



The Royal Solent Yacht Club

TURKEY CUP

Sunday 2nd October 2016

Sailing Instructions

HWP 13:05 BST (4.7m)

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The organising authority is the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

2. RULES

2.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.2 RRS 35 by SI 9, RRS 60 by SI 10.4, and RRS Race Signals by SI 5.2, are changed in these Sailing Instructions.

2.3 RRS 32.1 is changed in that there is an additional paragraph 32.1 (f) which states: *for any reason deemed necessary by the Race Committee.*

2.5 RRS 60.2 is changed in that there is an additional paragraph 60.2 (d) which states: *disqualify without a bearing any boat observed by at least two members of the Race Committee to have sailed an incorrect course.*

2.6 Folkboats are permitted to use spinnakers as in British Folkboat Association Rule 9.1.

2.7 IRC Rule 22.4.2 shall not apply. There are no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1.

3. HANDICAPPING

The Race Committee will allocate a Local Handicap to all entrants based on their official rating as appropriate.

Boats wishing to race using an IRC Handicap are required to send a copy of a valid IRC Certificate with their Entry Form.

4. START

4.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the main Committee Boat and the course side of the starting mark buoy.

4.2 The starting mark buoy will be an orange inflatable buoy with Royal Solent in black thereon.

5. SIGNALS AND FLAGS

5.1 Signals ashore will be made from the flag staff on the RSYC Jetty.

5.2 Signals afloat will be displayed from the main Committee Boat. RRS Race Signals "L" only means 'follow this boat'. Flag "third substitute" means "a change has been made to the Sailing Instructions". When the Committee Boat flies flag "Third Substitute" it is the responsibility of each competitor to obtain the change in instructions from the committee boat either orally or by VHF radio. Such alterations will be designated by a sequential number the numeral pennant for which will be flown inferior to Flag "third substitute".

- 5.3 The main Committee Boat will be identified by a white banner with "ROYAL SOLENT YC COMMITTEE" thereon.
- 5.4 Cruiser class boats after the warning signal and whilst racing shall fly Numeral Pennant 1 from the backstay.
- 5.5 Ensigns shall be struck when racing.

6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the Royal Solent Yacht Club foyer and/ or the Sailing Board outside the Sailing Office.
- 6.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions will be available from the Royal Solent Yacht Club and the main Committee Boat on request.
- 6.3 Oral changes to Sailing Instructions may be given in accordance with Sailing Instruction 5.2.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The racing area is within the Western Solent and the Western Approaches.
- 7.2 Boats, in whatever direction they are racing shall pass to the south of all booms, beacons and posts in the Lymington river entrance including the RLYC starting platform, excepting JACK IN THE BASKET which may be passed on either side.
- 7.3 Boats shall not pass through the barrier south of Durn's point which is an obstruction to sea room.
- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 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 marks shall be rounded to starboard. The numeric or alphabetical designations of marks used are shown in the Appendices at the end of these sailing instructions.
- 7.6 When two or three diamonds are displayed with the course signal, the course shall be sailed two or three times respectively. Boats shall pass through the 'Gate' formed by the Committee Boat and a Distance Mark, from the direction of the previous mark on the completion of each round.
- 7.7 When '□' is displayed as a part of the course signal, it indicates that boats shall pass through the 'Gate' described in SI 7.6 above, from the direction of the previous mark.
- 7.8 When S over H 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.
The committee boat may make repeated sound signals to draw attention to the visual signal.

8. FINISHING LINE

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the course side of the finishing mark. Unless otherwise notified, the finishing line will be in the approximate position of the starting line.
- 8.2 Boats shall cross the finishing line from the direction of the last mark.

9. TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for all classes is **three hours** after the valid starting time.
- 9.2 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 30 minutes of the first boat in that race whichever is the later.
- 9.3 For the 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. If gate '□' is shown as a mark of the course and competitors are conforming to SI 7.6 this shall be deemed to be the end of a round.
- 9.4 No race will start after 12 noon.

10. PROTESTS

- 10.1 A protesting boat shall notify the race committee aboard the main Committee Boat of her intention to protest as soon as possible after finishing or as soon as possible after retiring from a race and advise the number(s) of the protested boat(s) and receive acknowledgment.
- 10.2 Protests shall be written on protest forms available from the Royal Solent Yacht Club and the completed protest form shall be transmitted to the Royal Solent Yacht Club within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.
- 10.3 The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Notice Board in the hall of the Royal Solent Yacht Club outside the Sailing office. It is the responsibility of the protestors and protestees 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.
- 10.4 The Race Committee and the Protest Committee may open a hearing or initiate a protest when they are advised by any means of injury or damage caused in an incident even if notification is by way of an invalid protest. This changes RRS 60. In the event of conflict between RRS 60 and this Sailing Instruction, this Sailing Instruction shall prevail.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Event will be scored as provided in RRS Appendix A, using the low points system.

12. RADIO

- 12.1 The main Committee Boat may keep a listening watch on Channel 37(M1) and may also give on this frequency the position of the start line, the numbers of any competitors who are recalled for a premature start or changes to sailing instructions. Any failure by the Committee Boat to make such transmissions will not be a breach of the Sailing Instructions. Any failure of a competitor to receive a signal will not be grounds for redress.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 Boats that retire shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14. RISK STATEMENT.

- 14.1 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:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

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;

The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

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.

15. INSURANCE.

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 (two million pounds) per event or the equivalent.

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Lunch will be available in the clubhouse.
Reservations should be made in advance
on 01983 760256

SAVE THE DATE

Laying Up Dinner
Saturday 12th November
2016

