

ROYAL CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB ROYAL BURNHAM YACHT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2007 (Amended and issued 09.03.07).

PREAMBLE.

The Organising Authority comprises of the Sailing and Racing Committee (RCYC) and the Sailing Sub-committee (RBYC) which together form the Race Committee. The club operating the start line is the Race Committee for that day.

The Clubs, their Officers, Members and Employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel in any way or from any cause during or related to Races organised by the above defined Race Committee.

Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club prescribes to the application of the RYA Racing Charter.

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Rules of the one design Classes, the Crouch Harbour Authority Bye-Laws, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 General

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat or the provision of safety boats limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of their taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum specified safety equipment detailed in class rules.

2.2 Insurance

Each boat shall have a valid third-party insurance of not less than £2,000,000 in force for the duration of all races sailed under these Sailing Instructions, for which she has entered.

2.3 Compliance with Class Rules, Measurements and Rating Certificates – see RRS 78

2.4 Racing Fees and Entry Forms:

Class	Annual Fee	Per Race	Notes:
Dragon	£130.00	£7.50	<u>Annual and individual Race Entry Forms shall be lodged with the Race Officer/Club Office by the owner/person in charge before a boat starts a race.</u>
Elite707	£115.00	£7.50	
Squib RCOD RBOD	£90.00	£7.50	
Dinghy	£40.00	£5.00	

2.5 Identification on Sails

Under exceptional circumstances and provided that Class Rules allow, the race committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying an identifying number other than that required by RRS 77 and Appendix G.

2.6 Eligibility

Races are open to any member of a yacht club recognised by the RYA (or another National Sailing Authority). Non-members are not eligible for some club trophies. Ladies' and crews' races are open.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on Official Notice Boards at the eastern end of the RCYC lounge and the 'Immediate' Notice Board adjacent to the quay door of the RBYC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will either be posted on the Official Notice Boards at least one hour before the race, or by communication (which may be orally) with each competitor afloat before the Warning Signal.

5. SIGNALS

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the Race Box or the Race Box Platform of the club starting the racing that day.

6.1 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Races are scheduled as follows. Times shown are the scheduled starting signals. The first scheduled class to start may be shown flag 'F' (one sound) 10 minutes before the start of that class. The signal will be removed at the warning signal for that class.

CLASS	RS Elite	Hunter 707	International Dragon	National Squib	RCOD	RBOD
Class ID Flag	H	NN7	D	NN9	C	V
Courses	Classes as per course card. Inverted A for special courses (SIs 9.1-4).					
Fridays & Saturdays Before BW	14.10	14.20	14.30	14.40	14.50	15.00
Sundays & Mondays	10.10	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.50	11.00
Saturdays After BW	14.10	14.20	14.30	14.40	13.50	14.00
Saturdays November TTEOTS	13.10	13.20	13.30	13.40		

Abbreviations for (SI.6) BW = Burnham Week. TTEOTS = To The End Of The Season

6.2 Committee Boat Start

Occasionally selected classes may be started from a Committee Boat. The selected classes will be notified through their Class Captain or other representative and the time and appropriate position of the start and other details will be posted on the Official Notice Boards no later than two hours before the start of the race.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags, used as Warning Signals, will be as shown in SI 6 above. The use of flags C and H as Class Flags is in addition to their unchanged meanings in RRS – Race Signals.

8. RACING AREA

The Rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

9. THE COURSE

9.1 Course to be sailed

When starting from the RBYC or RCYC lines, the course to be sailed will be indicated by letters and the explanations and instructions given on the Course Card.

9.2 Display of Course

The course to be sailed will be indicated by the letters displayed on the Race Box or Race Box Platform no later than the Warning Signal for that class.

9.3 Special Course

A Special course will be indicated by the inverted letter 'A' being displayed on the Race Box and the course details will be posted on the Official Notice Boards or communicated (which may be orally) to each competitor before the Warning Signal.

9.5 Committee Boat Starts

When the start is by Committee Boat, the course will be communicated (which may be orally) from the Committee Boat to each competitor before the Preparatory Signal.

10. MARKS

10.1 Definitions

The Racing Marks are as defined on the Course Card

10.2 Inner Limit Mark

When the Start is by Committee Boat, an Inner Limit Mark may protect it. At no time shall boats sail between the Committee Boat and the Inner Limit Mark. The Race Officer may, at his discretion, lay limit marks on either the RBYC or RCYC Start Lines.

10.3 Committee Vessel (Amends RRS Definitions - in accordance with RYA directive)

The Committee Vessel is defined as the Committee Boat itself, any equipment attached to it, any attached tender lying alongside or forward or aft of it, and any ground tackle both above and below waterline, so long as the object is in position from the preparatory signal until after the starting signal. Competitors who hit any appendage of the Committee Boat as defined above will be deemed to have hit the Committee Vessel

11. THE START (Starts will conform to RRS Rule 26).

11.1.1 Starting

Races from the RBYC and RCYC lines will be started with the Class Flag being displayed, as a warning signal, 5 minutes before the Start Signal, the Preparatory Signal (P, I, Z, Z with I, or Black Flag) will be displayed 4 minutes before the Start Signal and removed 1 minute before the Start Signal. The Class Flag will be removed at the Start. Committee Boat starts will conform to the above system unless amended by event SI's. Flags on all starts may be accompanied by sound and/or light signals.

11.1.2 Absence of a Class.

Where a class is not racing the race committee may omit all start signals for that class and display flag "F", with or without a sound signal, at the scheduled start time of the class not racing. This signal will be removed at the warning signal for the next class.

11.2.1 Starting (and Finishing) Line – Club Fixed Line

The Starting and Finishing Line is either the RBYC or the RCYC Line, as indicated on the Sailing Programme. The Starting and Finishing Line at each club is defined by two posts in transit on the south shore opposite each club. In the absence of one of these

posts, the Line will be defined as between the remaining post on the south shore and the southern-most post on the north shore. (The transit of the two posts on the north shore is a guide only).

11.2.2 Starting (and Finishing) Line – Committee Boat

The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat and a nearby mark.

11.3 Keeping Clear

Boats whose Preparatory Signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area (an area of 50 metres either side of the Starting Line) and of all boats whose Preparatory Signal has been made.

11.4 General Recall

When at the Starting Signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

12. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START (Amends RRS 32)

12.1 Shortening Course at Finishing Line

When Flag S is displayed, with two sound signals, at or near the Finishing Line, it will have the following meaning for all classes (where Flag S is displayed over a Class Flag this instruction will apply to that class only):

The leading boat will finish when she crosses the designated Finishing Line and all other boats will finish when they do so having sailed the same course.

12.2 Shortening Course at a Mark

12.2.1 When Flag H is displayed, with two sound signals, from a vessel flying the Club Burgee near a mark of the course, it will have the following meaning for all classes (where Flag H is displayed over a Class Flag this instruction will apply to that Class only):

The course is shortened and this is the last mark of the course. Pass it on the required side and sail to the designated Finishing Line, having first sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat, and finish.

12.2.2 When Flag S is displayed, with two sound signals from a vessel flying the Club Burgee near a mark of the course its meaning is as in the RRS – Race Signals.

12.3 Shortening Course other than at Finishing Line or Mark

A vessel flying the Club Burgee, which is authorised by the Race Officer, may finish the race at any time for improving sailing and/or safety, the instruction for which may be given orally and shall be followed at all times. Where possible this instruction shall be accompanied by Flag H with two sound signals. (Where Flag H is displayed over a Class Flag this instruction will apply to that Class only). The course is shortened and the race will be to the designated Finishing Line, having first sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat, and finish. The finish line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark

13. THE FINISHING LINE – see SI's 11.2.1 and 2 above

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 RRS 35 will not apply

14.2 Time Limit

The time limit for each race will be:

a. Saturdays and Good Friday 18.30 during BST and 16.30 during GMT

b. Sundays 15.30

c. Bank Holidays and Easter Saturday 18.30

The race will be valid for all boats finishing within the Time Limit

14.3 Late Finishers

When the first boat finishes less than 45 minutes before the Time Limit, the race will be valid for all boats that finish within 45 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat.

14.4 After Time Limit

Boats finishing after the above Time Limits will be deemed to have retired and will be scored DNF.

15. PROTESTS

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered to the Office or to the Race Officer within one hour after the time of the last boat's finish unless the Race Officer decides to allow a longer period.

16. SCORING - (RRS 89.3(a)(b) is amended).

16.1 Scoring shall be as each Class specifies

17. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES – (RRS 44.1 and 44.2 is amended).

A one turn penalty rule (a turn in the same direction which includes one tack and one gybe) will apply to all classes.

18. HAULING OUT; MAKING FAST; ANCHORING.

RRS Rule 45 will apply EXCEPT: A boat shall be afloat and off her moorings at her WARNING signal, (Rule 45 states a boat shall be afloat and off her moorings at her preparatory signal).

19. OTHER REQUIREMENTS WHEN AFLOAT

19.1 Personal Buoyancy

All competitors in centreboard classes shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times. For all other classes, RRS 40 will apply.

19.1.1 Boats competing in keel boat classes are required to carry a minimum of two currently dated hand held distress flares.

19.2 Safety Equipment

Any boat found deficient in safety equipment according to the rules of their Class during a race or during a spot check will be considered to have infringed Rule 1 of these Sailing Instructions.

19.3 Check in at Committee Boat

Prior to their class Warning Signal all boats are to pass close by the stern of the Committee Boat for identification.

19.4 Moored vessels

A boat racing that collides or causes a collision with a moored vessel shall report this in writing to the Race Officer within the Protest Time Limit, and protest or retire from that race. The owner/person in charge shall report the collision to the Crouch Harbour Authority, Channel M1 on VHF or 01621 783602 or mobile 07903 132644.

19.5 Infringement of Rule 1 of these Sailing Instructions may lead to disqualification.

20. DECLARATIONS AND RETIRING

Declarations are not required unless the class so decides, in which case a notice to this effect will be posted on the Official Notice Boards and a declaration form will be obtained from the Office and delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.

From the moment a race starts, it is the responsibility of the owner/person in charge who retires to advise the Race Officer without delay, and in all cases within the Protest Time Limit. (End of SI's AF 09.03.07).