



## THE RAYC OFFSHORE REGATTA HELD AT THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

### GENERAL

#### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1. The organising authority for the RA Regatta is the Royal Solent Yacht Club (RSYC) who will provide the Race Committee and Race Officers for the Regatta.

#### RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing Federation 2017 – 2020 including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the class rules of each class concerned, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions, and these Sailing Instructions (SI). In addition, RSYC yachts racing in the RSYC cruiser class category, Folkboat, XOD and YOD are to race in accordance with the RSYC Standard Sailing Instructions. Each JSASTC yacht shall sail carrying the complete inventory of equipment issued by JSASTC to it on takeover.
- 2.2 RRS 35 (time limit) is changed by SI 13. RRS 60 (Protest) is changed by SI 16.4, RRS 89.2 (amdt to SI) and Race Signals are changed by SI 8.1.

#### SAFETY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 3.1 The RAYC and RSYC accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to competitors or damage to any vessel. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.
- 3.2 All competitors must sign the RSYC Condition of Entry; copies will be available at RSYC Race Office prior to the regatta.
- 3.3 Boats must be adequately insured, with cover of at least £3 million against third party claims.

#### CLASSES TO RACE

- 4.1 The following classes will be available:
  - (a) Bantry Cup. IRC Handicap races for fast cruiser/racers owned, borrowed or chartered by the RAYC or its members.
  - (b) Bhopal Cup. RAYC Handicap races for cruisers owned, borrowed or chartered by the RAYC or its members.
  - (c) RSYC Cruiser Class
  - (d) Folkboats
  - (e) XOD
  - (f) YOD

## SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1 Schedule of Races for RAYC and RSYC Cruiser Classes (See SI 9 for start sequence).

	Class and Race	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Time Limit*
Sat	Bantry Cup Class Race 1	R	0950	1000	1200
	Bhopal Cup Class Race 1	NP 1	1000	1010	1210
	RSYC Cruiser Class	NP2	1010	1020	1400
	Subsequent races as determined by the Committee each with a time limit of two hours.**				
Sun	There will be a single race from the RSYC Committee Boat start line to Gilkicker Point for RAYC yachts heading back to the Eastern Solent. Each yacht is then to take their finish time as they cross the line at Gilkicker – see Para. 10.12				
	Bhopal Cup & Bantry Class	R	0950	1000	

\* For interpretation of Time Limits see SI 13

\*\* Note: If these starts follow the Folkboats, XODs or YODs, yachts should keep clear of keelboats in the starting area.

### 5.2 Schedule of Races for Folkboat, XOD and YOD classes

	Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Time Limit*
Sat	FOLKBOATS	F	1405	1410	1710
	XOD	W	1415	1420	1720
	YOD	NN2	1425	1430	1730
Sun	Folkboat	F	1015	1020	1220
	XOD	W	1025	1030	1230
	YOD	NN2	1035	1040	1240

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FOLKBOATS XOD AND YOD CLASSES

6.1 Races for Folkboats XOD and YOD classes shall be governed by the RSYC Standard Sailing Instructions 2019, copies of which can be obtained from the RSYC, except that the time limits for all classes shall be amended to those shown above.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRUISER CLASSES

### NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the RSYC foyer.
- 7.2 Changes to SI will be available from the RSYC and the main committee boat on request.
- 7.3 Changes to SI may be made orally via VHF radio Channel M1 (37A) from the committee boat (COUNTDOWN). It is the responsibility of competitors to keep a listening watch at all times on that frequency, failure to hear a signal broadcast to competitors on VHF Channel M1 (37A) shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

### SIGNALS AND FLAGS

- 8.1 Signals afloat will be displayed from the main committee boat. RRS Race Signals "L" is changed in that Flag "Third Substitute" means "a change has been made to the SI". When the committee boat flies flag "Third Substitute" it is the responsibility of each competitor to obtain the change in SI from the committee boat either orally or by VHF radio. Such amendments will be designated by a number - **the first designated by the number 3**, the second by the number 4 and subsequent amendments by sequentially larger numbers. The numeral pennant for the number designating the latest amendment, as described above, will be flown inferior to Flag "Third Substitute". This changes RRS 89.2 (c).
- 8.2 The main committee boat will be identified as a vessel with a white banner, with "Royal Solent YC Committee" thereon. It may be a single hull blue vessel with a white wheelhouse: 'COUNTDOWN'.
- 8.3 Each boat shall strike her ensign before her preparatory signal and, whilst racing, wear on her backstay the class pennant indicating her class.

### STARTING SIGNAL SEQUENCE FOR RAYC YCHTS AND RSYC CRUISERS

- 9.1 The starting signal sequence, amending RRS 26, will be as follows.

Signal	Flag	Sound Signal	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Class flag	1 Sound	10
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	1 Sound	5
One Minute	Preparatory flag lowered	1 Long Sound	1
Starting	Class flag lowered	1 Sound	0

- 9.2 In the event of a general recall or a postponement before the start or an abandonment soon after the start, RRS 26 will be reinstated (5-4-1-Go). Removal of a delay signal will be broadcast on the VHF channel M1 (37).

### COURSES

- 10.1 The racing area is within the Western Solent and/or the Western Approaches to the Solent. A list of the Racing Marks that may be used is shown
- 10.2 Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall pass to the Southwards of:
- (1) "Cross Boom" and all booms, beacons and posts in the Lyminster River entrance.
  - (2) The Royal Lyminster Yacht Club starting platform.
- 10.3 Boats shall not pass through the barrier South of Durn's Point which is an obstruction to sea room.
- 10.4 Whilst racing, yachts in Cruiser Classes shall not pass inshore of any of the buoys forming the outer trot of RSYC moorings eastward of the Yarmouth harbour pier. This area ranks as an obstruction.

- 10.5 Courses will be displayed at or before the warning signal in a frame on the main committee boat. Letters or numbers on a red background indicate that such marks of the course shall be rounded to port and letters or numbers on a green background indicate that such marks shall be rounded to starboard. The numeric or alphabetical designations of marks used are shown in Appendix 1.
- 10.6 When two or three 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 the committee boat and a Distance Mark, from the direction of the previous mark, at the end of each round before commencing the next round.
- 10.7 If  $\square$  is displayed as part of the course signal, it indicates that boats shall pass through the gate described in 10.6 above from the direction of the previous mark.
- 10.8 If letter "S" is displayed over letter "H" by the 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 from the direction of that mark. The committee boat may make repeated sound signals to draw attention to the visual signal.
- 10.9 If Moveable Mark (Designation M) is laid as a mark of the course its approximate position will be indicated on a board displayed at the main committee boat either as an approximate magnetic bearing and distance (in NM) from the main committee boat or as an approximate latitude and longitude (degrees, minutes and decimal minutes format).
- 10.10 The starting and finishing lines will be formed in the vicinity of the start as described in SIs 11.1, 11.2 and 12.1 by the committee boat. The same outer limit mark will be used for both purposes.
- 10.11 Competitors should take care to avoid the Lymington – Yarmouth Ferry, they have extreme difficulty in strong winds and tides when approaching or leaving Yarmouth Harbour and yachts should give way early if there is any possible doubt.

## THE START

- 11.1 Unless in the view of the Committee conditions dictate otherwise the main committee boat will establish the starting line in the vicinity of "**Bouldnor**" Buoy (Designation 8). In the event that the main committee boat establishes the starting line elsewhere the Committee may announce its location on VHF Channel M1 (37). In any event, competitors shall be responsible for ascertaining the location of the main committee boat and may contact call sign 'COUNTDOWN' on VHF Channel M1 (37) if in doubt.
- 11.2 The starting line will be an imaginary line drawn between an orange flag on the main committee boat and the course side of the starting/finishing line outer limit mark. If an inner limit mark is laid in the proximity of the main committee boat, boats shall not pass between it and the main committee boat at any time whilst racing. The inner limit mark will not necessarily lie on the starting line.
- 11.3 Boats shall cross the starting line in the direction of the first mark, leaving the starting line outer limit mark to port or starboard as appropriate.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line.
- 11.5 The inner limit, if laid, and the outer limit mark will be orange inflatable buoys.
- 11.6 The main committee boat (COUNTDOWN) may announce the sail numbers or names or other appropriate identifying features of boats that are OCS at the start and subject to individual recall. However, a failure of the committee boat to announce the identity of a boat that was OCS at the start shall not be a breach of these SIs nor grounds for redress.