

THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB

BART'S BASH – Sunday 18th September 2016

TBYC Supplementary Sailing Instructions

These Sailing Instructions are supplementary to the Bart's Bash Sailing Instructions (which can be found at <http://www.bartsbash.com/Barts-Bash-2016-Sailing-Instructions.pdf>)

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the Bart's Bash Sailing Instructions and these Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 Eligibility

Races will be open to Club members and approved affiliates only. There is no charge for entry but entrants are requested to donate to the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation through the Bart's Bash web site or at the charity boxes at the club on the day of the event. A donation of £10 is suggested.

2.2 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk and should note the Risk Statement in the Bart's Bash SI's. Thorpe Bay Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

2.3. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 or equivalent

2.4 Personal safety

Rule 40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) whilst afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to wear a PFD will result in disqualification except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment as prescribed in rule 40.

2.5 Distinguishing Numbers

Under exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement, the race committee may permit a yacht to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by rule 77. 2

2.6 Declaration Form.

It is the responsibility of the helmsman of each yacht to ensure that its departure from the slipway or beach and its subsequent return are recorded on the Declaration Form provided at the top of the slipway or in the Bosun's Hut, whether or not the yacht starts or completes the race. Helmsmen must sign-off within one hour of finishing the race.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these supplementary sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour prior to the start of the race.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the shore box gantry.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

There is one normal class race starting at 12:00. The Bart's Bash Trophy race will commence as soon as possible after the class racing concludes (Approx 1:00pm).

7. CLASS FLAGS

The warning signal will be:-
One Mass Start (All Boats) Code Flag R

8. RACING AREA

The racing area is located on the River Thames Estuary to the south of the clubhouse.

9. THE COURSE

The course will be decided on the day in accordance with the weather conditions and to accord with the requirements of the Bart's Bash event.

The course is intended to be average lap racing consisting of laps of a trapezoidal/square course.

The actual course will be displayed on the rear of the Committee Boat before the start of the race, and may refer to club fixed race mark numbers and/or special marks. A coloured flag may be flown from the Committee Boat to indicate the way in which marks will be rounded: red – round marks to port; green – round marks to starboard. All boats must pass through the start/finish gate on every lap - boats not doing so will be counted DNF.

9.1 Number of Rounds (laps)

If the course consists of a series of laps of a course then after an appropriate sailing time has elapsed International Code Flag S will be displayed accompanied by two sound signals. Boats will be finished when they next pass through the finish line. This changes rule 32.1.

9.2 Abandonment

If the race is abandoned at any time after starting then, at the discretion of the Race Officer, a finish time may be given as the time when each yacht crossed the finishing line on any previous lap.

10. COURSE MARKS

Special marks will be orange or yellow inflatable marks. In course descriptions special marks will be designated by the letters 'S'.

Fixed club marks are numbered/lettered yellow or orange round buoys.

If the Distance Mark is to be used as a mark, it will be shown as 'D'. The Distance Mark is usually comprised of two club permanent marks (one denoted as "E" and the other denoted as "W") and a vertical pole with a green conical top. All three parts of the Distance Mark must be rounded every time it is included as a mark of the course.

11. THE START

11.1 Starting Procedure

The starting procedure will be in accordance with rule 26, modified so that signals are made at 1 minute intervals

11.2 Starting Line

The starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting mark of the orange inflatable type. Should an inner distant mark be laid near the committee boat, boats must pass between this mark and the outer starting mark. 4

11.3 Late Starting

At the discretion of the Race Officer, a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12. THE FINISH

Unless otherwise specified the finishing line will be as for the start line.

13. TIME LIMIT

A boat which fails to finish the course within thirty minutes of the first yacht of her class, or within 180 minutes of the start, may, at the discretion of the Race Officer, be deemed to have retired and will be shown as DNF. This changes rule 35.

At the Race Officer's discretion, a boat that exceeds the time limit may be deemed to have finished on the last occasion it passed through the finish line. This changes rule 35.

14 PROTESTS

Protest forms are available at the Race Officer's box or from behind the bar. Protests shall be delivered to a member of the Race Committee within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has the race. Protestors shall inform the protestee of the protest and the parties concerned should ascertain the time and place of the hearing before leaving.

15. SCORING SYSTEM & RESULTS

The elapsed finishing time for each yacht will be recorded and passed to the Bart's Bash organisers, together with the course distance. Bart's Bash organisers will produce overall race results.

In addition, the club will produce and publish its own race results based on a general handicap race using the RYA/ club usual handicap numbers.

16. PRIZES

A Bart's Bash trophy will be awarded to the winner of this race at the Prize Giving Supper.

17. PHOTOGRAPHY/ VIDEO RECORDINGS

In entering any event under these sailing instructions an entrant must accept that the club may take photographs and video of the races and associated activities and which may be published.