



RCYC Snow Globe 2023

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club

Burnham on Crouch Essex

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **1. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 1.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 1.2 Any changes made afloat will be communicated orally by the RCYC support vessel crews.

### **2. Code of Conduct**

- 2.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

### **3. Signals made ashore**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RCYC Race Box.

### **4. Schedule of races**

- 4.1 Dates of racing: 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec, 9 Dec 2023
- 4.2 Number of races per day: 2
- 4.3 One extra race per day may be sailed if it is communicated according to SI No.3
- 4.4 Competitors shall register on the RCYC Dinghy Group WhatsApp by 3pm on Friday before racing.
- 4.5 Briefing will be held at 09:30 in the RCYC bar
- 4.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race 10:30
- 4.7 Subsequent races will commence as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race.

### **5. Class flags**

- 5.1 Class flag will be G

### **6. Racing areas**

- 6.1 Rivers Crouch and Roach. A more specific location will be provided at the briefing.

### **7. The Courses**

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be provided on the day via the WhatsApp group and clarified at the Briefing.

## 8. **Marks**

8.1 As described via the WhatsApp group and clarified at the Briefing

8.2 The starting and finishing line will be the RCYC club line

## 9. **The Start**

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

9.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## 10. **Time limits**

10.1 The target time for each race is 40 mins.

10.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat with a PY number greater than 1000 sails the course and finishes will be scored finished on the water and scored 1 place lower than the last boat to finish within the agreed time limit. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5

## 11. **The Finish**

11.1 After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finishing line and all boats that are continuing to race.

## 12. **Hearing Requests**

12.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or 30 minutes after the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

12.2 Protest forms are available to download from the RCYC website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the appropriate time limit.

12.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the boat shed.

## 13. **Scoring**

13.1 The low point scoring system will apply.

13.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

13.4 When 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.5 When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

13.6 When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 3 worst scores.

13.7 When 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 4 worst scores.

#### 14. **Safety Regulations**

14.1 RRS40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies to all competitors

14.2 A competitor who elects not to launch or race after completing registration shall notify the Race Box via the WhatsApp group as soon as possible.

14.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer or designated support rib as soon as possible.

#### 15. **Trash Disposal**

15.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

#### 16. **Radio communication**

16.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16.2 The Race Committee will operate on vhf Ch37a

#### 17. **Disclaimer of Liability**

17.1 21.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.

e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

17.2 With particular reference to Covid-19, competitors should make their own decision on whether to race. Competitors are responsible for adherence to Government and RYA guidelines. Neither the Organising Authority nor the PRO is responsible for enforcing social distancing measures on the water for people sailing in the same boat. By racing, competitors acknowledge that rescue by safety boat may result in compromise of social distancing.

#### 18. **Insurance**

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