



## 2013 REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 and the prescriptions of the RYA.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on a notice board in the boat yard on the north side of the FYC Club House.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be advised during the briefing on first day of the regatta and will be posted on the notice board.

### 4 SIGNALS

Signals made ashore will be displayed at Fisherrow Harbour on the flagstaff on harbour wall. Signals made offshore will be displayed on the committee boat.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 It is intended to schedule up to 4 races for dinghies on Saturday and up to 3 on Sunday. It is intended to schedule 2 races for Yachts on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. It is intended to run the races each day back to back.

5.2 The start times of the first race each day are as follows:

| Date                     | Class    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Race Start Time |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June | Yachts   | 14:00                           |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June | Dinghies | 14:05                           |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June | Yachts   | 14:30                           |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> June | Dinghies | 14:35                           |

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 5 minutes before the Start Time of each class.

5.4 If there are sufficient numbers, each class will be split into fast/ slow. Class starts will also be considered if there are sufficient numbers. This will be announced at the briefing.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag for yachts is a Red / Blue diagonal flag.

6.2 The class flag for dinghies is a Yellow/Purple diagonal flag.

## **7 HANDICAPS**

- 7.1 Handicaps will be based on the current FYCA/ PY handicaps, but may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 7.2 A boat entering the race without a handicap will be given one by the Race Committee.
- 7.3 Boats whose handicap assumes a spinnaker, if racing without a spinnaker may claim a 4% handicap allowance, but must do so at the time of entry. (This supersedes the FYCA Handicap Policy.)

## **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses are shown in Appendix 1 and 2.
- 8.2 Course boards will be displayed on the committee boat to indicate the course for each fleet and the direction of mark rounding

### **8.3 THE START**

- 8.3.1 The starting line will be from a committee boat anchored off Fisherrow
- 8.3.2 The dinghy start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange outer buoy. This will be laid on the inshore side of the committee boat
- 8.3.3 The yacht fleet start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a green outer buoy. This will be laid on the offshore side of the committee boat.
- 8.3.4 If the wind direction makes the description "offshore" and "onshore" side ambiguous, the colour of the start mark will define the line for each fleet.
- 8.3.5 An inner distance marker may be placed off the committee boat. Boats passing between this mark and the committee boat will be disqualified.
- 8.3.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 8.3.7 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

### **8.4 THE FINISH**

- 8.4.1 The finishing line will be the same as the start line.
- 8.4.2 Boats MUST pass through the start/finish line on each upwind leg.
- 8.4.3 The number of laps to be sailed will not be pre-determined. Results will be evaluated using the average lap time system.
- 8.4.4 Shortly before the finish, flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. If the S flag is displayed with a class flag, it only applies to that class; otherwise it applies to all classes. Boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap.
- 8.4.5 Boats awaiting the next start must stay clear of the start/ finish area.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Yacht marks the FYC fixed marks off Musselburgh, the diffuser buoys off Portobello, the buoy marking Craig Waugh, and a large orange buoy laid off Fisherrow according to the conditions on the day.
- 9.2 Both diffuser cardinal marks form the race mark. Yachts must pass both on the prescribed side.
- 9.3 Dinghies will use large yellow marks laid off Fisherrow in positions to match the course diagrams.

## **10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- ▲ the harbour entrance

## **11 TIME LIMITS**

A time limit of 90 minutes will apply to each race.

## **12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office and delivered there within the Protest Time, which for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 12.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 12.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 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.
- 12.4 Parties involved in a protest may agree to use the RYA arbitration procedure. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to a protest committee. A boat that is found by arbitration to break a rule shall receive a penalty of 40% of her race score with a minimum of 3 points.
- 12.5 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.
- 12.6 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: 'On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision.'

## **13 SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point scoring system, rule A4, will apply. A boat's worst score will be discarded if 4 or more races have been completed.
- 13.2 Scores shall be calculated on the basis of average laps i.e. the elapsed time is divided by the number of laps completed by each boat.
- 13.3 In the event of significant number of boats failing to finish within the time limit, results may be calculated on the basis of laps already completed. The decision to do this will be that of the Race Office, which will be final.

## **14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions.

## **15 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

All Yachts should keep a listening watch on VHF channel 08.

## **16 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the top three placing in each class.

## **17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

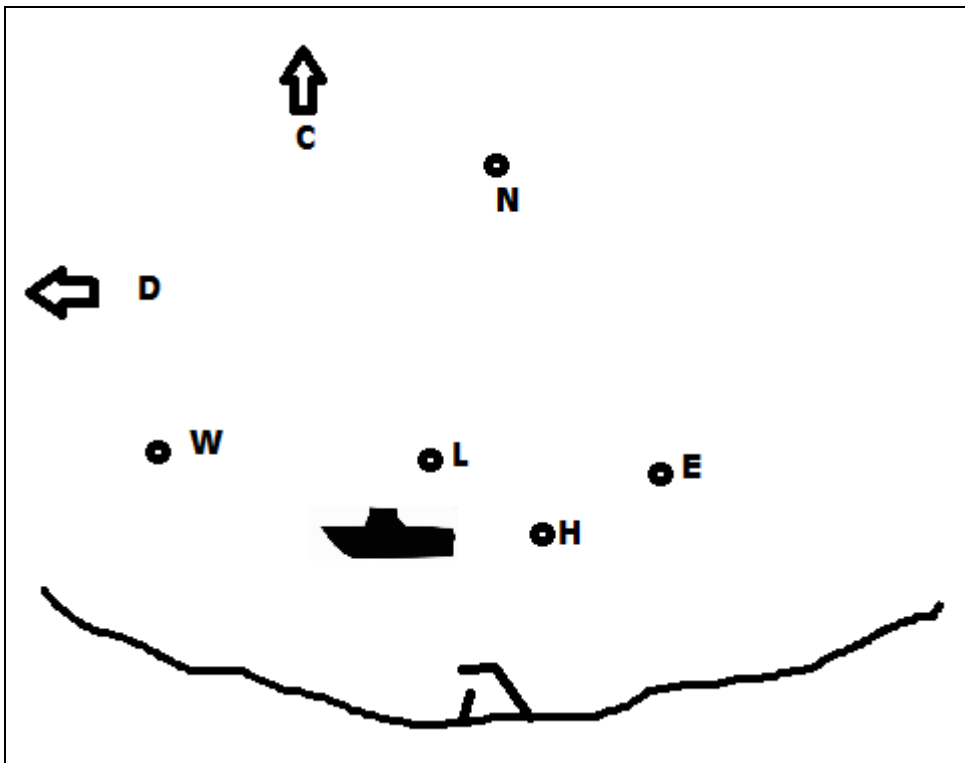
## **21 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## Appendix 1 Yacht Courses

Yacht marks are :

|   | Description          | Approx Location  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| E | East, orange pillar  | N 55° 57.130' W 03° 03.542'  |
| W | West, orange pillar  | N 55° 57.100' W 03° 05.164'  |
| N | North, orange pillar | N 55° 57.469' W 03° 04.598'  |
| D | Outer Diffusers      | N 55° 59.750' W 03° 07.750'  |
|   |                      | Note Both Cardinal marks together form the race mark see paragraph 9.2           |
| C | Craig Waugh Buoy     | N 56° 00.200' W 03° 04.400'  |
| H | Large Orange Mark    | Laid according to conditions on the day  |
| L | Start Finish Line    | Between a green buoy laid adjacent to the committee boat and the committee boat. |

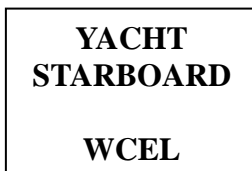


### Course Designation

The course will be designated on a board on the side of the committee boat as follows:

- The fleet name: "Yacht"
- The direction of all mark roundings "Port" or "Starboard"
- The sequence of mark roundings

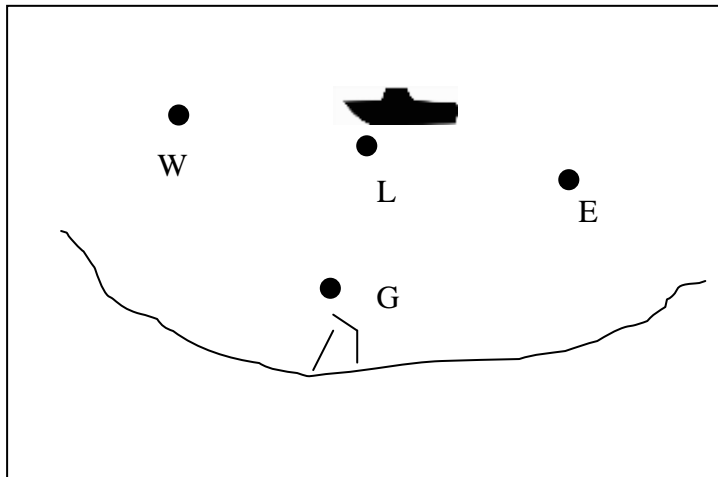
For example:



Designates a course which rounds marks W, Craig Waugh, E to starboard and then passes through the line at the end of each lap. Yachts repeat each lap until the shorten course flag is shown for that fleet.

## Appendix 2 Dinghy Courses

Dinghy marks are shown below:



The West mark, East mark and Gybe mark (W,E,G) are large yellow race marks. The start line mark L is a small orange mark.

Dinghy courses will be:

| Label |                    |  |
|-------|--------------------|--|
| T     | Triangle           | Each lap is a triangle WGEL or EGWL depending on wind direction and direction of mark rounding                         |
| S     | Sausage            | Each lap is a windward leeward sausage WEL or EWL depending on wind direction and direction of mark rounding.          |
| TS    | Triangle + Sausage | Each lap is a composite of a triangle followed by a sausage, the end of the lap is on the windward leg of the sausage. |

### Course Designation

The course will be designated on a board on the side of the committee boat as follows:

- The fleet name "Dinghy"
- The direction of mark roundings "Port" or "Starboard"
- The course shape "T" "S" or "TS"

*For example*

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|---|
| <p><b>DINGHY</b><br/><b>PORT</b></p> <p><b>TS</b></p> |
|---|

Designate a triangle plus a sausage course with mark roundings to port. Note that dinghies must pass through the start finish line on every upwind leg.