



Thorpe Bay Yacht Club - Racing Winter Icicle Series 2011-2012 Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

1.1 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 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.

2.3 Entry Fees:

Frozen Sheets	Free
2012 Olympic Year Wetsuit Outlet Open Trophy	Free
Winter and Icicle Series	£50

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 a personal flotation device (PFD) whilst afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. For winter series racing suitable clothing must be worn. A full wetsuit is a minimum requirement. Failure to wear a PFD will result in disqualification except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment as prescribed in rule 40.

2.7 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, 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.**

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions - Any changes to the Club's 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. Racing Area - The racing area is located to the south of the clubhouse.

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6. Schedule of races

Date			H.W.		Club Event	Start
Sun	30	Oct	14:35	6.1	Winter Sun 1	12:30
Sat	12	Nov	13:06	5.7	Winter Sat 1	11:00
Sun	13		13:41	5.7	Winter Sun 2	12:00
Sat	26		12:45	6	Winter Sat 2	10:30
Sun	27		13:33	6.1	Winter Sun 3	11:00
Sat	10	Dec	12:09	5.5	Winter Sat 3	10:00
Sun	11		12:46	5.6	Winter Sun 4	11:00
Sat	17		16:59	5.4	Winter Sat 4	14:30
Sun	18		17:59	5.3	Winter Sun 5	15:00
Tues	27		14:13	5.9	Frozen Sheets	12:00
Sat	7	Jan	11:05	5.1	2012 Olympic Year Wetsuit C	10:00
Sun	8		11:49	5.3	Icicle 1	10:00
Sun	29		16:22	5.3	Icicle 2	14:00
Sun	12	Feb	15:38	5.8	Icicle 3	13:30
Sun	26		15:15	5.6	Icicle 4	12:30
Sat	10	Mar	13:54	6.2	Icicle 5	11:00
Sun	25		14:12	5.8	Icicle 6	12:00

7. Classes

There will be 3 primary Classes within the series. There are derived from the course sailed.
 Windward Leeward Handicap (Catamaran and Monohull)
 Square Course Catamaran
 Triangle Course Monohulls

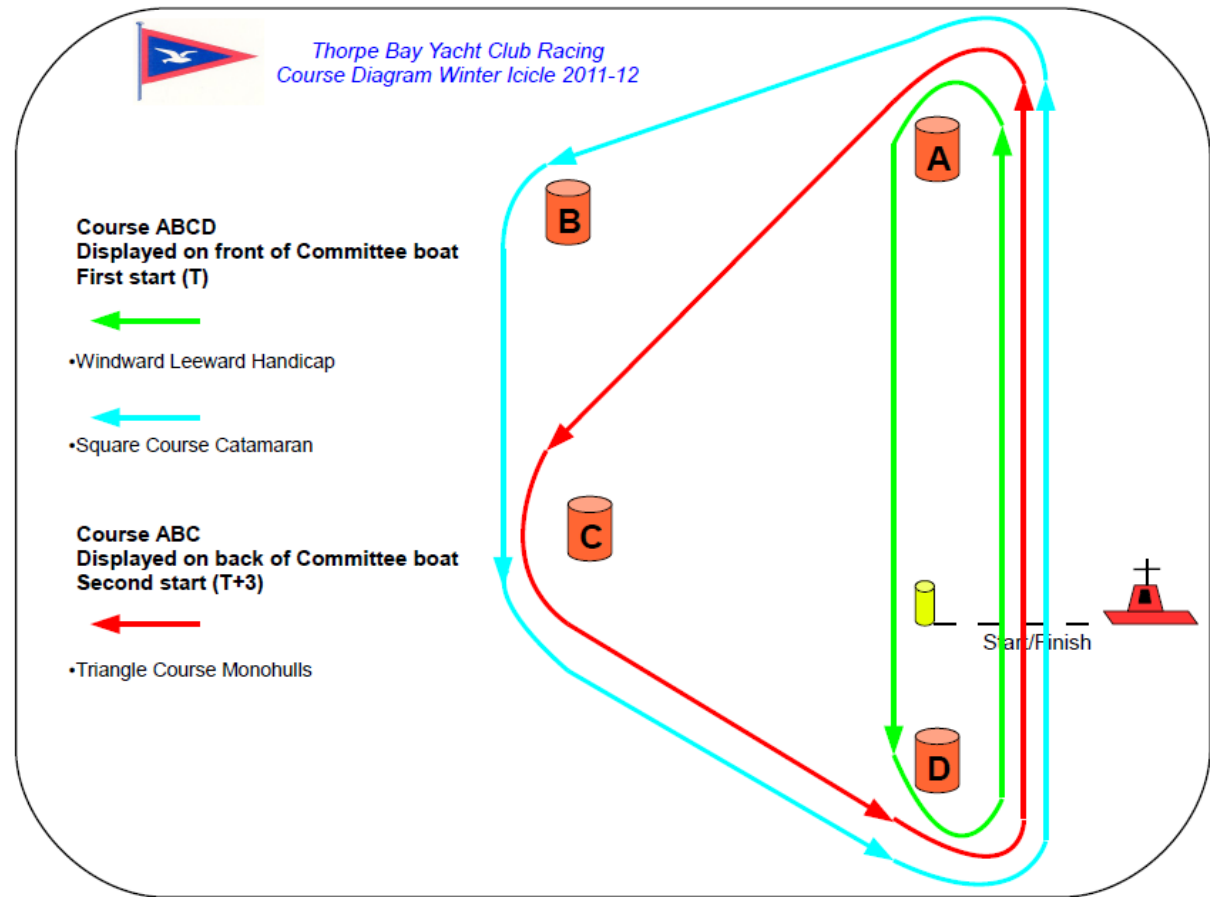
8. Class Flags and Definitions

Class	Definition	Warning Flag
Windward Leeward Handicap	All Monohulls and Catamarans sailing the Windward Leeward Course	D
Windward Leeward Catamaran	Catamaran with PY of 714 or less	D
Windward Leeward Monohulls	Asymmetric Monohull with PY of 1058 or less and Foiling Moths	D
Square Course Catamarans	All catamarans not in the Windward Leeward Handicap	D
Triangle Course Monohulls	Monohull not in the Windward Leeward Handicap	3 rd Sub
General Handicap	All Boats	R

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9. The Course

10.1 Unless otherwise stated on the Bosuns Hut blackboard the course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows, with the Course ABCD for the first start displayed on the Front of the committee Boat and the course ABC for the second start displayed on the Rear on the Committee Boat.



10.2 **The start/finish gate** shall not be crossed on the downwind legs of the course. Boats crossing the line on a downwind leg will be scored DNF without a protest hearing.

10.3 **The Start Line** is defined as the line between the mast on the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark, normally of the orange inflatable type. If conditions do not permit the Committee Boat to be used, the start line will 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.

10.4 At the discretion of the Race Officer, a boat starting later than two minutes after her start signal will be scored 'DNS'. This changes Rule A4.

10.5 **The Start Sequence** shall be class flag D for Windward Leeward Handicap and Square Course Catamarans on the published start time T, and the class flag 3rd Sub for Triangle Course Monohulls 3 minutes later on T+3.

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12 The Finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between the flagstaff on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the finish line mark, normally of the orange inflatable type. Or the Race Box start line described above.

12.2 Shoten Course – The Finish will be indicated by the raising of the S Flag on the Committee Boat or Race box.

12.3 Time Limit - The time limit for a boat will be 45 minutes after the first boat of its class finishes after a valid start, except that if the first boat fails to finish with 90 minutes of a valid start, the race will be abandoned.

13 Protests

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. Protestors shall inform the protestee and the parties concerned should ascertain the time and place of the hearing before leaving.

14 Scoring

14.1 Results will be calculated using the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap scheme, using PY numbers published by the RYA or approved by the Sailing Committee. They will be calculated on average lap times. This changes Appendix A.

14.2 Tandem series for Windward Leeward Catamarans and Windward Leeward Monohulls will be calculated from the Windward Leeward Handicap Results. Any class of boat achieving five boats starting each race will be awarded their own Tandem series results as described above.

14.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When four races or more have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores discarding her worst score.

14.4 A Sailor who undertakes a Duty on a points series race day can claim to be awarded the average of the points they scored in all races they sailed in that series by contacting the results officer directly.

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Prizes - Prizes will be awarded for each course class at the discretion of the Sailing Committee (Windward Leeward Handicap, Square Course Catamaran and Triangle Course Monohull). Tandem series will be run for Windward Leeward Catamarans and Monohulls. Other classes of Dinghy may qualify for individual class results and prizes if they achieve 5 or more boats starting each race.