



## Thorpe Bay Yacht Club

### RNLI Pursuit Race

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### Supplementary Sailing Instructions

(To the TBYC 2017 Sailing Instructions)

#### Race Duration and Entry

Entry fee for the race is a £3 per boat voluntary contribution. – All proceeds will be donated to the RNLI. Please place the entry fee in the container located on the main bar on the race day.

The Race Duration has been calculated based on the slowest class, International Cadet, sailing for 2 hours. Start times for all other classes have been calculated based on the handicap numbers in use at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club as at May 2017.

Classes not allocated a start time should contact the race officer prior to the warning signal for the first start, to be allocated a start time.

Competitors sailing boats without a start time allocated that do not contact the race officer before this time will not be eligible to race.

#### The Course

Committee boat start – The start numbers will be written on a black board held up on the Committee boat. (Course will be on the blackboard at the top of the slipway and 'may' be repeated on the bow of the committee boat if possible)

Shore Box start – start numbers will be adjacent to the club shore box, clearly visible.

#### The Start

The start time for the first boat (International Cadet) is 11.00 hours

Start times for all classes have been rounded to the nearest minute and are published on the Start Times sheet attached to these supplementary sailing instructions. When possible the Race Officer will answer questions regarding position in the sequence from competitors on the water **This information is entirely at the discretion of the race committee and will not be grounds for redress.**



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Flags will only be used in the initial 3 minute warning and preparatory period before the first start. International Code Flag R shall be used as the warning signal for the first start.

Sound signals shall govern the starting sequence thereafter.

The first start number will be displayed at 3 mins before the start and will not be removed until the start.

Subsequent start numbers will replace the preceding number as soon as possible after the preceding class start and will be displayed for the duration of the time until the subsequent class start, e.g. If the gap between 2 starts is one minute the class start number will be displayed for approximately one minute. If the gap between 2 starts is seven minutes the class start number will be displayed for approximately seven minutes.

A single sound signal will be made for each of the designated starts even if no boat starts in that class.

There will be no recalls and at the discretion of the Race Officer premature starters will be penalised by 5 places in the finishing order, with no recourse to appeal or redress.

Competitors are required to keep clear of the line until after the start immediately prior to their class.

### **Finishing**

The race will finish exactly 2 hours after the first start time.

A support boat flying a blue flag will motor to the point where the lead boat has reached at the pre-determined finish time and sound a signal indicating that the lead boat has finished.

The support boat will drop an inflatable mark and all competitors shall sail towards this mark.

A support boat will then motor back through the fleet recording the finishing position of each boat as far as possible through the fleet. This may be restricted to the front of the fleet depending upon conditions and positions on the course. (Where possible competitors are to enter and record the sail numbers of the boat in front and behind them at the time of the finish on the declaration sheets in the Bosun's Hut.)

After the finishing sound signal, boats shall not overtake a boat in front but shall continue sailing until the support boat has passed them, recording their position, at which time they will be deemed to have finished.

**Start Times for Classes are attached.**