



THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB

Thorpe Bay Regatta and Chris Hull Memorial Trophy 2014 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 classes, except if any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and the supplementary sailing instructions.

2. Entries

- 2.1. **Eligibility.** TBYC members may enter by completing the declaration form as specified in Rule 7, Declaration. Non TBYC members may enter by submitting a registration form to the organising authority as in the supplementary sailing instructions.
- 2.2. **Chris Hull Memorial Trophy** is open to Catamarans with PN < 715
- 2.3. **Measurement or Rating Certificate.** 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.
- 2.4. **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

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

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. 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

- 5.1. **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 as prescribed in rule 40. Wetsuits or drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 5.2. **Risk Statement.** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - 5.2.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - 5.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 5.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 5.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 5.2.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 5.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

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

- 7.1. 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 may result in disqualification.

8. Schedule of Races

- 8.1. The schedule of races will be stated in the notice of race and 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 for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

9. Class Flags

Fleet	Definition	Warning Flag
Windward/Leeward	Catamarans PN <715 Asymmetric monohull PN <1059 (including Foiling Moths)	D
Slow Catamaran	Catamarans PN >714	D
Fast Monohull	Non-asymmetric monohull PN <1100	3 rd substitute
Slow Monohull	All monohull PN >1099 and Laser (PN 1085)	3 rd substitute
Sandhopper	Sandhopper	NNO

10. Racing Area

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

11. The Course

The course configuration and order of rounding will be as follows:

Windward/Leeward:

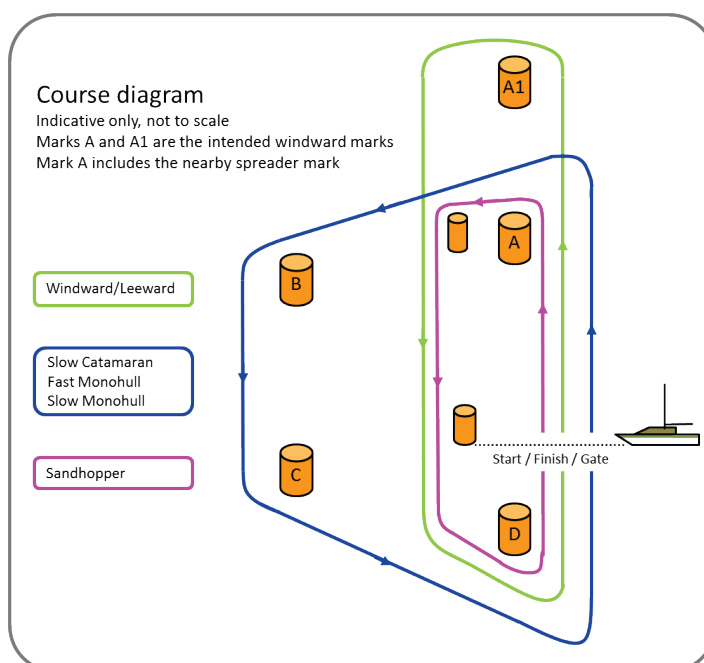
A1 (Port), D (Port), Gate

Slow Catamaran & Fast monohull & Slow monohull:

A (port), B (port), C (port), D (port), Gate

Sandhopper:

A (port), D (port), Gate



- 11.1. Number of Rounds.** If the number of rounds is not specified in advance, then after an appropriate sailing time has elapsed (approximately 30 – 90 minutes) International Code Flag S will be displayed accompanied by two sound signals. In the case of single class fleets 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. In the case of handicap fleets boats will be finished when they next pass through the finish line. This changes rule 32.1.
- 11.2. Magnetic Bearing of Mark A.** The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark A from the midpoint of the start line may be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.
- 11.3. Downwind leg.** The start / finish / gate line shall not be crossed by boats sailing from A or A1 to D. Boats crossing the line when sailing from A or A1 to D will be scored DNF without a protest hearing.

12. Marks

- 12.1. Marks.** Marks 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. The start / finish / gate line mark will be an orange or yellow inflatable buoy. Spreader marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

13. The Start

- 13.1. Starting Procedure.** The starting procedure will be in accordance with rule 26, modified so that signals are made at 1 minute intervals. This changes RRS rule 26.
- 13.2. Start Line.** The start line is defined as the line between the mast on a Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark, normally of the orange inflatable or pencil type. Should an inner distance mark be laid near the Committee Boat boats must pass between this mark and the outer starting mark.
- 13.3.** Boats whose warning signal has not yet been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 13.4.** 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.

14. Change Of Course After The Start

- 14.1. Signalling the direction of change.** RRS 33 (a) (2) is changed: a green or red flag will be displayed to indicate that the mark has been moved to starboard or port.

15. The Finish

- 15.1. Finishing line.** The finishing line will be between the mast on a Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the finish line mark or a nearby mark of the course, normally of the orange inflatable type.

16. Time Limit

- 16.1.** The time limit for a boat will be 15 minutes after the first boat of its fleet finishes after a valid start, except that if the first boat fails to finish within 90 minutes of a valid start, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.2.** At the discretion of the Race Officer a boat that exceeds the time limit may be deemed to have finished on the last occasion it passed through the finish line. This changes RRS 35.

17. Protests

- 17.1.** 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.
- 17.2.** 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.

18. Scoring system and results

- 18.1. PY scheme.** 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.
- 18.2. Average lap times.** Where necessary results will be calculated on the basis of average lap times. 'Same PN adjustment' may be applied at the discretion of the Race Committee. This changes Appendix A.

18.3. Discard. When fewer than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18.4. Chris Hull Memorial Trophy race. This trophy race is combined with one of the races of the regatta series and the results of boats eligible to take part in the trophy race will also count towards the regatta series results.

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.

19.2. The Chris Hull Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Chris Hull Memorial Trophy Race.

20. Radio Communications

20.1. 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 phones.

21. Rights To Use Name and Likeness

21.1. By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue, without compensation.