



Mat Dear Race - Thames Estuary Yacht Club
Saturday 28th September 2019 12:30hrs
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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:

- 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 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.

Competitors should note that TEYC implement 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 2017-2020) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

Rules: The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and rules of the class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The Open Meeting is designated Category C.

Acceptance of the Rules: By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

- (a) to be governed by the *rules*;
- (b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*; and
- (c) where the matter is not one to be determined under the *rules*, not to resort to any court of law or any tribunal until all internal remedies provided by ISAF or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport have been exhausted.

Entries

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat/crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race(s). Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of boats limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat or her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or the crew, as a result of their taking part in the race(s). Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race(s). Rule 4 Decision to Race applies.

Eligible boats may be entered by the completion of the entry form and presented to the TEYC Race Officer on the day of the race.

All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst on the water. This amends Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 of RRS.

Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the TEYC notice board before 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

Signals Made Ashore: Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast of the TEYC or race control on the upper floor of the clubhouse.

Schedule of Races. High Water 12:59, Height 5.92 m

The planned duration of the race is 60 minutes for the first boat to finish, but this may be varied at the discretion of the Race Officer. Results will be calculated on an "average lap time" basis.

Start time: 13:00 BST

Scoring – General:

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

The handicap for each competitor shall be that prescribed by the 2019 Portsmouth Yardstick unless no such handicap is stated when it shall be that used by participating boats in regular local racing.

RETIREMENT AND DECLARATIONS

A boat which retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible - before leaving the race area if at all possible.

To accommodate boats sailing from other clubs, declarations are not required.

The Briefing

The Briefing will be at 11:30 on the day in the Clubhouse

The Course

The finalised course will be given at the race briefing. The start and finish line is between the Centre support column of the club house and the Wooden Post directly South of the club house.

The course will be round inflatable orange marks positioned on the day. If boats start towards the West, all marks are to be rounded to Port. If boats start towards the East, all marks are to be rounded to Starboard. All boats must cross the Start/Finish line every lap.

The Start

The start of the race will be 13:00hrs, following the starting process below. All light signals are displayed at the centre of the race office on TEYC Jetty, and each change is accompanied by a sound signal.

12:55 5 minute warning signal Red light.

12:56 4 minute preparatory signal Red and Green lights.

12:59 1 minute signal Green light.

13:00 START All lights out.

The start and finish line is between the Centre support column of the club house and the Wooden Post directly South of the club house.

The Finish: The shortened course signal (Code Flag “S”) will be flown from the Flag pole to indicate that the race will be finished for all boats the next time they pass through the finish line. At the discretion of the Race Officer, the fleet may be finished at any mark.

Protests: Protests shall be notified to the Race officer within 60 minutes after the time of the last boats finish and then written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered back within 120 minutes after the time of the last boats finish in the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.