



# 1884 Trophy Series

## **Sailing Instructions**

Wednesday evenings

12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 23<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Organising authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Competitors and their families are invited by the Flag Officers of The Royal Western Yacht Club to be temporary members of the Club on Wednesday evenings for the duration of the regatta and to have full use of the bar, catering and other facilities of the Club.

## 1 RULES

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the website <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1999/2029/contents/made> and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:
  - a. Time Limit – see 17
  - b. Penalties – see 14.2
  - c. Scoring – see 18
- 1.4 Under rule 87, rule(s) IRC Rule 22.4.2 of the IRC class rules is replaced with:

“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 For the purposes of this series the RWYC website shall be the Official Notice Board. Notices to competitors will be posted on the RWYC website on the 1884 Series page.
- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least five hours before it will take effect.
- 2.3 In the event of an evening's racing needing to be cancelled, race management will endeavor to post a notice on the club website (1884 Event Page) by 16.00hrs on the day of racing. The race committee however reserves the right to cancel a race later, if it considers that conditions have become unsuitable to race since 16.00hrs.

## 3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC Flagstaff.
- 3.2 The failure to receive any Race Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

#### 4 SCHEDULE OF RACING

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal
J24	J	1835
IRC	1	1840
NHC	2	1840

Each of the 1884 Series evenings will comprise one race. It is intended that all classes, other than J24's will start and race as one fleet, however, if required the fleet will be split and races will be run as A and B fleets, starting and racing as separate fleets. A change to sailing instructions will be made if necessary.

#### 7 COURSES

7.1 Round the Cans courses

Appendices A & B show the courses to be used throughout the series. Each course is identified A1-A8 and B1-B8. The appropriate course will be displayed on the committee boat.

7.2 Appendix C is a diagram of Plymouth Sound and the related marks. (*Not to be used for navigational purposes*).

#### 8 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

8.1 Harbour marks – as per chartlet in Appendix 2.

8.2 Start Pin – Orange Pillar Buoy

#### 9 THE START

9.1 The start line for all classes will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel and the outer distance mark.

9.2 All boats shall pass close to the Committee vessel on the side opposite to the start line before the start of the first race of each day with mainsails hoisted for identification.

## 10 RECALLS

In the event of an individual recall, the Race Committee may announce on vhf that one or more boats were over the line. Competitors are reminded that it their responsibility to ensure that they have started correctly. Failure to make or receive such transmissions is not grounds for redress.

This changes rule 29.1

## 11. CHANGE OF COURSE

Courses will not be changed after the warning signal, If a course is changed between its original display and a subsequent alteration before the warning signal, the Race Committee may advise boats over vhf.

## 12 SHORTEN COURSE

Competitors are reminded that the course may be shortened at any mark, however the committee vessel may be either the start boat (usually Fulmar), or another race committee vessel (eg a rib).

## 13. THE FINISH

13.1 Finishing at the RWYC club line will be by sailing in an easterly direction to pass an extension of a transit from the club flag mast and a yellow and black striped transit staff on the shore below it.

13.2 Whilst racing, boats are prohibited from entering the Controlled Mooring Area located north of Mountbatten peninsula and south of the Plym navigation channel. **Boats must remain** north of a line extending from the westerly mooring buoy positioned on the south side of the Plym navigation channel, east through each mooring buoy on the northern boundary of the Controlled Mooring Area and west of a line extending from the most westerly mooring buoy on the south side of the Plym navigation channel due south to the Mountbatten peninsula. The prohibited area defined above ranks as an obstruction to sea room under RRS.

## 14 THE PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the below website for details.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/raceofficials/Pages/RulesDisputesProcess.aspx>

14.2 For all classes, the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

This changes rule RRS 44.1

## 15 PROTESTS

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress.

## 16 RETIREMENT

16.1 Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Race Committee as soon as possible but no later than 60 minutes after finishing or retiring.

16.2 Retirements shall be reported via VHF Ch 77 to the Committee Vessel call sign "FULMAR", or by telephone to RWYC telephone: 01752 660077

## 17 Time limits

Time Limit – For one-design fleets, any boat not finishing within an additional 25% of the first boat to finish or by sunset (whichever is earlier) will be scored DNF. For handicap fleets, any boat not finishing within 45 minutes of the first handicap boat will be scored DNF

This changes rules 35, 44, and A2.

## 18 SCORING

18.1 The series will be scored overall and in two parts:

Part 1:-	12 <sup>th</sup> April – 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	(10 evenings)
Part 2:-	21 <sup>nd</sup> June – 23 <sup>th</sup> August	(10 evenings)

18.2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less one discard for each three(3) races completed.

This changes rule A2

## 19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 All yachts shall carry and operate a VHF radio and monitor Race Committee broadcasts.

19.2 The Race Committee will use VHF Ch 77.

## **20 RISK STATEMENT**

- 20.1 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”.
- 20.2 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 and omissions;
  - (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - (e) 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) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 20.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third-party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

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