

The person in charge of the safety boat shall be the sole arbiter of the correct distance the safety boat will proceed in front of any vessel. Any yacht, which causes the safety boat to alter course, **will be disqualified and scored DNE. RRS Rule 63.1 does not apply,**

Safety boats engaged in ship escort duties may fly a blue flag.

IRPCS Rule 9(b)

A vessel less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only in a narrow channel or fairway.

Bye-laws for the Regulation of Vessels Navigating the River Tay Estuary

No obstructions to other vessels. A vessel whether under power or sail which is not confined to the main channel, shall not make use of the main channel as to cause obstructions to other vessels which can only navigate within such a channel, and shall give other vessels a clear course and as wide a berth as safe navigation requires.

Vessels not to impede or endanger other vessels. No vessels shall enter or cross the main channel except when the channel in the vicinity of the vessel is clear and only in such a manner as not to impede or endanger other vessels navigating the channel.

5. **HANDICAPS**

The RYA Portsmouth Handicap System will be used for all races.

6. **FINISHING**

In all races, yachts should check and record their own time as they cross the finishing line in case they may not have been seen due to severe weather or pressure of yachts. When possible, the names of yachts finishing immediately ahead and astern should be noted.

7. **RETIRALS AND DECLARATIONS**

A declaration is required from the helmsman or owner's representative of yachts that have RETIRED from the race. The retiral sheet will be at the upstairs race office and must be signed within 1 hour of finishing or coming ashore whichever is the later. Failure to sign will result in disqualification.

8. **COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

NOTICES - Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the downstairs race office by the beach clubhouse.

SIGNALS ASHORE - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race box.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Flag `L` flown at least 1 hour before the scheduled start of a race will denote that a change in the sailing instructions has been posted on the notice board. This shall constitute official notice to each yacht in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and it shall be the responsibility of all competitors to consult the notice.

9. **CLASSES AND WARNING SIGNALS**

All classes and warning signals relative to these sailing instructions, will be posted on the official notice board at the downstairs race office by the beach clubhouse.

CANCELLING, COMBINING OR ADDING CLASSES

The committee reserve the right to cancel, combine or add classes and times of start each day, depending on the number of starters. Five or more boats of one kind may constitute a class but will not necessarily be given their own start time.

10. **COURSES**

Courses will be displayed at the Race Box

11. **STARTING PROCEDURE**

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 with classes starting at 5 minute intervals.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Sunday 21st October to Sunday 9th December

All Classes - One race is scheduled. **First Start 12.00hrs**

Wednesday 26th December

All Classes - Two races are scheduled. **First Start 11.30hrs**

Order of starting will be posted on the notice board at the Race Box.

START

The starting line is defined as being the extension to seaward of a line between two triangles at the Race Box. Mark `A` limits the water to be sailed at the start and will not necessarily be on the line. Mark `A` will be a black round buoy.

12. **INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1

13. **GENERAL RECALLS**

Altering RRS 29.2, in the event of a general recall the First Substitute will be lowered one minute before the starting signal for the next scheduled class. No sound signal will be given. The normal starting sequence will **not** be interrupted by the general recall. The recall classes will start after the last class to start normally.

14. **SHORTENED COURSE**

Courses may be shortened at any mark of the course by a committee boat or the race box, displaying code flag `S` together with the necessary class flags. A single code flag `S` indicates a shortened course for all classes. A shortened course will be signalled in accordance with RRS 32, in which case the finishing line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and the mark or, if the flag is displayed at the race box, the course will be shortened between the race box and mark `A`.

15. **PENALTIES**

All Classes. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply when a yacht is racing.

16. **FINISHING**

The finishing line shall be between the triangle on the Race Box and Mark `A`

17. **PROTESTS & ARBITRATION**

Protests and Arbitration shall be written on forms available at the race office and lodged at the race office in accordance with RRS 61. Arbitration will be conducted as soon as practicable. The lodging of protests time limit will be two hours after the completion of the last race of the day.

The time and place of any protest hearings will be posted at the notice board in the main clubhouse after acceptance of protests. It is the duty of a yacht to find out whether there is a protest against her and to collect her witnesses when appropriate.

18. **SCORING**

Will be as per RYA Appendix A 4.1 low points system

Winter Series - 8 races are scheduled. For all classes the number of races to count for the series shall be two less for 8 or 7 sailed and 1 less for 6 or 5 sailed. However if 4 or less races are sailed then all races shall count towards the series.

Boxing Day - both scheduled races will count for the overalls.

Should average lap times be used the race will end with the flying of Flag "S" from the Race Box at which time each yacht will complete the lap on which it is sailing. The results will then be calculated based upon each yachts average corrected lap time around the set course of the race, using the formula :-

$$\frac{\text{(Elapsed time x 1000)}}{\text{(P.Y. No x Number of Rounds)}}$$

The corrected average lap time will then be multiplied by the highest number of rounds completed in the race by the fastest boat or boats to establish the overall places.

Should a yacht have a higher corrected time than one of her competitors with the same, or lesser, handicap number and that yacht has completed a greater number of rounds, then that yacht's final result may be calculated on the same number of rounds completed by her competitors with the same, or lesser, handicap with the additional round or rounds discarded. The decision to do this will be that of the Race Committee, which will be final.

19. **TIME LIMITS**

If any yacht in a class finishes a race within the prescribed time limit, namely two hours after the start of that class, racing will be extended for all other yachts in that class by 30 minutes. When no yacht in a class finishes by the time limit, the race will be deemed to have been abandoned.

20. **PRIZEGIVING**

The prize-giving will be held within the main clubhouse as soon as reasonably practicable after conclusion of racing on each Sunday of the Winter Series and subject to protests.

The prize-giving for Boxing Day will be held within the main clubhouse as soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of racing and subject to protests.

The overall Winter Series prize-giving will follow the Boxing Day prize-giving.

These sailing instructions supercede all other instructions issued.

RTYC WINTER SERIES & BOXING DAY 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020, The RYA Prescriptions, the rules of each class concerned and these sailing instructions.

2. **SAFETY**

The safety of a yacht/boat/board and her entire management including insurance is the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the yacht/boat/board is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by crew sufficient in number and experience and physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, engine and all other gear. The owner/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

The club and the race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused to the owner/competitor, skipper, crew or other person involved in the management of the race as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the yacht/boat/board under these conditions abrogates the responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are none the less advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES – Adequate personal flotation devices will be worn at all times when afloat. Neither wet suits, nor dry suits constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This alters RRS 40.

3. **INSURANCE**

All entrants must have and maintain insurance cover against Third Party and Passenger Liability for an amount of at least £2,000,000 or as prescribed by Class Rules, whichever is the greater.

4. **RIVER TRAFFIC**

Attention is drawn to Rule 9(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Dundee Port Authority Bye-Laws listed below.

While racing any yacht which is unable for reason of lack of wind, or any other cause to sail clear of any commercial vessel passing up or down the river, shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to get clear. **RRS Rule 42.3i**

In the event of the Race officer or member of the Race Committee observing that a yacht has contravened the Bye-Laws the race committee may proceed against the yacht in accordance with RRS 60.2(a) and (c).

Whenever possible, a safety boat will proceed in front of the commercial vessel passing up or down the river. Any yacht sailing in the prohibited area, i.e. the area between the safety boat and the commercial vessel, **will be disqualified (scored DNE) and may be liable to prosecution. RRS Rule 63.1 does not apply.**