



## **Otter Week 2019**

4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

The organising Authority

Corinthian Otters

In conjunction with Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

### **1.0 Rules**

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Crouch Harbour byelaws.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.4 Competitors must wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst on the pontoon and whilst afloat except briefly whilst adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.5 The Two Turns Penalty as described in RRS 44.1 is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (including one tack and one gybe).
- 1.6 These sailing instructions override the Notice of Race if the two conflict. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.7 If there is conflict between languages, English text will take preference.
- 1.8 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, photographs and audio recordings or filmed television of this regatta or related material.

### **2.0 Eligibility and Entry**

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all dinghies and entrants who have formally registered, paid their entry fee and been accepted.
- 2.2 Entrants shall use the same sail and size of sail they use on the first day, for the rest of the regatta to be eligible for points and scoring.
- 2.3 Entrants shall use the same boat they registered and use on the first day, for the rest of the regatta to be eligible for points and scoring.
- 2.4 All owners / boats entered and taking part shall be insured and hold a valid third party liability insurance with a minimum £3 million per incident.



### **3.0 Notices to competitors**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board inside the RCYC lounge by registration area.

3.2 Supplementary sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board.

### **4.0 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that changes to any schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### **5.0 Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RO committee boat moored at the end of the pontoon or from the main RO box mast on top of the RCYC. When a signal is displayed over a fleet class flag, it applies to that class only.

### **6.0 Schedule of races and events**

6.1 Registration will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

6.2 Classes:

Class flag O – Optimists

Class flag F – Handicap dinghies (Teras, Toppers, Cadets)

Class flag R – RS Asymmetric dinghies

Class Flag Q - Lasers

Races:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August (LW 09.51 HW 15.52)

Competitors briefing (boats rigged and crews in sailing clothing) 10.45

First Warning Signal 11.45 – 3 races scheduled

Return to Club 16.45

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August (LW 10.34 HW 16.36)

Competitors briefing (boats rigged and crews in sailing clothing) 09.30

First Warning Signal 10.30 – 2 races scheduled

Return to Club 13.15

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August (LW 11.18 HW 17.21)

Competitors briefing (boats rigged and crews in sailing clothing) 09.00

First Warning Signal 10.00 – 2 races scheduled



Return to Club 13.00

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August (LW 12.05 HW 18.10)

Competitors briefing (boats rigged and crews in sailing clothing) 09.15

Long Distance Race Warning Signal 10.15 – 1 race scheduled

Return to Club 15.00

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August (HW 06.49 LW 12.57)

Competitors briefing (boats rigged and crews in sailing clothing) 09.15

First Warning Signal 10.15 – 2 races scheduled

Return to Club 13.00

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August (HW 07.48 LW 13.57)

Competitors briefing (boats rigged and crews in sailing clothing) 09.45

First Warning Signal 10.45 – 2 races scheduled

Return to Club 13.15

End of racing programme

6.4 Twelve races are scheduled and the Long-Distance Race must be counted in the points series and cannot be used as a discard. It is the intention that there will be no more than the number of scheduled races per day, however, additional races may be sailed in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if the race committee so decides. If this is the case, classes will be notified verbally on the water by an official RO boat so should not leave the race course area unless they have been instructed by an official RO boat to return to the Club.

## **7.0 The Courses**

7.1 The course will be as described in Appendix 1 (see attached).

7.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will designate the course by displaying the appropriate letter and number over the back of the RO boat. This may change between classes, so competitors are urged to look for any changes just before their class warning signal.

7.3 If a race is shortened, the signalling of a shortened course will be before the first boat crosses the finishing line in accordance with RRS 32.

7.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat sailing the course and finishing will be scored as DNF unless the RO committee can clearly calculate accurate positions i.e. all boats not sailing under handicap, but strictly in class.

## **8.0 Starting and Finishing**

8.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.



8.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RO boat and the course side of the starting mark (sometimes called the pin end).

8.3 The finishing line will be between the transom of the RO boat and the course side of the finishing mark set up on the opposite side to the starting line.

## **9.0** Scoring

9.1 Twelve races are scheduled. Four races will constitute a series. When four races have been completed, the total of a boats score less her worst position shall count for her points. When eight races have been completed, the total of a boats score less her two worst positions shall be count for her points. When a twelve races have been completed, the total of a boats score less her three worst positions shall count for her points.

9.2 The low points scoring will apply.

## **10.0** Protests and Requests for Redress

10.1 Protest forms are available from the RCYC office by the main entrance and shall be delivered to the RCYC office within one hour of the last boat coming ashore.

10.2 Protests or requests for redress shall be in accordance with RRS 60, except that the intention to protest shall be clearly communicated to the Race Committee on the RO boat within 10 minutes of finishing that race.

## **Attachments (Point 7.1)**

Appendix 1 – The Course Diagrams