

THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB

Sprint 15 Open Meeting, 23rd & 24th July 2016 Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 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.
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Thorpe Bay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016).

2. Notices to Competitors

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

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. 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.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.
- 4.2. 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 RRS.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The schedule of races will be stated in the notice of race.
- 5.2. 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.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1. Class flag will be International Code Flag D.

7. Racing Area

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

8. The Course

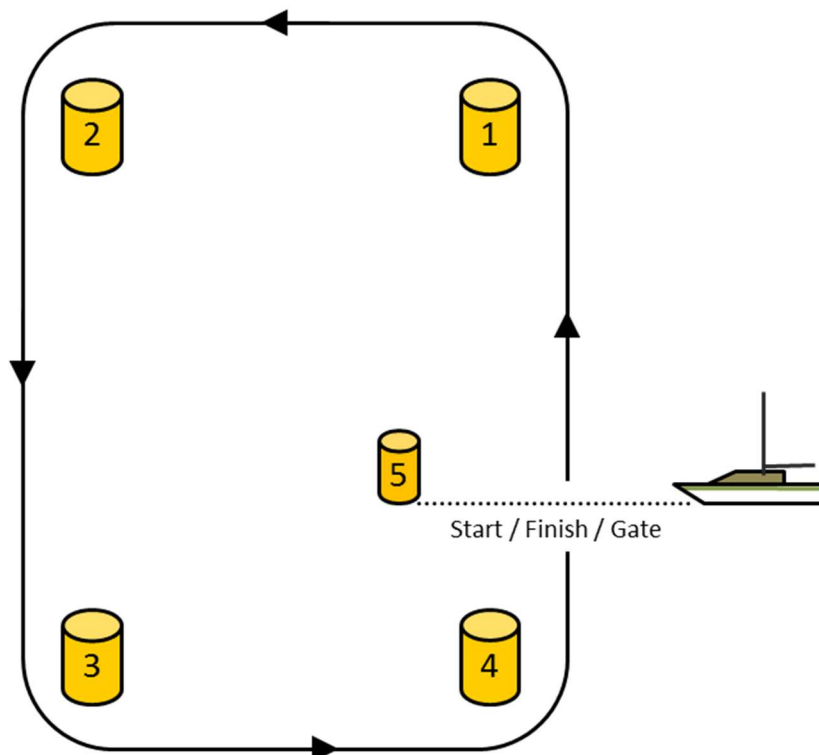
- 8.1.** Unless otherwise stated in the supplementary sailing instructions the course configuration and order of rounding of marks will be as follows:

1-2-3-4-Gate
All to Port

Mark 1 is the intended windward mark.

The Gate, which may be reduced in length after the start, is between the Committee Boat and Mark 5.

The diagram indicates the number of legs required to complete one round. It does not indicate the exact angles between legs.



- 8.2.** The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the midpoint of the start line may be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.
- 8.3.** The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the stern of the Committee Boat.

9. Marks

- 9.1.** Marks will normally be large orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

10. Not Used

11. The Start

- 11.1.** 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 an orange or yellow inflatable buoy. Should an inner distance mark be laid near the Committee Boat, boats must pass between this mark and the outer starting mark.
- 11.2.** A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored 'Did Not Start (DNS)' without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

12. Change Of The Next Leg of The Course

- 12.1.** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2.** 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.

13. The Finish

13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the finish line mark, normally an orange or yellow inflatable buoy.

14. Penalty System

14.1. A penalty shall comprise one turn including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.

15. Time Limit

15.1. The time limit shall be 90 minutes from the starting signal for the first boat.

15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests

16.1. 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 finishing the last race of the day.

16.2. 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

17. Scoring

17.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When four or five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3. Results will be calculated on the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap scheme using the following PY numbers:

Boat	PY
Sprint 15	931
Sprint 15 Sport	894

18. Safety Regulations

18.1. Check out and check in: 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 will result in disqualification.

18.2. 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. Wetsuits or drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

19 – 20 Not Used

21. Event Advertising

21.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. The regatta is designated Category C Advertising Category.

22 – 26 Not Used

27. Radio Communications

27.1. 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 telephones.

28. Prizes

28.1. 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.

29. Risk statement

29.1. 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

30. Insurance

30.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million per incident or the equivalent.

31. Rights To Use Name and Likeness

31.1. Competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.