



Forth Corinthian Yacht Club
BELL ROCK TROPHY 2018
and
Feeder Race to the RTYC ALBA Beer Festival

Thursday 23rd August 2018



GENERAL INFORMATION
AND
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

RACE FORMAT

The race will be run in two divisions as defined by **Division 1 < 975 Division 2 >= 975**

RTYC will provide moorings opposite their Clubhouse for competing yachts.

Yachts not visiting the Alba Beer Festival can compete for the FCYC Bell Rock Trophy but will not be provide with a mooring at RTYC. Berths may however maybe available at Tayport by separate arrangement.

The FCYC Bell Rock Trophy will be awarded to the Yacht with the best corrected time overall from both divisions.

RACE TIMING and PASSAGE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Leith Tides BST

Thursday 23rd: HW 14:05 [4.8m] LW 19:39 [1.8m]

Friday 24th: HW 02:17 [4.9m] LW 08:20 [1.5m] HW 14:47 [5.0m] LW 20:45 [0.9m]

Race Start Times have been set to (a) give Mid Forth yachts reasonable time to get to the Start Line on the day and (b) allowing the fleet to leave the Forth on an ebb tide. Upper and Lower Forth Yachts are welcome to berth over Wednesday night at Granton.

Given a fair wind our fleet should have a very good chance of finishing Friday morning at the mouth of the Tay for a favourable tide from approx.0800 to 1400 BST for passage to Broughty Ferry.

AFTER the RACE

If you are not staying for the Alba Beer Festival have a pleasant cruise onwards or home!

If you plan to stay for the Beer Festival, proceed up the Tay, bearing in mind tidal conditions, at your own discretion. If you arrive off RTYC between 10:00 and 16:00 call **Royal Tay 10** on Channel 37 (M1) for berthing instructions when passing Broughty Castle. RTYC will have a launch on duty in the mooring area to assist you in finding your allocated mooring.

If you arrive out with these times pick up any free mooring and be prepared to relocate when instructed by RTYC. RTYC will provide a launch service at designated times over the Beer Festival period.

RTYC ALBA BEER FESTIVAL

Web Search – **Alba Real Ale Festival** for full details of Festival.

Tickets go on sale 1st April and sell out quickly

FCYC have a limited number of Beer Festival tickets for Friday 23 (£4) and Saturday 24 (£8) which will be available to Bell Rock Race entrants after that date on a first come first served basis. Once they have gone they have gone. If you want tickets for Sunday you will need to buy direct

GENERAL INFORMATION STATUS

These notes are for general information only and do not form part of the following Sailing Instructions.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 ENTRY

1.1 Entry is open to all Yachts belonging to or chartered by a Member of a FYCA Affiliated Yacht Club.

1.2 All Yachts must have a current FYCA Handicap to be eligible for entry.

1.3 Any Yacht intending to Race must notify, by e-mail, fjhmartin@aol.com giving -

(A) Yacht Name

(B) Skipper's Name.

(C) Contact e-mail address.

(D) A mobile phone number.

(E) A second mobile phone number on a different network.

Both phones must accept Texts.

Be operative at time of notifying entry and on race day.

Be carried on the yacht during the race.

Notification of Entry must be sent by 1200 BST Wednesday 22 August to qualify for entry.

No entries will be accepted after that time.

An e-mail acknowledging receipt of entry will be sent in return.

1.4 Submission of an **e-mail entry** as detailed above will be regarded by FCYC as acceptance, by the entrant, of the terms set out in these Sailing Instructions

1.5 There is no Entry Fee required for this event.

2.0 RULES

2.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 and the prescriptions of the RYA & FYCA FIG Series shall apply.

2.2 FYCA Yacht Safety Regulations, Cat 4 shall apply.

2.3 Yachts competing must be registered with the Coastguard by Form CG66 which can be completed on line.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and or CHANGES to SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any Notice to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions will be sent to the Entrant's registered **e-mail address** and **by text to registered mobile phone** no later than one hour before the scheduled earliest start time. No other method of communicating with competitors, ie posting of written notices or use of signal flags ashore, will be used.

3.2 From approximately one hour pre-start, until start of formal starting sequence for each class, competing yachts should keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 37 (M1) for any information that may be given from time to time by the Race Committee.

4.0 HANDICAPS

4.1 Current FYCA Handicaps will be used to calculate overall results.

4.2 Division 1 < 975 Division 2 >= 975

4.3 Restricted Sail Allowance is not applicable to this event.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACE

Date	Class	Flag	Start Time
Thursday 23 August	Division 2 (> = 975)	Numeral 2	19:00:00 BST
Thursday 23 August	Division 1 (< 975)	Numeral 1	20:00:00 BST

5.2 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal is 5 minutes before the Start Time of each class.

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6.0 THE COURSE

6.1 **START LINE between**
FCYC Race Mark - Q [55.59.2 00.N 03.12.899.W (UNLIT)]
main mast of Committee Boat [lying approx 100 metres to east of mark Q] **> South to North**

6.2 **MARKS of THE COURSE**

Leith Approach Buoy [55.59.950.N 03.11.510.W (Fl.R.3s)] **leave to Starboard**

North Carr Cardinal Buoy	[56.18.054.N 02.32.929.W (Q.(3) 10s)]	leave to Port
Bell Rock	[56.26.063.N 02.23.218.W (Fl.5s.28m.18M)]	leave to Port
Tay Fairway Buoy	[56.28.302.N 02.36.594.W (L.Fl.10s)]	leave to Port

6.3 **FINISH LINE between**

Starboard Tay Middle Buoy	[56.28.080. N 02.38.240.W (G. Fl.(3) 18s)]	
Port Tay Middle Buoy	[56.27.650. N 02.38.210.W (R. Fl (2) 12s)]	> East to West

6.4 Mark co-ordinates and light characteristics are given for general information only and it remains each skipper's responsibility to check for any recent changes or errors.

7.0 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

7.1 **RESTRICTED AREA: Boats must not pass between Leith Approach Buoy (F.R.3s), at 55°59'950N, 3°11'.510W and the entrance to Leith Harbour.**

8.0 TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 The Initial Time Limit for each Division is 11:00 BST Friday 24 August
- 8.2 If any yacht finishes before the Initial Time Limit the time limit for all yachts in the same Division only will be extended to the Absolute Time Limit.
- 8.3 The Absolute Time Limit if extended for any individual Division is 13:00 BST Friday 24 August

9.0 FINISHING DATA - DECLARATION

9.1 The exact Start Time for each Division will be recorded from GPS time by Race Officer
 Each skipper must ensure that times taken at Transit Marks and the Finish Line are exact times taken from a GPS or a radio corrected clock or a watch set to exact BST, eliminating the need for variable ships clock times to be relied upon for adjusting and calculating results.

9.2 All Yachts **must submit the following Finishing Information by 1700 BST Friday 23 August**

Finishing Information received after that time will not be accepted.

by E-MAIL to - fjhmartin@aol.com

or TEXT to - 07917 366 146

No need to use a Declaration Form and to keep e-mails or texts short simply use the following **2 letter references (shown in red)** before giving the required Finishing Information

Please enter times in standard 24 hr clock format BST ie 19:23:47

(Yacht Name.)	YN
(Time transit due east of North Carr Cardinal Buoy crossed.)	NC
(Time transit due east of Bell Rock Light crossed.)	BR
Finish Line Time.)	FT

An e-mail or text will be sent by return acknowledging receipt of Finishing Data

9.3 Although you do not need to initially submit details of yachts ahead and astern, please keep a record in your Ships Log, if you can clearly identify them when you cross designated Transits and the Finish Line. The Race Officer may ask you for these further details at a later date if any anomalies appear in times submitted that these observations may help to resolve.

10.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Protest forms are available to download at: <http://www.sailing.org/protests&hearings.php>
- 10.2 For each class the Protest Time Limit is 1700 BST Friday 23 August.
- 10.2 Completed protest forms should be sent by e-mail to: fjhmartin@aol.com
- 10.3 Interested parties and parties named as witnesses will be notified within 7 days of the Protest Time Limit of the time and place a hearing will be held
- 10.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be given to interested parties under rule 61.1(b).

11.0 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

11.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Sailing Instructions.

12.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

12.1 All Yachts should keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 during the course of the race.

13.0 RESULTS & PRIZES

- 13.1 FYCA, Div. 1 and Div. 2 Results will be calculated separately for each Division
- 13.2 If no yacht in any separate Division finishes within the Initial Time Limit, the Race Committee may give results for that Division based on times taken at Transit Marks.
- 13.3 Prizes will be awarded, based on separate Div. 1 & 2 results, on the following basis per Division: - 1 prize for 2 entries, 2 prizes for 3 - 5 entries and 3 prizes for more than 5 entries.
- 13.4 If both Divisions complete the full course, the FCYC Bell Rock Trophy will be awarded to the first yacht, on combined Div 1 & 2, best overall, corrected time basis.
- If one Division finishes the full course and the other does not, the Bell Rock Trophy will be awarded to the first yacht on best corrected time basis in the Division that finished the full course.
- If no Division completes the full course, the Bell Rock Trophy may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee on combined Div 1 & 2, best overall, corrected time, based on times taken at a Transit Mark.

14.0 RISK STATEMENT

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."

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:

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;

They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

The provision of officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

There is no provision of patrol boat cover; It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this event present, or drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event;

They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew];

Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

15.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

For further information contact –
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