



RBYC Cadet Week Sailing Instructions – 11-16 August 2019

Organising Authority: The Organising Authority is the Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC).

1. Rules: Races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of each class, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. [DP]

1.2. Local Rules: RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal floatation device at all times while afloat, except while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.

No entrant may launch without the permission of the organisers. No entrant may leave the race area without the permission of a safety boat. [DP]

1.3. Tallies: A tally system will be in operation. All competitors must tally out and tally in on return from racing. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. [DP]

1.4. Moored vessels: Any competitor who collides, or causes a collision, with a moored craft shall retire. Competitors should notify Crouch Harbour Authority of any such collision.

All boats shall carry adequate and suitable third party insurance cover of not less than £3,000,000 and it shall be the responsibility of each owner and helmsman (in the case of under 18 years old's, the parents of such) to ensure that such cover is maintained in force for the time during which the boat participates in any event organized by the Royal Burnham Yacht Club Cadets.

2. Notices to Competitors: Any changes to the SIs will either be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 1 hour before racing begins, or by communication (which may be oral) to competitors before the Warning Signal of any one race.

A competitors' briefing will be held on Sunday 12th August 2018 at 1345hrs. The courses and sailing instructions will be explained.

There will also be daily competitors' briefings. All entrants must attend as any changes to sailing instructions and courses may be given at this time.

3. Schedule of Races: A guide to launch times are given in the Programme. Please note, launch times are given as a guide and may be changed at any time. Any number of races may be started in that given period and sailed back-to-back. Starting order of classes to be advised at briefings, although this may be changed orally.

4. Class Flag: The Class Flags will be confirmed at the competitors briefing.

5. Starting Procedure: Each start sequence will be 5, 4, 1, Start, (as per RRS 26).

6. Courses: The race areas in the Rivers Crouch and Roach will be advised each day, prior to launching.

7. Time limit: The time limit is 1 hour 30 minutes from the start of each race (with the exception of the Long Distance Race which has a time limit of 1730hrs for the finish of the last boat on the day). Once the first boat has finished there will be a period of 30 minutes within which other boats can finish. Boats finishing after the expiry of this limit will be marked Did Not Finish. This changes RRS35.

8. SUPPORT BOATS

- 8.1 Only support boats authorised by the Organising Authority will be permitted in the race area. [DP]
- 8.2 Non authorised support boats shall stay outside the course area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first flight to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be determined by the protest committee, and may be the disqualification of all boats associated with the non-official support boat who fails to comply. Non authorised support boats should remain at least 75m from all competitors. [DP]
- 8.3 A list of authorised support boats will be published on the Official Notice board.
- 8.4 All support boat crews, safety crews and coaches will attend briefings by the Race Committee and Organising Authority.

9. Penalties for infringing a Rule of Part 2 of the RRS:

- 9.1 The “two-turn” penalty is reduced to a single 360 degree turn (one tack, one gybe), with the exception of SI 9.3 (see below). This varies RRS 44.1.
- 9.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available.
- 9.3 **After the Preparatory Signal, during racing or whilst finishing, any physical contact with the Committee Boat will be penalised by a 720 degree turn, prior to any finishing position being given. This must be done clear of the racing area and as soon as possible after the infringement. This varies RRS 31.**

10. Scoring:

- 10.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will be used. The Long Distance Race will not count towards overall points.
- 10.2. When four races have been completed, the total of a boats score less her worst position shall count for her points. When eight races have been completed, the total of a boats score less her two worst positions shall count for her points. When twelve races have been completed, the total of a boats score less her three worst positions shall count for points.

11. Protests

11.1. In alteration to RRS 61.3, the Race Committee must be informed that a boat intends to protest immediately after its finish and prior to the next race or going ashore. Protests shall then be given to a member of the Race Committee and the Race Officer informed by the Protester within 1 hour of the last boat in its class coming ashore from racing in the relevant session.

11.2. Protest hearings: Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and of the location and time of the hearings.

11.3. Protests by the Race Committee: Notice of Protest by the Race Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board. By the display of such notice competitors shall be considered adequately informed of such a protest.

12. Disclaimer of Liability: By entering, the entrant acknowledges that the Organising Authority (RBYC) is only able to provide reasonable safety facilities during sailing. In the event of adverse weather

conditions, parents or guardians alone must decide whether the child entrant can cope on the water and has adequate safety equipment. By going afloat the entrant confirms that he/she is fit for those conditions and that his/her crew is competent to sail in them.

Parents/guardians have sole responsibility for their children/wards during the week and must appreciate that the RBYC cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control.

The Organising Authority accepts no responsibility for any damage suffered by persons or property on or off the water.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the entrant nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the racing and the event and include the organising authority, race committee, race officers, group leaders, support/safety boats and those helping ashore. The provision of safety/support boats does not relieve the entrants of their responsibilities.

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL TIMES.

Safety boat crews may enforce the retirement of any competitor at any time during the race or send a boat off the water if it is thought necessary.

13. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the President's Pimms Party and at the Prizegiving on Friday 16th August 2019. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.