



Royal Solent Yacht Club

Yarmouth, Isle of Wight

JUNIOR REGATTA

1st and 2nd June

2017

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS) including the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions and any relevant class rules.
- 1.2 RRS are changed in these Sailing Instructions as follows: - RRS 35 by SI 12.1, RRS 40 by SI 14.1, RRS Race Signals by SI 4.2

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on a notice board at the Boathouse or the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the Boathouse or the Royal Solent Yacht Club.
- 3.2 Any change to sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the start of any race to which it relates

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flagpole at the Boathouse or the Royal Solent Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means the racing is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after AP on shore is lowered. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Day and Date	Race	Time of First Warning Signal	HW Yarmouth
Thursday 1 st June	1	14.55	18.14 BST
	2	ASAP after race 1	
Friday 2 nd June	3	15.55	19.14 BST
	4	ASAP after race 3	

5.2 The starts will be class D, class K and class O.

5.3 These times are a guide and may be modified for any reason. There will be no more than 3 races for each class on any day.

5.4 The classes will be started at 5 minute intervals if possible.

6. Class Flags

6.1 The class flags shall be as follows

Laser 4.7	Flag	D
Mixed Pico Class	Flag	K
Optimist	Flag	O

7. Racing Area

7.1 Racing will be in the Bouldnor Bay.

7.2 Racing may be in the River Yar if required.

8. Courses

8.1 The Course will be displayed on the Notice Board at the Boathouse or the club or from a board displayed on the committee boat. The course may be either a windward leeward or a triangle windward leeward course.

9. Marks

9.1 The marks of the course will be explained prior to racing.

10. Starting

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 (5.4.1.0). Except for the first class to start, the warning signal for each class shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the distance mark buoy.

11. Finish

11.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.

11.2 A competitor who has lost contact with the majority of the fleet may be told on the water that he/she need not complete the course. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 RRS35 is varied in that: all races will have a time limit of 60 minutes after the valid start.
- 12.2 When the first boat in her race finishes within the time limit the race will be valid only for those boats which finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat whichever is the later.

13. Scoring

- 13.1 A minimum of 2 or more races must have been completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 RRS Appendix A2 is modified as follows:
 - (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.3 Series Tie. If, after discard, two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

14. Safety Regulations

- 14.1 All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy, at all times whilst on the water. This amends RRS 40 and the preamble to part 4.
- 14.2 All parents/guardians are required to sign a RSYC consent form.
- 14.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and before going ashore.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Laser 4.7	Overall winner
Mixed Pico	Overall winner
Optimist	Overall winner

16. Boat Handling Ability

All competitors must be capable of launching and recovering their boats as sea conditions at the Boathouse and the RSYC can be demanding. This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity. Launching and recovery teams are at hand but cannot guarantee to be always available at busy times. Parents are required to assist with launching and recovery.

17. Risk Statement

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue in a race is hers alone." Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor or in the case of a junior sailor their parent or guardian 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 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 the race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve the competitors 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. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

18 INSPECTION

- 18.1 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions or in the Notice of Race.

18 INSURANCE

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