



Gul Allspars Final Fling Dinghy Regatta

Sailing Instructions

14th October to 15th October 2017

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1** Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and these SIs, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 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 Regatta Official Notice Board and can be found on the QHM website (www.gov.uk/government/groups/qhmplymouth) and the Plymouth 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 69.2(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct.
- 1.3** The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. This procedure can be obtained on the RYA website (<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rules-disputes-process.aspx>) and will be posted on the Notice Board. The Exoneration Penalty will be a 30 % placing penalty with a minimum of three places but not greater than DNF and will be scored DPI. The Arbitration Penalty will be the same as the Exoneration Penalty, scored DPI. Scores of other boats will not be adjusted. This changes rules 63.1 and A5."
- 1.4** Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors whilst afloat. Drysuits or wetsuits do not constitute personal buoyancy

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to Competitors will be displayed on the Official Regatta Notice Board in the Royal Western Yacht Club and on the Regatta Website: <http://plymouth.sailracer.org>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC Flagstaff
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of Flag AP in RRS.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Saturday 14th	0900 – 12.00	Registration
	1100	Briefing
	12.55	First warning first race of the day two average lap races followed by around Plymouth Breakwater race
	1800	Prize giving and happy hour
Sunday 15 th	10.25	First warning first race of the day 2 average lap races one longer distance race
	1600	Prize giving

5.2 No launching allowed until flag D is raised with one sound signal.

5.3 There are 6 races scheduled.

5.4 On Saturday 14th October, no warning signal will be made after 1600 and on Sunday 15th October, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. GROUPS

6.1 Depending on the number of boats, the fleet may be split into 2 or more groups. Each group will be allocated a class flag and boats shall sail within these groups for all races.

6.2 Each group will start in accordance with RRS 26. The starting schedule and class flag for each group will be made available at the briefing.

7. RACING AREA

7.1 Racing will take place in Plymouth Sound, and around Plymouth Breakwater.

7.2 The Committee boat is Prima, a white yacht with red graphic.

8. COURSES and MARKS

8.1 All courses will use harbour marks, see Appendix A for chartlet & breakwater.

8.2 The marks to be used will be indicated by lettered boards displayed on the committee boat rail. The lettered boards refer to various buoys as listed in Appendix A. The letters will be white on a **RED** or **GREEN** background, indicating **PORT** or **STARBOARD** hand respectively. The boards are to be read from left to right.

8.3 Breakwater rounding will be identified by a **RED** or **GREEN** flag.

8.4 Mark A (if used) will be a red tetrahedron.

8.5 Competitors shall pass through the Start/Finish line at the end of each lap.

8.6 3rd race of each day is longer distance race and will finish on the club line

9. THE START

9.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat (Prima) and an yellow pillar buoy at the port end of the line.

9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for the other class.

9.4 The groups (if used) subject to general recall will be started after any group yet to start. This changes Race Signals and RRS 29.2.

10. THE FINISH

10.1 SATURDAY/ SUNDAY HANDICAP RACES

10.1.1 The finish line will be between a staff on the committee boat Prima and a yellow pillar

buoy at the port end of the line.

10.1.2 Shortly before the leading boat approaches the finish line, Flag S will be displayed on the committee boat accompanied by two sound signals. This is the shorten course signal. All boats are required to finish at the end of their current lap, regardless of the number of laps that they have completed. This adds to rule 32.

10.1.3 After crossing the finish line all boats must sail off the racing area and not return until the last boat has finished the race.

10.2 SATURDAY/ SUNDAY LONG DISTANCE RACES

10.2.1 Each boat will sail the course and finish on the club line unless the course is shortened.

10.2.2 A boat may finish at the RWYC line unless shortened course is signaled, by sailing in an easterly direction to pass an extension of a transit from the RWYC flag mast and a yellow and black striped transit staff on the shore below it. The outer distance limit of the line will be the yacht mooring buoys on the south side of the main Cattewater channel.

11. PROHIBITED RACING AREA.

11.1 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.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office in the Royal Western Yacht Club.

Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the regatta office within the appropriate protest time limit.

13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of that day or 60 minutes after the time that the race committee signals that racing is abandoned for the day.

13.3 Notices will be posted on the official Regatta notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. All parties to a hearing must assemble at the appointed time

13.4 Notice of a hearing posted on the Regatta noticeboard will be adequate notice to competitors. This changes RRS 63.2

13.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

13.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a **request for a reopening of a hearing** shall be delivered within the posted time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day and no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a **request for redress** based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2

14. SCORING

14.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15. DISCARDS

15.1 (a)When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.2 (b)When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

16. RETIREMENTS

16.1 Boats retiring from a race shall inform a race committee boat at the earliest opportunity.

17. PRIZES

17.1 Daily prizes and overall prizes will be awarded.

18. RISK STATEMENT

18.1 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." 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 or omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The 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) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 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.

20. MEDIA WAIVER

20.1 Competitors give their consent to the sponsors and the Organising Authority, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote the Gul Allspars Final Fling Regatta.

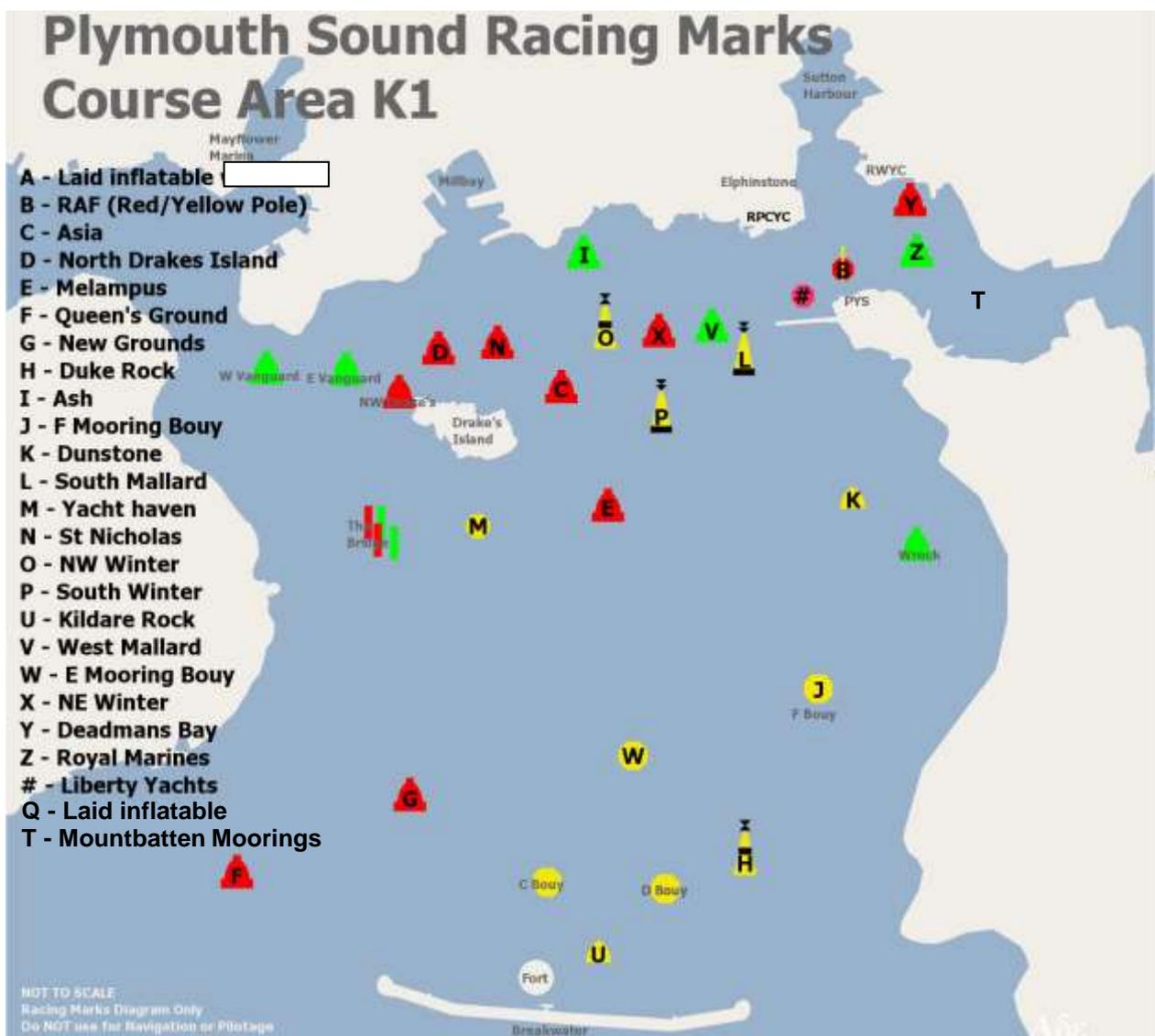
21. FURTHER INFORMATION

21.1 The Regatta Office can be contacted by e-mail or telephone as follows:

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APPENDIX A:



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