

Sailing Instructions - For Club Races from 01.03.17 to 28.02.18

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current World Sailing Rules of Sailing, Salcombe Harbour byelaws, Local Notices to Mariners, International Rules for Prevention of the Collisions at Sea, the rules of Salcombe Yacht Club, rules of the classes racing, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, with the proviso that the Sailing Instructions amend certain Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as stated below.
- 1.2 For races at sea further instructions may be issued.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) in the Salcombe Yacht Club (SYC)

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the schedule of races will be posted not less than 7 days before it will take effect. No flag will be flown in the event of such a change.
- 3.2 Any other changes to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hour before the start of the race(s) to which it applies. Flag L will be flown from the Watch House.

4 ELIGIBILITY TO RACE

- 4.1 To rank as a competitor the helm must be a member of the Club and sail a boat that is on the boat register maintained by the Sailing Administrator.
- 4.2 A Guest should indicate their intention to race at the Watch House prior to the Warning signal for the race or the first race in the starting sequence.
- 4.3 Failure to conform with CI 4.1 or CI 4.2 may result in a boat being scored 'Disqualified' (DSQ) by the Race Committee without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1. & Appendix A). A boat may request redress against such a decision.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Watch House.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races will be held as detailed in the Notice of Club Racing

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The following fleet flags will be used:-

Cadet Pennant 8

Medium Handicap Flag H

Fast Handicap Pennant 2

Solo Pennant 1

Yawl Flag V

General Handicap Flag H

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 As per SYC course card dated 2016.

9 FAIRWAY

- 9.1 During busy times of the year the Harbour Authority mark a Fairway in the vicinity of the Starting Line to provide a safe passage for the use of non-racing craft during a start sequence. The outer edge of this Fairway is defined by an imaginary line between adjacent yellow buoys from V0 (Salcombe Harbour Hotel) to V3 (Ferry Inn) laid parallel to the Salcombe shore of the estuary. The limits of the Fairway may be extended to include buoys carrying a yellow X top mark at the northern and southern ends. The Prohibited Area is between the outer sides of the Fairway buoys and the Salcombe shore.
- 9.2 When the Fairway is activated it is a continuing obstruction.
- 9.3 A Salcombe Harbour Authority – Kingsbridge Estuary Local Notice to Mariners will apply.
- 9.4 To signal that the Fairway is activated the 2nd Sub pennant is displayed. In addition yellow flashing lights are illuminated on each end of the Watch House.
- 9.5 A competing boat sailing in the Fairway at the moment it is activated shall leave the Fairway without delay by the most direct route in a seaman like manner.
- 9.6 Any competing boat identified by the Race Officer or staff of the Salcombe Harbour Authority entering or in the activated Fairway will be disqualified from that start without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1)
- 9.7 Boats whose moorings are within the Fairway or sailing from Batson boat park will be permitted to sail out through the activated Fairway by their shortest course.
- 9.8 Any competing boat involved in an avoidable incident with a non-competing craft within the activated Fairway may be disqualified from that race and any other subsequent race in that series. (This amends Rule 63.1)

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be indicated by number / letter boards displayed at the Watch House before or at the warning signal. When a Red number / letter is displayed the mark shall be rounded to Port. When a Green number / letter is displayed the mark shall be rounded to Starboard.

10.2 Description of marks

Mark	Description	Location
1 to 8	Yellow spherical buoy	As Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card
A,B,C,D	Yellow spherical buoy	As Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card
M,N,O	Yellow spherical buoy	As Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card
W	Large orange pillar	south of Mark 1 (Blackstone)
X	Large orange pillar	between Marks 1 (Blackstone) and 3 (Crossways)
Y	Large orange pillar	between Marks 3 (Crossways) and 4 (Yalton)
Z	Large orange pillar	between Marks 5 (Saltstone) and 7 (Gerston)
F	Large orange pillar	between Marks 5 (Saltstone) and 6 (Frogmore)

10.3 In the absence of a listed rounding mark, it will be replaced by a buoy or boat flying flag M.

11 STARTING LINE

11.1 The starting line is either:-

- a) an imaginary line between the flagstaff of the Watch House and the orange transit marks on the East Portlemouth shore. If the Fairway is not activated a yellow pillar buoy may be placed as an inner distance mark which must be left on the channel side when starting.
- b) between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SYC safety boat and a nearby rounding mark (which may not necessarily be a mark of the course).
- c) between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SYC safety boat and a staff/buoy flying an orange flag

11.2 An alternative start line will be signalled at the Watch House by flag C and the number/letter of the nearest racing mark.

11.3 When the Preparatory flag is flying for a race start, a boat competing in a later race shall not enter or sail within 10 boat lengths of the Starting Line. Any boat breaking this rule may, at the sole discretion of the Race Officer, be scored DSQ for its race. This amends RRS 63.1 & Appendix A.

11.4 To rank as a starter, a boat shall cross the Starting Line within 5 minutes of its Start.

12 STARTING SYSTEM

- 12.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26
- 12.2 As an additional aid two sets of 5 lights may be displayed on the Watch House at the warning signal. One light (in each set) will then be extinguished at one-minute intervals, and at 30 seconds before the start the remaining light will flash until extinguished at the starting signal.
- 12.3 For a start when the Fairway is activated :-
- a) At the warning signal for the race or first class in a sequence of starts the Fairway will become activated
 - b) The Fairway will remain activated for a period extending to 10 mins after the start or last start of a sequence.
 - c) In the event of a general recall the Fairway will remain activated throughout the re-start procedure.
- 12.4 In the event of a general recall for any class, the new start will be 10 minutes after the last scheduled start of the sequence (if any). This amends RRS 29.2
- 12.5 A start may be made without the Race Officer activating the Fairway.

13 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, (other than from the Watch House) a safety boat will be positioned at a mark of the course and:-
- fly flag C where the change applies to all classes or flag C over the class flag for a specific class
 - display the next mark of the course
 - make a sound signal which may be repeated as appropriate
 - may verbally advise of the next mark.
- This changes RRS 33.
- 13.2 To change the course or the next leg of the course from the Watch House:-
- fly flag C where the change applies to all classes or flag C over the class flag for a specific class
 - display the new race course, which may include marks already passed or the next mark or marks of the course
 - make a sound signal which may be repeated as appropriate
 - may verbally advise of the next mark.
- This changes RRS 33.

14 FINISHING LINE

14.1 The Finishing Line is either:-

- (a) an imaginary line between the flagstaff of the Watch House and the orange transit marks on the East Portlemouth shore,
- (b) between a staff displaying flag S on the SYC safety boat and the nearby racing mark. This mark may not necessarily be a mark of the course.
- (c) between a staff displaying flag S on the SYC safety boat and a staff / buoy flying an orange flag.

14.2 Unless disqualified by the Race Officer, boats will be given a sound signal when crossing the finishing line. This is a discretionary signal to indicate that the boat may return to shore and it is still the responsibility of the boats to ensure that they have sailed the races in accordance with the rules.

15 TIME LIMIT

15.1 The race time limit shall be two and a half hours for the first boat of a class. Any boat failing to finish within three hours of the starting time of its race will be scored DNF. This amends RRS 35.

16 SCORING SYSTEM

16.1 The scoring system will be in accordance with Appendix A using the Low Point system except as amended by following clauses

16.2 A boat that starts but does not finish or retires shall be scored as number of starters plus 1. This amends RRS Appendix A 4.2

16.3 A boat that is disqualified shall be scored as number of starters plus 3. This amends RRS Appendix A 4.2

16.4 Boats observed by the Race Committee to have not sailed the correct course will be scored DSQ without the need to protest. Boats may seek redress from this action. This amends RRS 63.1 & Appendix A.

16.5 Points for a race or series are awarded to the boat irrespective of helm (or crew).

16.6 The number of races to be sailed to qualify for a series are detailed in the Notice of Race.

- 16.7 Points for Duty Teams - Duty officers and safety teams shall be awarded "average points" for their boat if it is prevented from racing. The average will be calculated using the finishing position for races sailed in the series. Only one score of "average points" will be awarded per series.
- 16.8 Clause 16.7 does not apply to the Festive Series, for which no Duty Points will be awarded.
- 16.9 Guests - When guests helm in Series races, their positions (and points) will be ignored when recording member's results.

17 PROTESTS, MEDIATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the SYC race office.
- 17.2 Protests, mediation and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the time limit specified.
- 17.3 A protest based on an incident in the racing area shall be delivered to the Race Office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day for the class/fleet involved.
- 17.4 Other requests shall be delivered to the Sailing Administrator within 24 hours of learning of the reason(s) for making the request.
- 17.5 Competitors will be advised of the time and date for the Protest Committee as soon as possible. This will be by posting a notice and by contacting or leaving a message at the telephone number as advised to SYC in the membership or guest details.
- 17.6 For the Salcombe Yawl class RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty. This applies only to Yawl races (including Handicapped Yawl races) and does not apply when Yawls are racing in mixed fleets ie Open Handicap or Pursuit Races. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Yawl is involved in an incident with a boat from any other class, this amendment does NOT apply. The change applies to Yawl on Yawl incidents only.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS & MOORED BOATS

- 18.1 The wearing of adequate personal buoyancy by all competitors at all times while afloat is strongly recommended. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.
- 18.2 All competitors under the age of 18 years must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. (This amends RRS 40)
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee [Race Office - telephone 01548 843170 - or a SYC safety boat] as soon as possible.
- 18.4 Consideration is to be given to all users of Salcombe Estuary especially non racing boats as there are many pleasure and commercial craft afloat who do not understand the racing rules. Always sail safely.

- 18.5 If there is a collision with a non-competing boat, whether it be underway or moored, the incident must be reported by the completion of a **Salcombe Harbour Accident Report form and returned to the Harbour Office.**
- 18.6 A collision with a moored boat requires one penalty turn at the first opportunity.
- 18.7 A boat seen to have a collision as described above, which is not reported, will be disqualified from the race at the Race Officers discretion. This amends RRS 63.1
- 18.8 The Race Committee and its safety boat crews are empowered to compel a competitor to receive outside assistance, or return to the shore, when they deem a situation where safety is put at risk.

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Change of boat - if during a series a member changes a boat this should be reported to the Sailing Administrator. If the boat is in the same class then the points already awarded may be carried forward to be recorded against the new boat. Otherwise the new boat will be considered to be a new entry.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 ADVERTISING

- 21.1 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in SYC racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after sailing

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (£3 million)

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