



RFYC 150th Anniversary Regatta

Supported by Urban Union

Royal Forth Yacht Club

22nd – 24th June 2018



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 Regatta is the Royal Forth Yacht Club.

2. Rules

2.1 The Regatta 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 race office in the RFYC courtyard.

3.2 A competitor briefing will take place in the RFYC clubhouse at 09:00 on Saturday 23rd June.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in the RFYC courtyard.

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

6. Fleets, Classes and Class Flags

Fleet	Class	Description	Definition	Class Flag
1	1	FYCA Division 1	Boats with FYCA Handicaps < 975	Red
	2	FYCA Division 2	Boats with FYCA Handicaps >= 975	Yellow
	3	Sports boat & day boat	e.g. <i>Dragons, Squibs, H Boats, 707s, RS Elites, SB20s and VX One</i>	Dark Green
2	4	Cruiser Division 1	Boats with FYCA Handicaps from 920 to 1040	Light Green
	5	Cruiser division 2	Boats with FYCA Handicaps > 1040	Purple

6.1 The Race Committee reserves the right to cancel, combine or alter the classes at its discretion. Such a change will be posted as an alteration to SIs.

7. Schedule of Races

Date	Fleet	Class	Race	Scheduled warning signal for first race
Saturday 23 rd June	1	FYCA Div 1 & 2 Sport and day boats	3 races off Granton	10:25
	2	Cruiser Div 1 & 2	2 races starting in Wardie Bay	10:55
Sunday 24 th June	1	FYCA Div 1 & 2 Sport and day boats	3 races off Granton	10:55
	2	Cruiser Div 1 & 2	2 races starting in Wardie Bay	11:25

On each day, the second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the preceding race has finished.

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. A boat entering the Regatta without a handicap rating may be allocated one by the Race Committee.
- 8.2 Boats in classes 1, 2, 4 and 5 may request to use a Restricted set of Sails (RS - defined as no spinnaker or cruising chute, and no additional headsails other than those normally used to windward to be set at any time).
- 8.2.1 This provision is intended for boats not equipped with spinnaker and for crews considered by the Race Committee to be 'less experienced', 'less capable' or 'short-handed', the latter defined as 60% or less of the boat's full crew except that 2 crew are permitted on 3-crew rated designs.
- 8.2.2 To request the RS provision, a boat shall submit a Restricted Sail request form before 22:00 on Thursday 21st June.
- 8.2.3 To be valid, the Race Committee shall have confirmed its agreement by 22:00 on Friday 22nd June. It is at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee whether to accept an RS request or not.
- 8.2.4 A boat permitted to use the RS provision shall receive a +4% handicap adjustment. This handicap adjustment will apply for the whole Regatta.
- 8.2.5 A boat permitted to use the RS adjustment **shall display a white pennant or flag on the backstay or other prominent position in every race**, from its class warning signal until it finishes. [DP]

9. Racing Areas

- 9.1 The racing area for Fleet 1 will be between Granton Harbour and Cramond Island.
- 9.2 The racing area for Fleet 2 will be the River Forth bounded by the Forth Rail Bridge to the west and Inchkeith to the East.

10. The Courses

- 10.1 The courses for Fleet 1 are shown in Appendix A.
- 10.2 The courses for Fleet 2 are shown in Appendix B.

11. Marks

- 11.1 The marks for Fleet 1 are shown in Appendix A.
- 11.2 The marks for Fleet 2 are shown in Appendix B.

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 for Fleet 1 is defined in Appendix A.
- 12.3 The starting line for Fleet 2 is defined in Appendix B.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes. [DP]
- 12.5 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. Recalls

- 13.1 General recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.2 except that the warning signal for a new start for the 1st recalled class shall be made with or after the starting signal for the last scheduled class. The new warning signal for a new start for a 2nd recalled class will be made with or after the starting signal for the 1st recalled class and so on. (i.e. "go to the back of the queue"). This alters Rule 29.2. If the last class in a starting sequence is recalled, then rule 29.2 will apply as normal.

14. The Finish

- 14.1 The finishing line for Fleet 1 is defined in Appendix A.
- 14.2 The finishing line for Fleet 2 is defined in Appendix B.

15. Penalty System

- 15.1 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 for details.)

16. Time Limits and Target times

- 16.1 The target time for Fleet 1 races is 1 hour. The time limit for these races is 1.5 hours.
- 16.2 The target time for Fleet 2 races is 2 hours. The time limit for these races is 2.5 hours.
- 16.3 If one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, then the time limit for other boats in the class will be extended by 30 minutes. This alters RRS rule 35.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS rule 62.1(a).

17. Protests

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 Breaches of SIs 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat or for requests for redress. This changes RRS rule 60.1.
- 17.4 On the last day of the regatta, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule RRS rule 62.2.

18. Scoring

- 18.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 For Fleet 1, when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3 For Fleet 2, when fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19. Safety Regulations

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

20. Trash Disposal

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

21. Haul-out Restrictions

21.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

22. Radio Communication

- 22.1 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]
- 22.2 The Committee boats may use VHF to communicate with competitors. Fleet 1 will use channel 37 (M1) and Fleet 2 will use channel 77.

23. Restricted Area

23.1 Boats must not pass between Leith Approach Buoy (Fl.R.3s) and the entrance to Leith Harbour, or enter the dredged channel between the Leith Approach Buoy and the entrance to Leith Harbour. [DP]

24. Prizes

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded to winners in each race and the overall winners in each class for the Regatta.
- 24.2 A prize giving for racing on Saturday will take place as soon as possible after racing on Saturday 23rd June, and the main prize giving will take place approximately 2 hours after completion of racing at Royal Forth Yacht Club on Sunday 24th June.

25. Risk Statement

- 25.1 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."
- 25.2 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;

26. Insurance

26.1 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.

27. Tide times at Granton (BST)

Saturday 23 th June	HW	11:46	4.6m
	LW	17:59	1.4m
Sunday 24 th June	HW	12:45	4.6m
	LW	18:52	1.3m

