



Marco Polo 'All In' Pursuit Race

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

Burnham on Crouch Essex

Saturday 26th October 2019

Starting at 14.30 Warning Signal at 14.25

The Organising Authority for the event will be Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (RCYC)

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA and the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing Rules 63.7, 40, 33, 61.1b, 29.1 are changed by Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority without payment the right in perpetuity to make use and show any motion pictures, still pictures, video, and live taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.

2. Entries & Eligibility

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority.

3. Disclaimer of Liability

- 3.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

4. Insurance

- 4.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of £3,000,000 per event.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board located at the RCYC ground floor.

4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Oral instructions may be originated by the Principal Race Officer at the Briefing to be held at the RCYC at 13.30. Other changes to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the start of the race.
- 4.2 Competitors' attention will be drawn to changes by flying flag 'L' accompanied by one sound signal. Flag 'L' will be lowered after the start of the race
- 4.3 In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

5. **Safety**

- 5.1 All competitors whilst afloat must have/ wear an adequate flotation device.
- 5.2. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 5.3. Suitable clothing shall be worn for the conditions of the day.
- 5.4 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff RCYC race box.

6. **The Course**

- 6.1 The course will be detailed at the 13.30 briefing.

7. **Marks**

- 7.1 Marks will normally be river racing marks and large orange 'cylindrical' type inflatable buoys. Replacement marks as provided in RRS 34 will be large orange or yellow cylindrical type inflatable buoys.

8. **The Start**

- 8.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 8.2 Thereafter, number boards will be displayed for each class start. **Starting order list as in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.**
- 8.3 The start line will be a reduced RCYC Club start line. The committee boat flagstaff displaying an orange flag and the nearest to the committee boat RCYC transit post on the south shore.
- 8.4 After the first class has started, the next and subsequent starts may be broadcast on VHF channel 72.
- 8.5 A boat starting later than four minutes after her start signal will be scored DNS.

9. **Recalls**

- 9.1 RRS 29.1 is changed. If a boat is over the starting line at the starting signal, the race committee shall promptly display Flag 'X' with one sound signal. The flag will be displayed until all those on the course side of the line have returned to the pre-start side of the line or for 30 seconds, whichever is the shorter.

10. **Change to the next leg of the course**

- 10.1 As an addition to RRS 33, a green triangle or red rectangular board maybe displayed to indicate that the mark has been moved to starboard or port.

11. **The Finish**

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between the flagstaff displaying an orange flag on the two race committee boats, this will be an on the water finish.

- 11.2 The race will be shortened around 100 minutes after the first start. All competitors should complete the current course and cross the finish line to complete the race.

12. Penalty System

- 12.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing This changes rule 35,A4 and A5.

13. Protests

- 13.1 Protests in writing shall be lodged with the Race Office within 30 minutes of the finish. Protest forms are available from the Race Office.
- 13.2 A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board within 1 hour of the finish. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule. This is the notice under RRS 63.2.
- 13.3 When the race committee or protest committee intends to protest a boat it may inform her by a notice posted within the protest time limit on the official notice board. This changes the first sentence of rule 61.1(b).
- 13.4 The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.

14. Scoring

- 14.1 Each boat's score shall be their finishing place of the race.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizes will be awarded for places.

16. Radio Communications

- 16.1 A boat shall neither make a radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

17. Equipment & Measuring Checks

- 17.1 A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

Appendix 1 – Courses

The course will be laid out on the morning of the race and described to all competitors at the briefing held at 13.30 hours on Saturday 26th October 2019 at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.