



Notice of Race

Port Edgar Yacht Club Annual Regatta

Sunday 8th Sept 2019



1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority for the event is Port Edgar Yacht Club at Port Edgar Marina, South Queensferry. Sailing Instructions & Entry form will be on the PEYC Web site: www.peyc.org.uk

2. Rules

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, appropriate class rules and any such other rules as the Sailing Instructions for the event may prescribe. The Principles and Practices of the RYA Racing Charter will be followed.

2.2. Rule Changes: RRS 33; RRS 35; RRS 44.1; Appendix 4.1; Appendix A5.

3. Entry

3.1. The event is open to any mono-hull yacht with a current FYCA handicap, whose skipper is a member of an RYA affiliated yacht club. Any yacht without a FYCA handicap will be given a handicap at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.

3.2. Racing Divisions will be: Div 1 FYCA < 900 PY; Div 2 FYCA 900-974 PY; Div 3 FYCA 975-1150 PY; Div 4 Cruiser Class. Additional one-design classes will be added on request if there are at least four entries. Yacht handicaps will be FYCA baseline values (i.e. not progressive values).

3.3. Division 4 Yachts may request to use a Restricted set of Sails. This provision is intended for yachts not equipped with a 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 yacht's full crew except that 2 crew are permitted on 3-crew designed yachts. The RS provision will not be granted if, due to the course or weather conditions, no yachts are able to fly spinnakers. A yacht permitted to use the RS provision shall display a white pennant or flag on the backstay or other prominent position, from its class warning signal until it finishes, and shall receive a +4% handicap adjustment. Requests for Restricted Sail must be made to the Race Committee by VHF channel 77 by 10:15 on Sun 8th Sept.

3.4. Restricted Sail Definition

No spinnakers shall be allowed, and any headsail flown shall comply with the RYA prescription to Rule 50.4. Additionally, all headsails shall be attached to a permanent forestay (or forestays in the case of a cutter) along the whole luff. Sails flown loose luffed are not permitted. Only one headsail may be flown at any one time from any forestay, except when changing sail so long as both headsails are on the same stay and are hoisted together for the shortest possible time consistent with changing sail whilst racing.

4. Entry Form & Fees

Entry form will be on the PEYC website from 2nd Sept 2019 and the entry fee will be £10 per yacht for Divisions 1, 2, & 3 and £5 for Division 4.

5. Reservations: The Committee reserves the right:

5.1. To reject or rescind any entry in accordance with RRS 76.1.

5.2. To cancel, combine or alter Divisions / Classes at their discretion.

5.3. To make any alteration to the schedule and Sailing Instructions they consider necessary. Such alterations will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Office at Port Edgar Yacht Club at least 2 hours before the start of the first race of the day. Flag 'L' will be flown from the flagpole outside the clubhouse to signify an alteration has been made. Flag 'L' will also be displayed by the Committee Boat / Race Box in the appropriate race area and announced by VHF on Channel 77.

6. The Planned Schedule of Races

- 6.1. Divisions 1-3: Three races with committee boat starts and marks laid in Inverkeithing Bay. First start at 10:30. No races shall be started after 15:00.
- 6.2. Division 4: One race with committee boat start at 10:25 in Inverkeithing Bay, based on the PEYC Club Trophy courses.
- 6.3. Note that the Prize Giving will take place in the PEYC clubhouse at 17:00 hrs.

7. Scoring System

For Divisions 1–3 the event will be scored using Appendix A of the RRS. There will be no discards.

8. Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be posted on the PEYC web site from Mon 2nd Sept.

9. Arbitration

Parties involved in a protest may agree to use the RYA Arbitration Procedure.

10. Race Briefing

- 10.1. For all Divisions: This will be delivered on VHF Channel 77 at 09:30 on Sun 8th Sept.
- 10.2. The Divisions 1-3 Race Officer may use VHF channel 77 to inform that fleet of any boats OCS at a start and also to pass on warnings of shipping passing through the race areas.
- 10.3. The Division 4 Race Officer may use VHF channel 77 to inform that fleet of any boats OCS at a start and also to pass on warnings of shipping passing through the race areas.

11. 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 11.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 11.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 11.7. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

12. Insurance

Each owner must ensure that their boat is adequately insured, including racing risks, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.