

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (RCYC) & Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC)

Sailing Instructions 2020

These sailing instructions are for club racing from the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club line and the Royal Burnham Yacht Club line.

1. RULES

1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS).

1.2 The Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws will apply. Copies are available from the Crouch Harbour Authority at the Quay, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, CM0 8AS and can be viewed on their website at <http://crouchharbour.org.uk/byelaws/complete/>.

1.3 Under RRS 87, rule 12.20 of the Class Rules of the International Dragon Class Association is changed such that Dragon's are allowed to use an electronic depth sounder whilst racing.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the eastern end of the RCYC lounge and the "immediate" notice board adjacent to the quay door of the RBYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before a race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 When racing from the RCYC Line signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag-pole near the RCYC race box.

4.2 When racing from the RBYC Line signals made ashore will be displayed on the balcony near the RBYC race box.

4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore before the scheduled warning signal of the first class to start that day, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. Once a starting sequence has commenced this change to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES AND WARNING SIGNALS

5.1 The schedule of racing for each class is in the sailing programmes issued by the RCYC and the RBYC.

5.2 The warning signal times are as shown in the Appendix A.

6. CLASS FLAGS Class flags will be as shown in the Appendix A. The use of flags C and H as class flags is in addition to their unchanged meaning in the RRS.

7. RACING AREAS The rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses are the courses and instructions shown on the Course Cards available at the RCYC and RBYC and set out in Appendix B.

8.2 When starting from the RCYC Line the course to be sailed will be the course shown on the Course Card corresponding to the letter or letters displayed on the front of the RCYC club house by the race box at the class warning signal.

8.3 When starting from the RBYC Line the course to be sailed will be the course shown on the Course Card corresponding to the letter or letters displayed on the front of the RBYC club house by the race box at the class warning signal.

8.4 A special course (being a course not on the Course Cards) will be indicated by the inverted letter "A" being displayed by the RCYC race box (for a RCYC start) or the RBYC race box (for a RBYC start) and the marks of the course may be posted on the Official Notice Boards no later than 30 minutes before the warning signal or alternatively communicated to competitors by the Race Officer before the warning signal.

8.5 Whenever boats pass through the RCYC or the RBYC club lines as part of the displayed course, these lines, which are defined in these SI's, will be a mark of the course.

9. MARKS

9.1 The Marks are as defined on the Course Cards.

9.2 Marks are rounding Marks unless designated as passing Marks on the Course Cards.

10. THE START

10.1 Races from both the RCYC Line and the RBYC Line will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The RCYC Line and the RBYC Line are in each case a line between a staff at the race box and two posts in transit on the south shore in the approximate positions shown on the Course Cards.

10.3 When racing from the RCYC the starting line will be the RCYC Line.

10.4 When racing from the RBYC the starting line will be the RBYC Line.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.6 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a Hearing. This changes rules RRS A4 and A5.

10.7 A minimum of 1 boat intending to race must appear in the starting area for a race to be started.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be the RCYC Line when racing from the RCYC and the RBYC Line when racing from the RBYC.

11.2 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START This shall be as RRS 32 with the following addition. A vessel flying the Club Burgee, which is authorised by the race officer or race committee, may shorten the course as per RRS 32 or where Flag H is displayed on its own at a rounding mark, or over an individual Class Flag when 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. The finishing line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark. This changes RRS 32.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

For Elite and RBOD classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit is three hours and thirty minutes after the last start scheduled for that day during BST and 3 hours after the last start scheduled for that day during GMT.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the office of the RCYC and the RBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the relevant office within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted as soon as reasonably possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the location and at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee under RRS 61.1(b) will be posted to inform boats.

14.5 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10.6, 16.1 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15. SCORING

The number of races to constitute a series, the scoring system and number of discards, is as specified in the schedule prepared by the fleet Class Captain and posted on the club website. In the absence of a schedule being posted one race will constitute a series.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.

16.2 All competitors in centreboard classes shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times. This changes RRS 40.

16.3 Boats competing in keel boat classes must comply with their class rules, are required to carry a minimum of two currently dated handheld distress flares, an easily accessible safety knife and adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members. All competitors in keel boat classes shall visibly wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat before the last Sunday in March and after the last Saturday in October.

16.4 A boat shall not, while racing, touch a moored vessel or a mooring buoy to which a vessel is moored or cause another boat to do so. When a boat while racing touches a moored vessel: a) Her penalty is to retire unless she protests another boat and is exonerated under RRS 64.1(a); b) The owner/person in charge shall report the collision to the Crouch Harbour Authority on Channel M1 or VHF or telephone number 01621 783602 or mobile telephone number 07903 132644 or e-mail: info@crouchharbour.org.uk This reporting obligation is in addition to and not in substitution of the reporting obligation contained in CHA By Law 24

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

19.2 It is required that all helms in keelboats carry a hand-held VHF radio on board for communications from the Race Box and for use in an emergency. This must be switched on and kept tuned to Channel 37 from the Warning Signal and throughout the race (subject to use of Channel 16 in an emergency).

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per race or the equivalent.

22. ADVERTISING

The Squib Class may use spinnakers provided by the organisers of the 2018 Squib National Championships at Cowes which display that events sponsors.

APPENDIX A Warning Signals

Class	707	Dragon	Squib	RCOD	RS Elite	RBOD
Class ID flag	NN7	D	NN9	C	H	V
Saturdays before BW	13.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.45	14.55

Sunday mornings	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	11.05	n/a
Saturdays after BW	13.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.45	14.35
Saturdays November onwards	12.55	13.05	13.15	13.25	n/a	n/a

APPENDIX B The Course Card for each class is published on the RCYC and RBYC websites.