



# THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB

## Sprint 15 Winter TT Meeting, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017



### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the class, except if any of these are changed by these sailing instructions and the supplementary sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Thorpe Bay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020).

#### 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby.

#### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hours before the start of a race they affect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Shorebox gantry or using boards on the front of the Shorebox.

#### 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The schedule of races will be stated in the notice of race.
- 5.2. When more than one race is scheduled for the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least two minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

#### 6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class flag will be International Code Flag D.

#### 7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The racing area is located in the Thames Estuary to the south of the clubhouse.

## 8. The Course

- 8.1. Course will be detailed during the briefing and on the blackboard/whiteboard at the end of the Shorebox as you enter the launching area.
- 8.2. The course will be trapezoid with a start/finish line from the Shorebox.
- 8.3. Due to the often favoured end of the start line being at the Distance Marker and visibility of flags not being as good, boards (these will also be referred to as flags) on the Shorebox will be used.
- 8.4. The course will be using TBYC Fixed race marks with a special mark (an orange inflatable) to create a true windward leg. In course descriptions special marks will be designated by the letters 'Sp'.
- 8.5. A coloured flag will be flown from the Race Box 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 DSQ.

## 9. Marks

- 9.1. The course will be using TBYC Fixed race marks see Club Mark diagram in Appendix A with a special mark to create a true windward leg.
- 9.2. The club marks are 1.2 metre diameter round Norfloat yellow buoys, (unfortunately those that are orange have faded to yellow) approximately 1/3 of a mile distance apart, please be aware of the Club Mark Diagram in Appendix A.
- 9.3. The special mark will normally be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys. Replacement marks as provided in RRS 34 will be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys.
- 9.4. If the Distance Mark is to be used as a mark, it will be shown as 'Dm'. 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, except at the start of a race using a shore box start procedure when the Distance Mark is only the vertical pole with a green conical top.

## 10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will, unless otherwise specified, be a line through the Clubhouse transit mark and the vertical mark on the Race Officers' box and will be limited by the Distance Mark Pole.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her start signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.
- 10.3. The starting procedure will be in accordance with rule 26, modified so that signals are made at 1 minute intervals in the following order (For a published start time of T), the sequence of flags is:

Time	Flags	Sound	Meaning
T - 3	Display D	One	Warning Signal
T - 2	Display P	One	Preparatory Signal
T - 1	Remove P	One	Minute Signal
T	Remove D	One	Start

## 11. The Finish

- 11.1. The finishing line will be between Shorebox displaying flags extending in a southerly direction to a green triangle topped distance mark.
- 11.2. All race finishes will be with a Shortened Course (International Code S Flag).
- 11.3. The leading boat of a class will be finished when it next passes through the finish line and following boats will be finished when they have completed the same number of rounds as the leading boat of their class. This changes rule 32.1.

## 12. Penalty System

- 12.1. A penalty shall comprise one turn including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.

## 13. Time Limit

- 13.1. The time limit shall be 90 minutes from the starting signal for the first boat.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14. Protests

- 14.1. Protests shall be written on forms available on request to the Race Committee and delivered to a member of the Race Committee within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 14.2. A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 1 hours of the finish of the last race of the day. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule. This is the notice under RRS 63.2

## 15. Scoring

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3. Tie-breaking will comprise of combining the finishing time of each race counted in a boat's score. The boat with the lower time will be placed ahead of the boat(s) with higher times.
- 15.4. Results will be calculated on the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap scheme using the following PY numbers:

Boat PY	PY
Sprint 15	931
Sprint 15 Sport	894

## **16. Safety Regulations**

- 16.1. Check out and check in: it is the responsibility of the helmsman of each yacht to ensure that its departure for racing 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 a race. Helmsmen must sign-off on the Declaration Form within one hour of finishing the race, or within one hour of finishing the last race of the day if races are sailed back-to-back. If more than one race is scheduled helmsmen must sign-off separately for each race they completed, or indicate DNS or DNF as appropriate. Failure to sign off will result in disqualification.
- 16.2. Personal flotation devices: RRS40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits or drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

## **17. Event Advertising**

- 17.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. The regatta is designated Category C Advertising Category.

## **18. Radio Communications**

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **19. Prizes**

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded for each member of the crews for places as determined by the Race Committee based on the entry to the event.

## **20. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **21. Insurance**

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

## **22. Rights To Use Name and Likeness**

- 22.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

# Appendix A

