



RFYC 150th Anniversary Regatta
Supported by Urban Union
Royal Forth Yacht Club
22nd June 2018



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for PORT EDGAR FEEDER RACE

Notation

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Organising Authority

1.1 The organising authority for the race is the Royal Forth Yacht Club (RFYC).

2. Rules

2.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 All yachts shall comply with FYCA Safety Regulations Category 4R. Full copies of these regulations are available online at www.fyca.org.uk. Competing yachts may be inspected at any time. [DP]

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Port Edgar YC (PEYC) clubhouse.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day it will take effect.

5. Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the PEYC clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. Classes and Class Flags

6.1 The race will be an all-classes handicap open to any boat with a FYCA Handicap. The warning signal will be a Red flag or Light.

7. Schedule of Races

Date	Class	Number of races	First warning signal
22 nd June	All classes	1	18:55

8. Handicaps

8.1 Race results shall be calculated using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) system. The PY Ratings allocated by the FYCA will be used.

9. Racing Areas

9.1 The racing area is between Port Edgar in the west and Wardie Bay in the east.

10. The Courses

10.1 The course will be: Start – Channel Mark 16 (55° 00.87N, 03° 19.60W) (to starboard) - Finish.

11. Marks

11.1 The marks will be PEYC race marks, River Forth navigation buoys and RFYC race marks.

12. The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
12.2 The starting line will be between the PEYC Race Box flagstaff and PEYC Race Mark W.
12.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS rules A4 and A5.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between RFYC race mark H (55° 59.30N, 03° 12.93W) and an Orange buoy (laid to the south of mark H). A committee boat will be on station on the extension of this line but may not be at anchor.

14. Penalty System

14.1 The exoneration penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Disputes Procedure shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. (See the Official Notice Board at RFYC for details.)

15. Time Limits and Target times

- 15.1 The time limit for is 2.5 hours.
15.2 If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the time limit for other boats will be extended by 30 minutes. This alters RRS rule 35.

16. Protests

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit, which is 1 hour after the committee boat docks. The protest time limit shall be displayed at the race office at RFYC.
16.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
16.3 Breaches of SIs 17, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat or for requests for redress. This changes RRS rule 60.1.

17. Safety Regulations

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

18. Trash Disposal

18.1 Boats shall not dispose of trash overboard. [DP]

19. Radio Communication

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 19.2 Committee boats may use VHF to communicate with competitors using channel 37 (M1).

20. Prizes

- 20.1 A prize will be awarded to the winner.
- 20.2 The prize giving will take place at as soon as possible after completion of racing at Royal Forth Yacht Club on Saturday 23rd June.

21. Risk Statement

- 21.1 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."
- 21.2 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 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;
 - g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

22. Insurance

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

23. Tide times at Granton (BST)

Friday 22nd June	LW	16:58	1.4m
	HW	23.33	4.5m