



ROYAL MERSEY

YACHT CLUB

REGATTA

On the River Mersey
At
Rock Ferry

Saturday 6th June 2015

H.W. (Liverpool): 14:29 BST

Height: 8.90 metres

Timing Gun: 12:30 BST

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entries for:

ETCHELLS, FALCON, MYLNE, SQUIB, SEABIRD & IRC YACHTS Class 1&2.

May be made in person at the RMYC Club House on Friday 5th June from 19:00 to 21:00.

On the day of the race entries can be made ashore at the RMYC Club House up to one hour before the start of the first race. Sailing Instructions will be issued on receipt of entries.

Prizes

In all races, four to start or no second prize, six to start or no third prize, first prize only for a sail over.

The Prize Giving will be held in the RMYC Club House at approximately 17:30 on Saturday 6th June.

Refreshments

A Buffet Lunch (£6 pp) will be served in the Club House following the end of racing. Please book in by telephoning Sue Blaylock (☎ 0151-653 0442) before Friday 5th June at 10:00. Or email sue.blaylock@talk21.com

REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2015

1. Rules

The Regatta on the River Mersey hosted by the Royal Mersey Yacht Club will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and individual Class Rules. The Exoneration Penalty will be available. The Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board not later than two hours before the start of the race and where possible will be brought to the attention of all competitors. In exceptional circumstances i.e. when already afloat; Sailing Instructions may be given verbally.

3. Responsibility

Competitors participate in the races entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the races.

4. Safety

Yachts shall carry appropriate equipment to comply with Class Rules. This shall include lifejackets for each person. A first aid kit is strongly recommended. PERSONAL BUOYANCY SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILST TRAVELLING IN THE CLUB LAUNCHES OR INFLATABLES. An anchor and warp adequate for the River Mersey and oars or paddles shall be part of the yacht's equipment. Yachts shall not impede Commercial Shipping as required by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea.

5. Insurance

All yachts are required to carry adequate insurance, including third party liability, to a minimum of £2,000,000.

6. Schedule of Races

Races, starting times and class flags are as scheduled in the 'Order of Races' which precede these instructions.

RMYC Regatta Courses at Rock Ferry 2015

Course 1

(Etchells and IRC 1&2 Handicap Yachts)

E4(p), G7(p), G3(p), E3(s), OM(s), E1(s), OM(s), E1(s), Finishing Line.

Course 2

(Falcons, Mylnes, Squibs)

E2(p), G5(p), G3(p), E1(s), OM(s), Brm(s), OM(s), Brm(s), Finishing Line.

Course 3

(‘Seabird’ Half Raters,)

E2(p), G5(p), G3(p), Brm(s), OM(s), Brm(s), Finishing Line.

Course 4

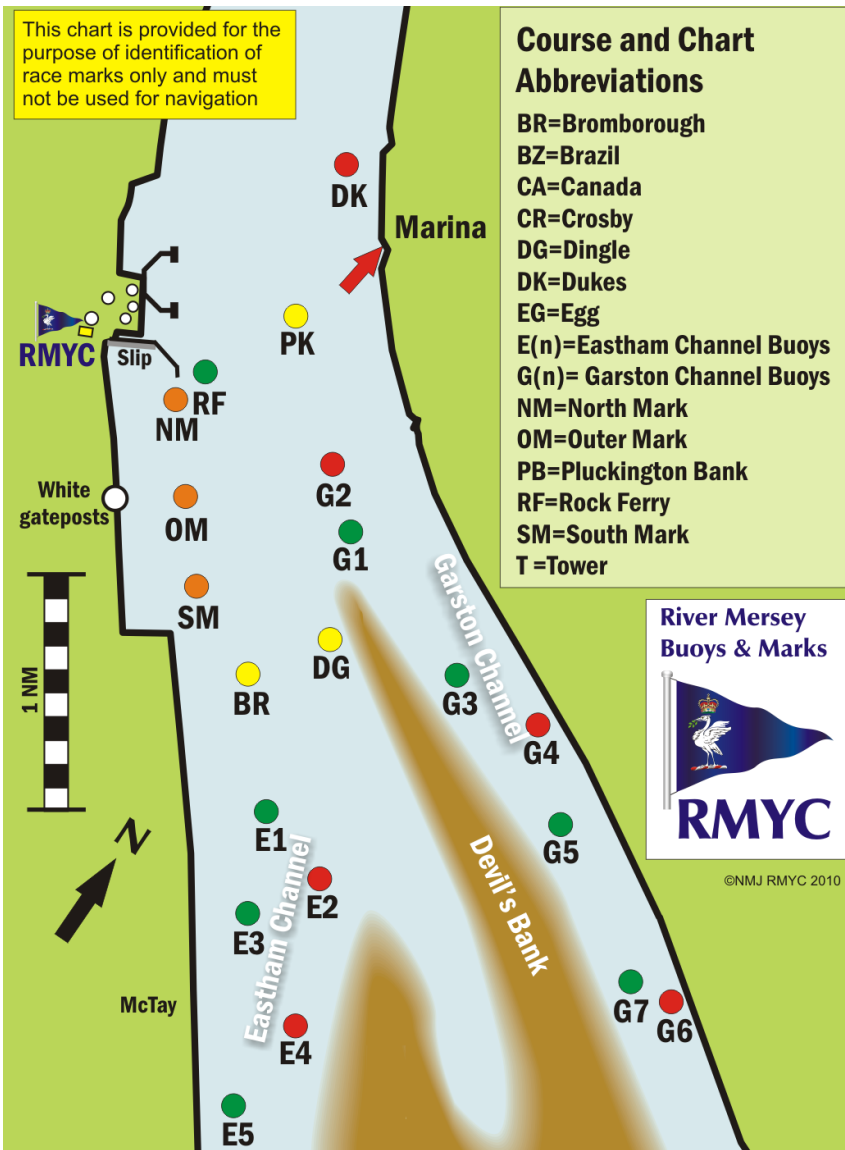
(Light/Heavy weather: may be used for any class-refer to Sailing Instruction 8)

E1(s), OM(s), Brm(s), OM(s), Brm (s), Finishing Line

This chart is provided for the purpose of identification of race marks only and must not be used for navigation

Course and Chart Abbreviations

- BR=Bromborough
- BZ=Brazil
- CA=Canada
- CR=Crosby
- DG=Dingle
- DK=Dukes
- EG=Egg
- E(n)=Eastham Channel Buoys
- G(n)= Garston Channel Buoys
- NM=North Mark
- OM=Outer Mark
- PB=Pluckington Bank
- RF=Rock Ferry
- SM=South Mark
- T=Tower



River Mersey
Buoys & Marks

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7. **Courses and Marks**

Courses and Marks are specified in the 'Courses' section to these instructions and in the 'Order of Races' which precede these instructions. The courses chartlet is for identification purposes only. If Course 4 is to be used for a class the Answering Pennant will be displayed inferior to the class flag during the 3 minute period preceding the start of that class.

8. **The Start**

Rule 30, Starting Penalties will not apply. The order of starting will be indicated by the Class flag displayed. The Warning Signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the Starting Signal of the preceding class. The starts shall take place as near as possible to the advertised time. Rule 26 is varied as follows:-

- The Warning Signal (Class Flag displayed) will be 3 minutes before the start of each race except for the first race when it will be 6 minutes before the start.
- The Preparatory Signal (Code Flag 'P' displayed) will be 3 minutes before the start of the first race. Thereafter Code Flag 'P' will be displayed continuously until the end of the starting sequence. There will be no further Preparatory Signals.
- There will be no 1 minute signals.

The starting line is an imaginary line between the signal mast on the Committee Boat and the flag staff on the Club Mark ('OM') moored approximately 50 metres offshore. The Club Mark must be left on the prescribed side during racing. The Committee Boat is not a mark of the course except at the start and finish of a race.

Yachts whose Warning Signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting area.

9. **Shortened Course**

As the leading yacht in a class approaches or rounds the mark preceding the Club Mark, Code Flag S will be displayed and two sound signals made. Yachts shall cross the finishing line directly from the mark preceding the Club Mark. When signals apply other than to all classes racing, the appropriate class flag will be displayed inferior to the signal.

10. **Finishing**

The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the signal mast on the Committee Boat and the flag staff on the Club Mark ('OM').

11. **Time Limit**

The Time limit will be 15:00 BST after which yachts which have not finished shall be deemed to have retired.

12. **Protests**

The Protest Procedure will be in accordance with Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Protests should be written on the prescribed form (available in the Club House) and lodged with the Race Committee as early as possible and within 3 hours of the end of the race.

ORDER of RACES at Rock Ferry

| Race | CLASSES Tropies | Start BST | Code Flag | Course No. |
|-------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS Baragwanath Bowl | 12:45 | A | 1 |
| 2 | FALCON ONE DESIGN Capel Cup | 12:48 | B | 2 |
| 3 | RMYC MYLNE Hengler Cup | 12:51 | C | 2 |
| 4 | NATIONAL SQUIB Rivers Cup | 12:54 | D | 2 |
| 5 | SEABIRD HALF RATER Southport Corinthian Cup | 12:57 | E | 3 |
| 6 | IRC YACHTS Class 1 &2 Sloyne Cup | 13:00 | F | 1 |