

Thorpe Bay Yacht Club Thorpe Bay Regatta 2008 & Sandhopper Open Meeting Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing, 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.

2. Entries

2.1. **Eligibility** – The Thorpe Bay Regatta is open to both members and non-members of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club. Members of TBYC will enter when they sign on in the Bosun's hut. Non-members must fill out an entry form.

2.2. **Disclaimer of Liability** - Competitors participate in the regatta 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 the regatta.

2.3. **Insurance** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum of £2,000,000 per event.

3. **Notices to Competitors** - Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse lobby.

4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions** - Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 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.

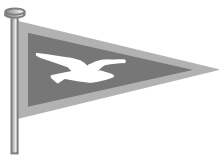
5. **Safety** - RRS40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Wetsuits or drysuits are not sufficient on their own.

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.

6.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes the Race Signals in the Rules.

7. **Declaration** - A declaration system will operate where competitors will be required to sign on and sign off on the form provided and situated near the top of the club slipway or in the Bosun's hut. All boats must sign off within one hour of the completion of the last race of the day. Boats must sign off separately for each race completed, or indicate "Did Not Start" (DNS) or "Did Not Finish" (DNF) as appropriate. Failure to sign on and off will result in disqualification.



8. Schedule of Races

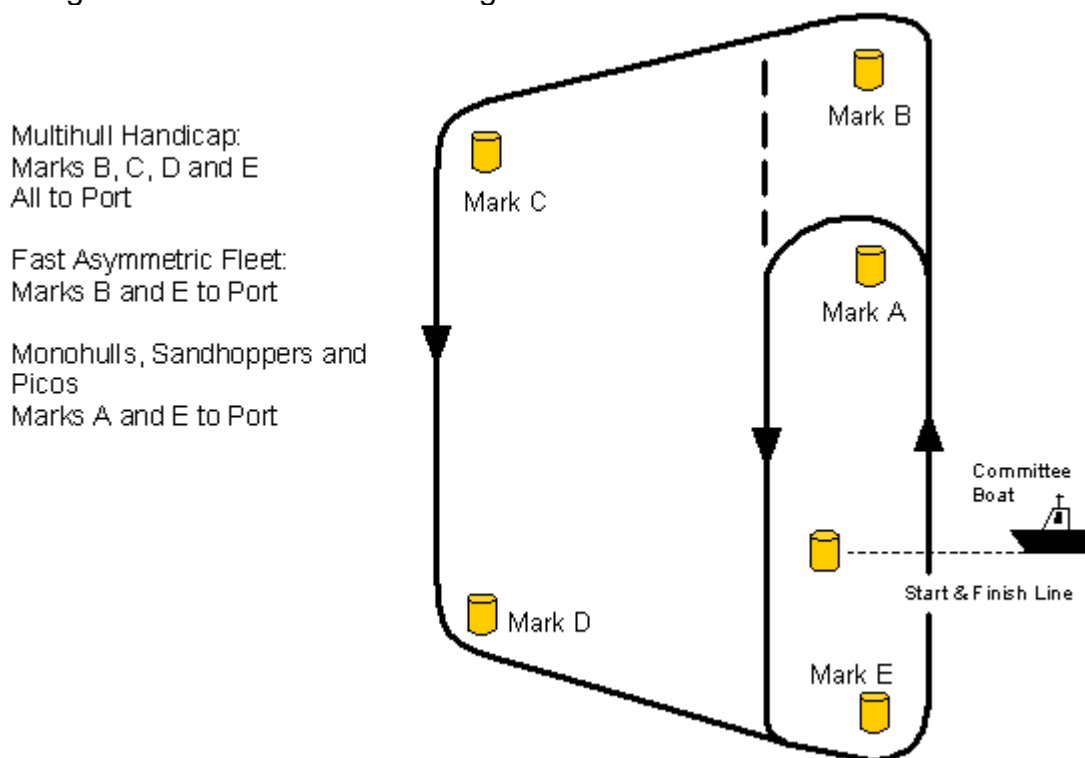
- 8.1.** The schedule of races will be stated in the notice of race and the supplementary sailing instructions.
- 8.2.** When more than one race (or sequence of races for two or more classes) is scheduled for the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed before the warning signal is displayed.
- 8.3.** Race 4 will be a 'long distance race' the result of which will count toward the overall series score. The course for race 4 will be displayed on a black board on the committee boat after the completion of race 3.

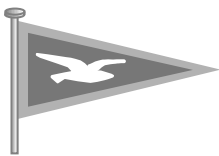
9. Class Flags - The class warning signals will be:-

Fleet	Warning Flag
Multihull Handicap	D
Fast Asymmetric Handicap	O (Asymmetric faster than PY 1059)
Mono-hull Handicap	3 rd Substitute
Picos	Y
Sandhopper Class	NNO

10. The Course

- 10.1.** Unless otherwise stated in the supplementary sailing instructions the course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows for races 1-3:





- 10.2. Number of Rounds** - The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat before the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 27.1
- 11. Marks** - Marks B will be a large yellow cylindrical inflatable buoy. Mark A will be a large orange inflatable buoy. Marks C, D and E 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.
- 12. The Start**
- 12.1. Starting Procedure** - The starting procedure will be in accordance with Rule 26, modified so that signals will be made at 1 minute intervals.
- 12.2. The Start Line** - The start line is defined as the line between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark, normally of the orange inflatable cylindrical type.
- 12.3.** A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored 'DNS'. This changes Rule A4.1.
- 13. The Finish** - The finishing line will be between the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the finish line mark, normally of the orange inflatable cylindrical type.
- 14. Time Limit** - The time limit will be **20** minutes after the first boat in its fleet finishes.
- 15. Protests**
- 15.1.** 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 of her class finishing the last race of the day.
- 15.2.** A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 2 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
- 16. Scoring** - Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if three or more races have been completed. If only one or two races are completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17. Prizes** - Prizes will be awarded for each member of the crews for places as determined by the event organising team based on the entry to the event.
- 18. Radio Communications** - A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.
- 19. Substitution** - Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.