



Tamar River Sailing Club

Hands Deep Race – Saturday 11th September 2010

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1 RULES

- 1.1 This race will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the Notice of Race, (except as any of these may be altered by the Sailing Instructions) and by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 This race is an ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category4. Additional to the requirements of that category, boats shall carry a liferaft (or Tinker Tramp or Traveller) or an inflatable dinghy of which at least one half shall be properly inflated, stowed on the working deck and with inflation pump securely attached.
- 1.3 Boats racing within the boundaries of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth shall comply with such regulations as may be in force. In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. Competitors are referred to the **Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 and to Local Notices to Mariners, copies of which are displayed on the Club notice board**. In the event of any conflict between the requirements of the sailing instructions (SIs) and those regulations, the latter shall prevail. When the Race Committee (RC) believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute, it will act under rule 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee (PC) to act under rule 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct.
- 1.4 A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety and nothing in N.O.R, SIs or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.
- 1.5 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

1.6 PROHIBITED AREAS

- 1.6.1 **Start Area:** Boats, whilst racing, shall not enter the mooring area off Mount Batten in the Cattewater. The prohibited racing area is bounded on the south by Mount Batten Peninsula and on the north by a line through the Ministry of Defence moorings, RM and JT buoys, the Tall Ships trot (TS4, TS3, TS2 and TS1), the western visitors mooring (V1), thence eastward through the visitors moorings V2 and V3, thence south to Mount Batten Peninsula. This prohibited area ranks as an obstruction to sea room under the rules.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice board at TRSC

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Flag L and a numeral pennant displayed ashore at the Race Hut indicates the latest change to Yacht S.I , In Addition, changes will be confirmed on VHF CH 72 (TRSC Race Office)

4 YACHT CLASSES & SCHEDULE

Racing will be offered for eligible boats in the following classes:-

- 4.1 **Div II** For monohull boats rated as “Cruisers” under the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as administered by the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association.
 - 4.1.1 DivII will be split into Div IIA (PY 1025 or less) and Div IIB (PY 1026 and above)
 - 4.1.2 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as administered by the Port of Plymouth Sailing Association shall apply. Handicaps for Division II (PYS) yachts should be obtained from the

PPSA Honorary Handicapper, Nick Head, 172 Victoria Road, Plymouth, PL5 1QY. Tel (01752) 3645083. E-mail rnhead@talktalk.net

- 4.2. Div III For monohull boats having a valid International Rating Certificate.
- 4.2.1 Div III will be split into Div IIIA (TCC 0.980 or greater) and Div IIIB (TCC 0.979 or less).
- 4.3. The race organizers reserves the right to vary the “splits” for Div II and Div III, or to combine the classes within a division, dependent upon entries received by 1200 Friday 10th September
- 4.4 **PIPs Series:** Results will be extracted from this race for those entered in the PIPs Series.
- 4.5 **Two Handed Class:** Vessels in this class will be sailed by two people; two handed entries will start with their respective fully crewed classes.
- 4.6 Class flags will be:
- | Warning Signal | | Class Flag |
|----------------|---------|------------------------|
| 10.55 | Div III | Numeral Pennants 3 & 6 |
| 11.00 | Div II | Numeral Pennants 2 & 7 |

5 START LINE

- 5.1 Start Line.
The start line will be a transit of an orange pole and the mast on the PYC start box at the western end of Mount Batten Breakwater. The outer distance mark will be West Mallard Buoy.
N.B. Ignore the navigation beacon (a red and white pole topped with a green light) in the vicinity of the start line.
- 5.2 All boats are to pass close to the race hut prior to the race start to be identified by the Race Officer.
- 5.3 The starting signals may be transmitted on VHF Channel 72

6 RECALLS

- 6.1 A broadcast message will be transmitted on VHF Channel 72. Failure to receive any such transmission shall not constitute grounds for redress.
- 6.2 In the event of a general recall, the class or classes concerned will start at 5 minute intervals after the last class in the programme and in the same order as that in which the general recall occurred. This changes rule 29.2.

7 COURSES

- 7.1 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a number board displayed at the Start Line and will be either:
- Numeral 1 - Not Used.
 - Numeral 2 - Eddystone (Port) to finish.
 - Numeral 3 - Ranneys Buoy (Port), to finish.

Numeral 4 - The Hands Deep Buoy (Starboard) to finish.

Numeral 5 - Course to be advised prior to the start.

or

7.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a series of letters displayed on a board at the start line. Each letter will identify with the various buoys in the vicinity of Plymouth Sound.

7.2.1 The letters will be white on a red or green background to denote Port or Starboard hand respectively. The marks are to be rounded in the order shown. The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated by a black numeral on a white board at the end of the series, unless shortened or otherwise curtailed. The boards will be displayed in the vicinity of the Start Line. Should the course sailed, fall under para 7.2 above, the various buoys will be indicated using the PPSA system.

8. FINISH LINE

8.1 The finish line will be between the Mount Batten start box and West Mallard Buoy, sailing in a northerly direction.

9. TIME LIMIT (Exception to RRS 35)

9.1 Any boat that has not finished by 1800 on the day of the race shall be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

10 NOTIFICATION OF RETIREMENT.

10.1 Boats retiring (including those out of time) from the race, shall inform the RC as soon as possible and in any case within 1 hour of the expiry of the time limit. To notify the RC, call TRSC Race Office on VHF CH 72.

10.2 A boat/competitor which/who fails to comply with SI 10.1 or fails to provide a satisfactory explanation of failure to report retirement, will receive a caution.

10.3 A boat/competitor which/who receives a second caution within two year period from the date of the original caution may be refused entry, subject to the requirements of RRS 76.1, to any further races starting within a two year period from the date of the second caution by any club affiliated to the PPSA.

11 ABANDONMENTS

Abandonments will be signalled in accordance with RRS Race Signals.

12 PROTESTS (Exceptions to RRS 61.1(a) & 61.3)

12.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with rule 61 except that all protesting boats shall display protest flags.

12.2 Protest forms are available at the Tamar River Sailing Club. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 12.3 The protest time limit is 120 minutes after the last boat in that class has finished.
- 12.4 Notices will be posted on the TRSC notice board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at TRSC in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible after racing. The display of such notices constitutes notification under rule 63.2.

13 PRIZEGIVING / RESULTS

- 13.1 The prize giving will be conducted at 2000 Hrs Saturday 18th September 2010 at Tamar River Sailing Club.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Race. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the race.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat is to hold adequate insurance and in particular third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2m.

16 PUBLICITY WAIVER

In participating in the Race, a competitor automatically grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsors and its agents, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the event without compensation. The competitor also grants the Organising Authority, the event sponsor and its agents, the right in perpetuity, to publish details of the competitor on the internet.

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