



**ROYAL MERSEY
YACHT CLUB
REGATTA**

Sailing Instructions

Saturday 10th June 2017

H.W. (Liverpool): 12:41 BST

Height: 8.7 metres

Timing Gun: 11:00 BST

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entries

Entries for may be made by completing the entry form available on the club website and following the payment instructions on the form. Alternatively, 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.

Prizegiving

The prize giving will be held in the RMYC Club House at approximately 15:00.

Refreshments

The Commodore and members extend a warm welcome to all contestants and friends at the clubhouse after racing. A hot lunch will be available.

REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

1. Rules

Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and individual class rules.

The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures are available.

Boats shall not impede commercial shipping, as required by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea and local regulations.

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

Risk Statement

Rule 4 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 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 omission;
- 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

4. Safety

Boats shall carry appropriate marine safety equipment to comply with individual Class Rules including personal buoyancy for each person on board, first aid kit, towing warp, anchor and anchor warp, adequate for all tidal conditions and oars or paddles. PERSONAL BUOYANCY SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILST TRAVELLING IN THE PATROL BOATS. A VHF radio, hand flares to attract attention (white) and to indicate distress (red or orange smoke) are strongly recommended. This changes the part 4 preamble and Rule 40.

The committee Boat will monitor VHF Channel 37 (M1) and safety announcements may be made on that channel.

5. Insurance

Boats shall 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' below.

7. **Courses and Marks**

Courses and Marks are specified in the 'Courses' section to these instructions and in the 'Order of Races'. The courses chartlet is for identification purposes only. If the light/heavy weather course is to be used for a class, the Answering Pennant will be displayed inferior to the class flag during the 5 minute period preceding the start of that class.

8. **The Start**

The start sequence will be in accordance with Rule 26.

The Warning Signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the Starting Signal of the preceding class.

Rule 30, Starting Penalties will not apply.

The inshore starting line (used for all courses other than Courses 4 & 6) is between the signal mast on the Committee Boat and the Inshore Club Mark (IM) moored approximately 150 metres inshore.

The offshore starting line (used for Course 4 & 6) is between the signal mast on the Committee Boat and Dingle Buoy (DG).

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 a mark preceding the Inshore Mark or preceding DG for Courses 4 & 6, Code Flag S will be displayed and two sound signals will be made. Yachts shall cross the finishing line directly from that mark. When signals apply other than to all classes racing, the appropriate class flag will be displayed inferior to the signal.

10. **Finishing**

For each course, the finishing line will be the same as the start line.

11. **Time Limit**

The Time limit will be 16:00 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 Trophies | Start BST | Code Flag | Course | Light/Heavy Weather Course |
|------|--|-----------|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| | Timing Gun | 11:00 | | | |
| | First Warning Signal | 11:10 | | | |
| 1 | INTERNATIONAL ETHELLES Baragwanath Bowl | 11:15 | A | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | FALCON ONE DESIGN Capel Cup | 11:20 | B | 2 | 5 |
| 3 | RMYC MYLNE, Hengler Cup | 11:25 | C | 2 | 5 |
| 4 | NATIONAL SQUIB Rivers Cup | 11:30 | D | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | Opera Class | 11:35 | E | 3 | 5 |
| 6 | SEABIRD HALF RATER Southport Corinthian Cup | 11:40 | F | 3 | 5 |
| 7 | IRC YACHTS Class 1 &2 Sloyne Cup | 11:45 | G | 4 | 6 |
| 8 | Venture Class | 11:50 | H | 4 | 6 |

RMYC Regatta Courses

Course 1

Inshore Start Line,
E4(p), G7(p), G3(p), E3(s), IM(p), E1(p),
Inshore Finishing Line.

Course 2

Inshore Start Line,
E2(p), G5(p), G3(p), E3(s), IM(p), BR(p),
Inshore Finishing Line.

Course 3

Inshore Start Line,
E2(p), G5(p), E3(s),
Inshore Finishing Line.

Course 4

Offshore Start Line
E4(p), G7(p), G3(p), E3(s), DG(s), E2(s),
Offshore Finishing Line

Course 5

Light/Heavy weather course for classes 1 - 6. Refer to Sailing Instruction 7
Inshore Start Line
E1(p), IM(p), BR(p), IM(p), BR (p), Inshore Finishing Line

Course 6

Light/Heavy weather course for classes 7 & 8. Refer to Sailing Instruction 7
Offshore Start Line
E2(p), DG(s), E2(p), Offshore Finish Line

River Mersey Buoys and Marks Rock Ferry



Not to be used for navigation

