



Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

Winter Series 2008 & Icicle Series 2009

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 only.

2.2 Entry Fees:

Winter Series 2008	£25
Frozen Sheets Race	Free
Icicle Series 2009	£25
Complete Series	£45

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 life jackets 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 slipway 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.

3. 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 at the shore box gantry.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Winter Series 2008

Date	H/W	Race	First Start
Sat 25 Oct	10:28	Winter Saturday 1	09.30
Sun 26 Oct	10.22 GMT	Winter Sunday 1	09.30
Sat 01 Nov	14.08	Winter Saturday 2	12.00
Sun 02 Nov	14.43	Winter Sunday 2	12.30
Sat 15 Nov	13.40	Winter Saturday 3	11.30
Sun 16 Nov	14.29	Winter Sunday 3	12.30
Sat 29 Nov	13.14	Winter Saturday 4	11.00
Sun 30 Nov	13:51	Winter Sunday 4	12.00
Sat 13 Dec	12.39	Winter Saturday 5	10.30
Sun 14 Dec	13.31	Winter Sunday 5	11.30
Sun 28 Dec	12.59	Frozen Sheets	11.00

Icicle Series 2009

Sun 11 Jan	12:33	Icicle 1	11.00
Sun 25 Jan	12.04	Icicle 2	11.00
Sun 08 Feb	11.26	Icicle 3	10.30
Sun 22 Feb	10:53	Icicle 4	10.30
Sun 01 Mar	15:22	Icicle 5	13.00
Sun 15 Mar	15:20	Icicle 6	13.00
Sun 29 Mar	15:22	Icicle 7	13.00

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class warning signals will be:-

Fleet

Multihull Handicap
Fast Asymmetric Handicap (less than PY 1059)
Mono-hull Handicap
Standard Rig Lasers
Mass Start (All Boats)

Warning Flag

D
O
3rd Substitute
Laser Flag
R

7. RACING AREA

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

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The Course for each race will be displayed on the blackboard at the top of the Slipway. There may be different courses for each class. The Asymmetric fleet should sail windward / leeward courses.
- 8.2 Race Marks will be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys.
- 8.3 When passing through the Start line at the end of each lap, the Distance Mark shall include both East & West marks, if laid.
- 8.4 The number of laps should 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.

9. THE START

9.1 Starting Procedure

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

Multihull Handicap	Published start time
Fast Asymmetric & Mono-hull Handicap	Published start time + 3 minutes
Standard Rig Lasers	Published start time + 6 minutes

9.2 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' box and will be limited by the Distance Mark Pole.

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

9.4 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. 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.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 Finishing Line

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

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

12. 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.

13. SCORING SYSTEM & RESULTS

13.1 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.

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

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

13.4 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.

14. PRIZES

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

14.2 The Prize Giving for the Winter Series will be after the Frozen Sheets Race on December 28th 2008 and for the Icicle Series after the race on March 29th 2009.