



Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Winter Series 2017 Frozen Sheets & Icicle Series 2018

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules, these sailing instructions, the Thorpe Bay Yacht Club Sailing Programme, and any supplementary sailing instructions issued.

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Eligibility.

Races will be open to approved Club members and affiliates and any visitors providing they have paid their entry fee and had their completed entry form accepted.

2.2 Entry Fees:

Frozen Sheets Race	Free
Complete Series	£60 or £70 after 8/10

2.3 Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

2.4 Insurance.

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

2.5 Personal Safety.

Rule 40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Competitors shall wear personal flotation or adequate personal buoyancy whilst afloat and failure to do so will result in disqualification. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. For winter series racing suitable clothing must be worn. A full wetsuit is a minimum requirement.

2.6 Declaration Form.

It is the responsibility of the helmsman of each yacht to ensure that its departure from the shore 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, 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 on and off will result in disqualification.

2.7 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.

2.8 Measurement or Rating Certificates

Before a yacht is eligible to race, where applicable her valid measurement or rating certificate shall be available for inspection by a member of the sailing committee

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby (official Noticeboard) no later than 8pm on the preceding day of the scheduled race.

3.2 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Club sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse lobby at least 1 hour before the race that they affect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed using flags from the shore box gantry.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Winter Series 2017

Date	H/W	Race	First Start
Sat 21 Oct	14:11	Winter Saturday 1	12:00
Sun 22 Oct	14:46	Winter Sunday 1	13:00
Sat 4 Nov	12:07	Winter Saturday 2	10:30
Sun 5 Nov	12:49	Winter Sunday 2	11:30
Sat 18 Nov	12:13	Winter Saturday 3	10:30
Sun 19 Nov	12:47	Winter Sunday 3	11:30
Sat 2 Dec	10:53	Winter Saturday 4	10:00
Sun 3 Dec	11:42	Winter Sunday 4	10:30
Sat 16 Dec	11:11	Winter Saturday 5	10:00

Frozen Sheets

Date	H/W	Race	First Start
Sun 6 Jan	15:41	Frozen Sheets	13:30

Icicle Series 2018

Date	H/W	Race	First Start
Sun 7 Jan	16:31	Icicle 1	14:00
Sun 14 Jan	10:45	Icicle 2	10:00
Sun 21 Jan	15:11	Icicle 3	13:30
Sun 4 Feb	15:21	Icicle 4	13:30
Sun 15 Feb	14:16	Icicle 5	13:00
Sun 4 Mar	14:14	Icicle 6	13:00
Sun 18 Mar	13:17	Icicle 7	11:30

6. CLASSES

There will be 4 class competitions within the Winter and Icicle series, these will be

Class	qualification
Fast Multihull	PY <930
slow Multihull	PY >=930
Fast Monohull	PY <1095
Slow Monohull	PY >=1095

These numbers are from the RYA 2017 Portsmouth Number List – For the Purpose of these series, the classes will not change with the publication of the 2018 list.

7. FLEETS

The Classes will be divided into 2 fleets

Class	Fleet
fast Mutlihull	1
slow Multihull	1
Fast Monohull	2
Slow Monohull	2

8. FLEET FLAGS

The class warning signals will be:-

Fleet	Warning Flag
Fleet 1	D
Fleet 2	3 rd Substitute
Mass Start (All Boats, Frozen sheets)	R

8. RACING AREA

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

9. THE COURSE

9.1 The Course will be the same for both Fleets

9.2 The Course for each race will be displayed on a blackboard or Whiteboard at the top of the Slipway. The course shall consist of a minimum of 3 legs, with one leg comprising of a beat.

9.3 Race Marks will be large orange or yellow and red spherical buoys (club marks) or yellow or orange cylindrical type inflatable buoys (special marks).

9.4 When passing through the Start line at the end of each lap, the Distance Mark shall include both East & West marks, if laid.

9.5 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.

9.6 The number of rounds will not be displayed – boats should race until the Shortened Course flag is displayed (Code Flag S). Boats will finish the race the first time they pass through the Start / Finish line once the Shortened Course flag is displayed.

10. THE START

10.1 Starting Line

The starting line will, unless otherwise specified, be a line through the Clubhouse transit mark and the vertical mark on the Race Officers' Shore box and will be limited by the Club Distance Mark (a pole with a green cone atop).

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not yet been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer, a boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

10.4 Starting Procedure – Winter and Icicle Series

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

Fleet 1	Published start time
Fleet 2	Published start time + 3 minutes

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	One Minute Signal
T	Remove D	One	Start For Fleet 1
T	Display 3 rd Sub	One	Warning Signal
T + 1	Display P	One	Preparatory Signal
T + 2	Remove P	One	One Minute Signal
T + 3	Remove 3 rd Sub	One	Start For Fleet 2

10.5 Starting Procedure - Frozen Sheets

The start will be a mass start using code flag R with a 3 minute countdown

Time	Flags	Sound	Meaning
T – 3	Display R	One	Warning Signal
T – 2	Display P	One	Preparatory Signal
T – 1	Remove P	One	One Minute Signal
T	Remove R	One	Start For All Boats

10.6 The start sequence 'flags' will be displayed on boards on the front of the shore box.

11. SHORTEN COURSE AND ABANDONMENT

At the discretion of the Race Committee an abandoned race may be cancelled, re-sailed or decided on the result when a majority of starting yachts last completed a round.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 Finishing Line

The finish line, unless otherwise specified, will be as for the start line but including East or West marks.

12.2 Boats that have finished must, as far as practicable, keep clear of the finish line.

13. PROTESTS

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

14. SCORING SYSTEM & RESULTS

14.1 Results for handicap races will be calculated on the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap scheme, using PY numbers published by the RYA or approved by the Sailing Committee. Club points series results for multihull fleets may use an alternative handicap system which will be declared in advance of the series and a notice to identify the alternative system to be used will be displayed on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby.

14.2 Boats that can alter the size or configuration of their rig shall declare their intended rig configuration that they will use on their entry form and may not change their configuration or rig during either series (excluding the Frozen Sheets)

14.3 Where necessary results will be calculated on the basis of average lap times. This changes Appendix A

14.4 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, discarding her worst score if four or more races are sailed.

14.5 A sailor who undertakes Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Safety Boat Helm / Crew duty on a points series race day will, at the end of the series, be awarded the average of the points they scored in all races they sailed in that series. On a day when two races are scheduled for a series this will apply to both races sailed on the day. This changes Appendix A of the Rules.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded for the series at the discretion of the Sailing Committee. In the event of a tie any perpetual trophy awarded will be shared.

15.2 The Prize Giving for the Frozen Sheets Race will be as soon as possible after the race on January 5th 2018.

15.3 The Prize Giving for the Winter and Icicle Series will be after the final race on March 18th 2018.