



Autumn Series

Sailing Instructions

Sunday mornings

10th September to 29th October 2017

Organising authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd
Plymouth UK

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

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 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/qhm-plymouth>) 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 Misconduct.

As a naval/commercial port, shipping movements are frequent and have priority. Boats must at all times keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and must obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct.

- 1.3 An engine or other alternative means of propulsion shall be used when appropriate to avoid risk of collision with another vessel that is underway but not racing; or in a grave emergency. The facts shall be reported by radio to the Race Committee at the finish with written details submitted to the race office before the end of protest time. The protest committee may impose a penalty if it thinks fit. This changes RRS 63.1.

- 1.4 Racing rule(s) 35, 44, A2 & A4.2 will be changed as follows:

- 35 Time Limit – Any boat not finishing within an additional 50% of the second boat to finish in each class will be scored DNF.
- 44.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.
- A2 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less one discard for each four (4) races completed.

- 1.5 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 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RWYC Autumn Series event page. <http://rwy.org/racing/club-racing/autumn-series-2017>. This shall be deemed to be the Official Notice Board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the RWYC website www.rwy.org - Autumn Series event page at least twenty four (24) hours before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC Flagstaff. Notices to competitors will be posted on the website and may be displayed in the clubhouse, as well.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACING and COURSES

- 5.1 IRC and Port Handicap Classes; will sail windward – leeward courses (designation W) finishing at the committee boat line, and/or ‘round the cans’ courses (designation C) finishing at the RWYC line (see SI 13.2). It is intended that two (2) races will be sailed per morning.
- 5.2 MOCRA Class; will sail one round the cans race, starting 10 minutes before other fleets.
- 5.3 J24 & SeaScape18 Classes; will sail windward – leeward courses only (designation W) starting and finishing at the committee vessel. It is intended that two (2) races will be sailed per morning. The first race will be one lap, but the second race is scheduled as one or two laps. The leeward mark of Race 2 will be the outer distance mark of the start line, if two laps are sailed.
- 5.4 Sailovers - If the number of boats in a class starting a race is less than two, that class race shall be abandoned.

6 CLASS FLAGS & SIGNALS

- 6.1 It is intended that the first warning signal will be given at 09.45, for MOCRA’S, and 0955 for the rest of the start sequence. Where there are to be two races, the second race will begin as soon as practically possible after the completion of race one. Depending on numbers, classes starts may be combined.
- 6.2 Class Flags shall be flown from the backstay when racing as follows.

Class	Class Flag
MOCRA	8
IRC	1
Port Handicap	2
J24	J
SeaScape 18	9

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Windward – leeward course - Course boards on the side of the committee vessel will display the course designation W, together with the course letter of the windward mark (see Appendix C). All racing will usually take place inside Plymouth Breakwater. The Race Committee reserves the right to stage racing outside of the breakwater if required.
- 7.2 The MOCRA class (only) will use navigation marks which may be both inside and outside Plymouth Breakwater.
- 7.3 Round the Cans course – Where preset courses are to be used (Appendices A and B), course boards on the side of the committee vessel will display the course designation letter A or B, and the course number to be sailed. If preset courses cannot be used, the committee boat will display letter boards indicating the course configuration in accordance with the chartlet on Appendix C.

- 7.3 All courses to be sailed for all fleets will be announced before each class warning signal on Ch 77. Failure to receive a VHF message shall not constitute grounds for redress.

8 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Committee boat Start Pin – Orange Pillar Buoy

Committee Boat Finish Pin – as above (same mark).

9 THE START

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The start line for all classes will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel and the outer distance mark, an orange pillar buoy.
- 9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay at least 100 metres from the starting area.

10 RECALLS (This changes rule 29.2)

In the event of an individual recall, competitors' attention may be brought to the signal on VHF Ch 77. The failure to receive any Race Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

11. CHANGE OF COURSE

Courses will not be changed after the start signal.

12 SHORTEN COURSE

Windward/leeward courses cannot be shortened. Round the cans races may be shortened at any mark.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 Windward/leeward races shall finish by sailing directly back through the start line after rounding the windward mark. At the end of Race 2, for J24's and Seascares, each boat shall record its own finish position as it passes the ODM at the end of the final lap. Results must be passed on to the RWYC as soon as possible after the finish.
- 13.2 Round the cans races will finish at the RWYC club 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.
- 13.3 The MOCRA Class will record their own finish times on a line between NW Winter and NE Winter. These times must be sent using either VHF 77, by email to admin@RWYC.org, or by telephone to the club 01752 660077.
- 13.4 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

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 also 1.4.

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, or by telephone to RWYC telephone: 01752 660077

17 TIME LIMIT (see SI 1.4)

The race committee may advise competitors of the expiry of the time limit on VHF 77.

18 SCORING

18.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores less one discard for each four (4) races completed.

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 or an alternate channel if this is unavailable..

19.3 The failure to receive any Race Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

20 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, all competitors agree and acknowledge that:

- (i) 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;
- (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (iv) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (v) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (vii) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;

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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ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB - AUTUMN SERIES STANDARD COURSES

APPENDIX A

WIND SPEED OF UP TO 10 KNOTS

A1 - 5.6 nautical miles
 Start (near Kildare Rock)
 S Winter (P)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 NW Winter - (P)
 Melampus (P)
 N E Winter(S)
 Club Line Finish

A2 - 4.7 nautical miles
 Start (near Kildare Rock)
 F Buoy (P)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 New Grounds (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

A3 - 5.1 nautical miles
 Start (near Yacht Haven)
 F Buoy (P)
 Yacht Haven (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 Melampus (P)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

A4 - 5.1 nautical miles
 Start (near Melampus)
 Duke Rock (P)
 Melampus (S)
 F Buoy (P)
 S Winter (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

A5 - 4.8 nautical miles
 Start near Melampus
 Kildare Rock (P)
 Melampus (S)
 Dunstone (S)
 F Buoy (S)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

A6 - 5.1 nautical miles
 Start near Melampus
 New Grounds (P)
 F Buoy (S)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

A7 - 5.5 nautical miles
 Start in Jennycliff
 Yacht Haven (P)
 Duke Rock (S)
 New Grounds (S)
 Melampus (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

A8 - 4.9 nautical miles
 Start near Duke Rock
 Yacht Haven (P)
 Duke Rock (P)
 F Buoy (P)
 Melampus (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter(S)
 Club Line Finish

ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB - AUTUMN SERIES STANDARD COURSES

APPENDIX B

WIND SPEED OF OVER 10 KNOTS

B1 - 6.1 nautical miles
 Start (near Kildare Rock)
 Melampus (P)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 New Grounds (S)
 Yacht Haven (S)
 Duke Rock (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

B2 - 7.5 nautical miles
 Start (near New Grounds)
 Dunstone (P)
 New Grounds (P)
 Kildare Rock (P)
 F Buoy (P)
 Queens Ground (S)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

B3 - 6.8 nautical miles
 Start (near Queens Grounds)
 Duke Rock (P)
 New Grounds (P)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 Queens Ground (S)
 Yacht Haven (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

B4 - 6.8 nautical miles
 Start (near Yacht Haven)
 Duke Rock (P)
 Yacht Haven (S)
 Melampus (S)
 F Buoy (S)
 New Ground (P)
 Kildare Rock (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

B5 - 6.7 nautical miles
 Start near Melampus
 Kildare Rock (P)
 Melampus (P)
 Yacht Haven (P)
 New Grounds (P)
 Duke Rock (P)
 Dunstone (S)
 F Buoy (S)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

B6 - 7.9 nautical miles
 Start near Yacht Haven
 Queens Ground (P)
 Melampus (S)
 Dunstone (S)
 New Grounds (P)
 F Buoy (S)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 N E Winter(S)
 Club Line Finish

B7 - 6.5 nautical miles
 Start in Jennycliff
 Yacht Haven (P)
 F Buoy (S)
 Duke Rock (S)
 Queens Ground (S)
 Dunstone (P)
 N E Winter(S)
 Club Line Finish

B8 - 6.9 nautical miles
 Start near Duke Rock
 Melampus (P)
 Duke Rock (S)
 Yacht Haven (P)
 Kildare Rock (S)
 New Grounds (S)
 F Buoy (P)
 N E Winter (S)
 Club Line Finish

APPENDIX C



