

The Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC)

Whitsun Regatta 2021

Sailing Instructions (SIs)

1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before a race, except that any change to the schedule of races (Notice of Race 7) or to the type of course (Notice of Race 12) will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

2. Code of Conduct

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

3. Signals made ashore

3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the balcony of the RBYC race box.

3.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore before the scheduled Warning Signal of the first class to start that day, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. Once a starting sequence has commenced this change to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply.

4. Communication

Keelboats and safety boats are required to carry a VHF radio, which should be kept tuned to channel M1(37a) from the Warning Signal.

5. Safety Regulations

5.1. RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies to all competitors in centreboard classes.

5.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

5.3. A boat shall not, while racing, touch a moored vessel or a mooring buoy to which a vessel is moored or cause another boat to do so. When a boat while racing touches a moored vessel refer to Notice of Race.

6. Schedule of Races and Warning Signals

The schedule of racing for each class and the scheduled times of the Warning Signals is shown in Appendix B of the Notice of Race.

7. Marks

- 7.1.** The Marks are as defined on the Course Cards.
- 7.2.** Marks are rounding Marks unless designated as passing Marks on the Course Cards.

8. Class Flags

- 8.1.** The class flags are as shown in Appendix A of the Notice of Race.
- 8.2.** The use of flags as class flags is in addition to their unchanged meaning in the RRS.

9. The Start

- 9.1.** Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2.** The starting line will be the RBYC Line.
- 9.3.** [DP] Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 9.4.** A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a Hearing. This changes rules RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 9.5.** A minimum of 1 boat intending to race must appear in the starting area for a race to be started.

10. Time Limits

Time limits do not apply.

11. The Finish

The finishing line will be the RBYC Line.

12. Shortening or abandoning after the start

This shall be as RRS 32 with the following addition. A vessel flying the RBYC Club Burgee, which is authorised by the race officer or race committee, may shorten the course as per RRS 32 or where Flag H is displayed on its own at a rounding mark, or over an individual Class Flag when this instruction will apply to that class only. The course is shortened and the race will be to the designated finishing line, having first sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat. The finishing line is to be crossed from

the direction of the last mark. This changes RRS 32.

13. Hearing requests

- 13.1.** For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 13.2.** Protest forms are available from the PRO or the office of the RBYC.
- 13.3.** Notices will be posted as soon as reasonably possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the location and at the time posted.