1 Races will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016.
- 2.2 Race signalling flags shall be used.
- 2.3 RRS 35 is changed by SI 11.1, RRS 60 is changed by SI 12.3, and RRS 77 does not apply. RRS 44.1 is changed by SI 14.1.
- 2.4 RRS 32.1 is changed by adding paragraph 32.1(f): ***for any reason deemed necessary by the Race Committee.***
- 2.5 RRS 60.2 is changed by adding paragraph 60.2(d): ***disqualify without a hearing any boat observed by at least two members of the Race Officer team to have sailed an incorrect course.*** This amends RRS 63.1.

3. CONDITION OF ENTRY

- 3.1 Boats shall not be deemed to have started unless the owner/person in charge has completed, signed and returned to the RSYC Secretariat an Entry Form and the appropriate entry fee.

4. SCHEDULE

4.1 Friday 8th May

Four races are scheduled to take place on Friday, for Pilot Cutters only. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race, However it is anticipated that there may be a short break for lunch.

4.2 Saturday 9th May

Three races (three) are scheduled for both Class 1&2, each race run separately. Subsequent races will start as soon as practicable after the finish of the preceding race, however it is anticipated that there will be a short break for lunch.

4.3 If one or more races on Friday are not run, an additional race may be run on Saturday. If the Committee decide to attempt an additional race on Saturday, a notice will be placed on the notice board no later than 1900hrs on Friday.

4.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30hrs

4.5 RACE SCHEDULE

DAY	RACE	PARTICIPANTS
FRIDAY	1	Class One
	2	
	3	
	4	
SATURDAY	5	Class One
	6	Class Two
	7	

5. MINIMUM ENTRY

5.2 There will be no race unless a minimum of two boats start the race.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The Class One Flag for Pilot Cutters is Code Flag H.

The Class Two Flag for Gaff Rig & Traditional yachts is Code Flag G.

7. TIMES AND SIGNALS

	CLASS	WARNING SIGNAL	START SIGNAL	CLASS FLAG
Friday	Pilot Cutters	09:55	10.00	H
Saturday	Pilot Cutters	09:55	10.00	H
	Class Two	10:05	10:10	G

7.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 (five) minutes before the starting signal.

7.3 Ensigns shall be struck prior to the preparatory signal.

8. SAFETY

- 8.1 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 8.2 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 8.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee and the race officers.
- 8.4 No boat shall race with an anchor protruding beyond its bowsprit or bumkin. A boat shall not be disqualified for a breach of this instruction without prior warning and adequate opportunity to make correction.
- 8.5 **A boat which retires from a race shall make every effort to ensure that the Race Committee is notified as soon as possible and before returning to her berth. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SERIES**

9. AMENDMENTS

- 9.1 Amendments to sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board located in the main entrance hall of the Club not later than one and a half hours before the start of a relevant race. The Race Committee may inform entrants by VHF Channel 37 (M1).
- 9.2 Any information displayed at the Club will if possible be displayed on the Royal Solent Yacht Club's website-www.royalsolent.org or will be available by phoning the Secretariat on 01983 760256. In the event of bad weather on the morning of the race competitors are advised to check via one of these methods. Failure to display information on the Club's website will not be grounds for redress.

10 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Course instructions and general information may be transmitted on VHF Channel 37 (M1) at the discretion of the Race Committee. Failure of any boat to receive any such transmissions shall not be regarded as grounds for any protest or any request for redress.
- 10.2 Boats in whatever direction they are racing shall pass to the Southwards of:
 - (a) "Cross Boom" and all other booms, beacons and posts in the Lymington River Entrance. Boats other than Dinghy Classes may pass on either side of "Jack in the Basket".
 - (b) The Royal Lymington Yacht Club starting platform.
- 10.3 Boats shall not pass through the barrier South of Durns Point which is an obstruction to sea room.
- 10.4 Courses will be selected from the navigational buoys and racing marks which have been allocated code letters, numbers or symbols as shown in the SI Appendices 1 and 2.

Course started from Grants

The course to be sailed will be displayed at or before the warning signal at Grants in the frame Eastwards of the signal flagstaff when the sequence of letters, numbers or symbols displayed shall be read from top left to bottom right.
Red letters, numbers or symbols displayed on either a black or white background indicate that such marks of the course shall be rounded to port.

Green letters, numbers or symbols displayed on either a black or a white background indicate that such marks of the course shall be rounded to starboard.

- 10.5 When two or three white diamond shapes are displayed with the course signal, the course shall be sailed two or three times round respectively. Boats shall pass through the gate formed by Grants Inner White Post and a Distance Mark, from the direction of the previous mark, at the end of each round before commencing the next round.
- 10.6 When '□' is displayed as part of the course signal, it indicates that boats shall pass through the gate described in 10.5 above from the direction of the previous mark.
- 10.7 When 'S' flag over 'H' flag is displayed by a committee boat adjacent to a mark of the course it denotes that boats shall pass that mark in the required manner and shall then proceed directly to cross the finishing line in the direction from that mark. A committee boat may make repeated sound signals to draw attention to the visual signal.
- 10.8 Boats in whatever direction they are racing, shall pass to the Northwards of a 'Yarmouth Spice' spherical white buoy situated to the southeast of the YHA (Yarmouth Harbour Authority) inner trot of Moorings, located to the west of Yarmouth Pier.
- 10.9 Direction of the Course from the last Mark
Boats finishing at the Grants finishing line from 'E' (Pylewell), F' (Berthon) and all marks that are both to the east of these and to the north of the deep water navigation channel in the Solent shall finish by crossing the finishing line from east to west.

Boats finishing at the Grants finishing line from 'D' (RLYC ODM) and all marks that are both to the west of this mark and to the north of the deep water navigation channel in the Solent shall finish by crossing the finishing line from west to east.

11. STARTING

11.1 Starting Line (Grants)

The starting line at Grants, is approximately 200 metres to the East of the Royal Solent Yacht Club. The starting line is formed by bringing the signal flagstaff bearing a horizontally striped orange and white diamond shape into line with a white post topped with a white diamond framed orange cross which is about 15 metres to seawards from the sea wall.

11.2 Limit Marks

- (a) The inner limit mark for all races is the seaward post with a diamond shaped top of the starting line transit. Please note that this mark may not necessarily be in water deep enough for some boats
- (b) The outer limit mark for all races, is a yellow cylindrical buoy marked with '9' in black, Charles Stanley in blue and Stockbrokers in black thereon with a yellow X topmark, located approximately 450 metres northwards of the signal flagstaff.

11.3 VHF Communications

The Race Officers may at their discretion use VHF radios (Channel 37, M1) to broadcast the complete or part thereof the countdown sequence to the start of a race. Also they may announce the names of boats being recalled. In this event all boats being recalled for a particular start will be announced. This is for assistance to competitors and does not replace the formal starting procedure described in SI 7.2.

12. FINISHING

- 12.1 The Time Limit for all Races is 2 (Two) hours, apart from the last race for both classes on Saturday, which will be 3 (Three) hours.

12.2 Time Limit

RRS 35 is varied in that:

- (b) When the first boat in her race finishes within the time limit, the race shall be valid only for those boats which finish within the time limit or within 15 minutes of the first boat in her race, whichever is the later.
- (c) For races of more than one round when the first boat in her race fails to finish within the time limit, but has completed one or more rounds of the course, the results of the race will be determined by the placings at the end of the last completed round.
- (d) When the first boat in her race fails to complete a round of the course or pass through the Gate '□' as part of the course by the time limit, the race shall be abandoned or abandoned and resailed.

12.3 Finishing Line (Grants)

The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the signal flagstaff and the finishing mark which is the yellow cylindrical buoy (No 9), approximately 450 metres Northwards of the signal flagstaff.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS Part 5 and transmitted to the RSYC Secretariat within two hours of the time the last boat in her race finishes. Protest forms are available from the RSYC Secretariat.
- 13.2 The time and place of the hearing will be posted on the RSYC notice board and it is the responsibility of the protestor and the protestee to acquaint themselves of this information and to present themselves at the appropriate time with any witnesses they may wish to call. In the event of either party failing to be present at a hearing the protest may be heard in their absence.
- 13.3 The Race Committee or the Protest Committee may initiate a protest as a result of information received from any source concerning contact which has caused damage or injury. This amends RRS 60. In the event of conflict between RRS 60 and this SI, this SI will prevail.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 The race will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A using the Low Point system.
- 14.2 A yacht's elapsed time to complete each race will be multiplied by the yacht's Old Gaffer T(H)CF to give its elapsed time and the order of finish is then the corrected time order.
- 14.3 A minimum of one race will constitute a series. There will be a discard after 4 races.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 15.2 Exoneration Penalty
A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

- 15.4 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,
- (a) Neither the boat nor a Protest Committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

16. RESULTS AND NOTICE BOARD

- 16.1 Unless otherwise notified, the results of races will be posted on the RSYC notice board as soon as practicable.
- 16.2 The notice board is located in the main entrance hall of the Club.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 The Prize for the First Pilot Cutter in the Regatta will be The St. George's Day Trophy.
- 17.2 The Prize for the First Gaffer will be the 'G Flag Trophy.

18. RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- A) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - B) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - C) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - D) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - E) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - F) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - G) For offshore races, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

19. INSURANCE

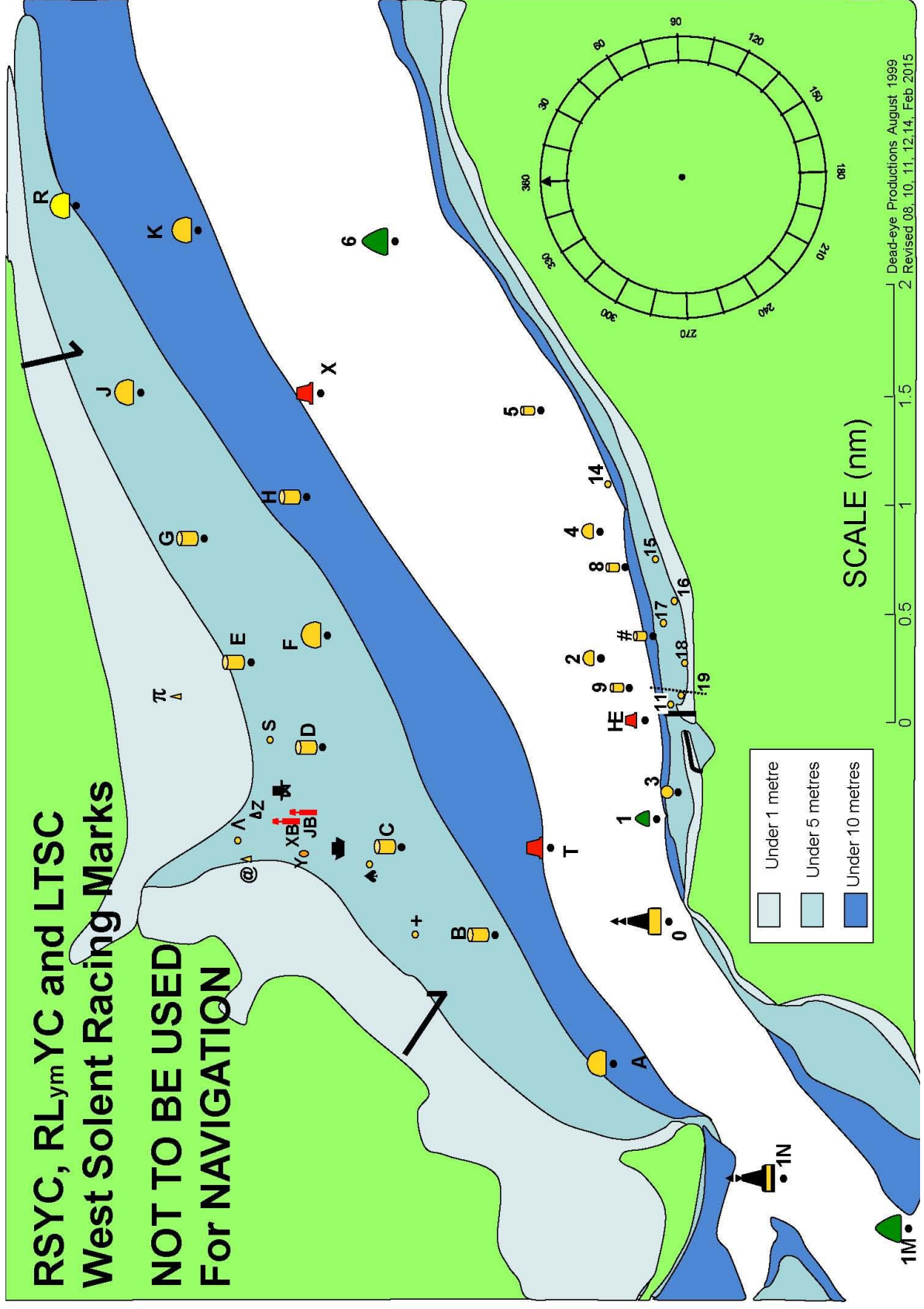
- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

NOTICES TO SKIPPERS.

- There will be a Briefing at the Royal Solent on Thursday at 19:30
- Prize Giving will be during Dinner on Saturday Evening.

RSYC, RL_{ym}YC and LTSC West Solent Racing Marks

**NOT TO BE USED
For NAVIGATION**



RACING MARKS 2015					
	Name	Sponsor	N Lat	W Long	
1E(W)	Christchurch Ledge		50.41.60	01.41.50	Yellow Sphere
1G(W)	SW Shingles		50.39.29	01.37.52	Red Pillar
1H(W)	Bridge		50.39.63	01.36.88	YBY Pillar
1J(W)	Shingles Elbow		50.40.36	01.36.05	Red Can
1K(W)	North Head		50.42.68	01.35.51	Green Can
1N	NE Shingles		50.41.96	01.33.40	East Cardinal
1M	Warden		50.41.48	01.33.55	Green Can
A	Hurst	Echopilot	50.42.79	01.32.53	Yellow Sphere
B	Pennington	Dunford	50.43.38	01.31.54	Yellow Cylinder
C	Oxey	Colten	50.43.83	01.30.86	Yellow Cylinder
D	Royal Lymington	Yacht Haven	50.44.17	01.30.10	Yellow Cylinder
E	Pylewell	Folkboats UK	50.44.58	01.29.43	Yellow Cylinder
F	Berthon	Berthon	50.44.20	01.29.22	Yellow Sphere
G	Tanners	Bridgefords	50.44.79	01.28.47	Yellow Cylinder
H	Jackson	Paul Jackson	50.44.30	01.28.16	Yellow Cylinder
J	Sowley	Zwerver	50.45.11	01.27.33	Yellow Sphere
K	Quod Possumus!	Quod Possumus!	50.44.83	01.26.09	Yellow Sphere
R	Durns	Durns	50.45.43	01.25.89	Yellow Sphere
T	Lymington Bank		50.43.10	01.30.85	Red Can
X	Solent Bank		50.44.23	01.27.37	Red Can
0	Sconce		50.42.52	01.31.43	North Cardinal
1	Black Rock		50.42.53	01.30.43	Green Cone
2	George Hotel	The George Hotel	50.42.86	01.29.40	Yellow Sphere
3	Folkboats Forever	Yarmouth Folkboats	50.42.47	01.30.43	Yellow Sphere
4	The English Summer Berry Co	The English Summer Berry Co	50.42.86	01.28.42	Yellow Sphere
5	Caldwells	Caldwells Estate Agents	50.43.15	01.27.49	Yellow Cylinder
6	Hamstead Ledge		50.43.86	01.26.18	Green Conical
8	Bouldnor	Harwoods	50.42.73	01.28.69	Yellow Cylinder
9	Royal Solent YC ODM	Charles Stanley	50.42.72	01.29.70	Yellow Cylinder
HE	East Fairway Buoy		50.42.64	01.29.88	Red Can
#	Towers		50.42.63	01.29.26	Yellow Pillar
3A(E)	West Lepe		50.45.23	01.24.09	Red Can
3C(E)	Cratinsure.com		50.45.64	01.23.12	Yellow Sphere
3D(E)	Saltmead		50.44.52	01.23.04	Green Conical
3G(E)	SevenStar Yacht Trans		50.46.58	01.21.46	Yellow Sphere
3H(E)	East Lepe		50.45.93	01.21.07	Red Can
3L(E)	Gurnard Ledge		50.45.51	01.20.59	Green Conical
3N(E)	Quinnell		50.47.07	01.19.88	Yellow Sphere
33(E)	Prince Consort		50.46.42	01.17.55	North Cardinal
LYMINGTON SHORE					
+	Plus Mark	BHG	50.43.78	01.31.53	Yellow Sphere
♣	West Mark	Scott Bailey	50.43.99	01.30.99	Yellow Sphere
☛	Baverstock	Lymington Town SC	50.44.17	01.30.86	☛
JB	Jack in the Basket		50.44.28	01.30.57	Red Post
XB	Cross Boom		50.44.36	01.30.58	Red Post
Y	Black & Orange		50.44.31	01.30.81	Black/Orange Sphere
@	West Reach	Jeremy Rogers Yacht	50.44.59	01.30.92	Yellow Cone
Λ	East Reach		50.44.63	01.30.80	Yellow Cylinder
Z	Black & White	Ropewalk Marine	50.44.51	01.30.56	Black/White Cone
⚓	RLYC Platform	Royal Lymington YC	50.44.42	01.30.42	⚓
S	East Mark	Sanders Sails	50.44.51	01.30.00	Yellow Sphere
π	Pylewell Inner		50.44.92	01.29.70	Yellow Cone
YARMOUTH SHORE					
11	Delphie	Delphie Lakeman Trust	50.42.48	01.29.94	Yellow Sphere
14	Stone pier	XOD Yarmouth	50.42.82	01.28.05	Yellow Sphere
15	Hallmark		50.42.63	01.28.70	Yellow Sphere
16	St Swithins		50.42.52	01.28.99	Yellow Sphere
17	Camel		50.42.57	01.29.17	Yellow Sphere
18	Mount		50.42.44	01.29.43	Yellow Sphere
19	Dinghy ODM		50.42.44	01.29.82	Yellow Sphere
MARKS NOT CHARTED					
M	Moveable mark				Orange Inflatable
N	Moveable windward mark				Orange Inflatable
☐	Gate - start/finish line when used to mark the end of a round and not the finish				
(E) – off chart to the East, (W) – off chart to the West					