



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

July 2022

Risk Statement

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 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, support boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f) The provision of support boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is the responsibility of the entering club to ensure that they have parental consent for any of their competitors under the age of 18 on race day.

Competitors should note that TEYC implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024) or at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk)

Rules

The event will be governed by the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024** the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and rules of the class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

Acceptance of the Rules

By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

- a) to be governed by the *rules*;
- b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules* ; and
- c) where the matter is not one to be determined under the *rules*, not to resort to any court of law or any tribunal until all internal remedies provided by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport have been exhausted.

Entries

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/crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race(s). Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of boats limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat or her management. TEYC shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in

charge or the crew, as a result of their taking part in a race(s). Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for a race(s). Rule 4 Decision to Race applies.

Boats entering a race must fully complete the signing on sheet provided by the Race Officer. Failure to sign on will result in the boat not being considered part of the event.

For Interclub and open events eligible boats may be entered by the completion of the entry form by each Club and lodging it with TEYC Sailing Secretary. A list of entries for each class/category shall be provided to the TEYC Sailing Secretary in advance by e-mail to roynunn68@gmail.com.

All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while on the water. This amends Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4 of RRS.

Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the TEYC notice board before 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast of the TEYC or race control on the upper floor of the clubhouse.

Race Calendar

Schedule of races will be published on TEYC website at the start of the sailing season.

Races.

All classes will start together in an "all-in" start with the exception of The Pursuit Race where start times are calculated by the Race Officer.

Generally, each race will follow the below format but this may be varied at the discretion of the Race Officer.

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| Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) above 1200 | 2 laps |
| PY between 1000 – 1200 | 3 laps |
| PY below 1000 | 4 laps |

However, for longer races a single lap course may be employed and pursuit races will terminate at a prescribed duration from the start time.

Course

The course for each race will be designated by the Race Officer and presented at a race briefing to be held in the clubhouse up to 30 minutes before the published start time.

The Start

The start of the race will follow the starting process below. All light signals are displayed at the centre of the race office on TEYC Jetty, and each change is accompanied by a sound signal.

5 minute warning signal Red light.

4 minute preparatory signal Red and Green lights.

1 minute signal Green light.

START All lights out.

The start and finish line is between the Centre support column of the club house and the Wooden Post directly South of the club house.

All boats must cross the start / finish line every lap unless instructed otherwise at the race briefing.

Retirement

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

The Finish

On completion of the prescribed number of laps each boat completing the race will be sound signalled when the first part of the craft crosses the finish line.

The Race Officer may shorten the course by reducing the number of laps required for any or all boats. On completion of a shortened race a sound signal will inform the boat of the finish.

At the discretion of the Race Officer, the fleet may be finished at any mark.

Scoring

Results will be calculated on an “average lap time” basis using the PY handicap system (2022) unless no such handicap is stated when it shall be that used by participating boats in regular local racing.

The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

Protests

Protests shall be notified to the Race Officer within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish and then written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered back within 120 minutes after the time of the last boats finish in the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.