

Brixham Yacht Club - Sailing Instructions 2010

1.0 RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed as shown in the NOR

1.2 SIs for all races organised by Brixham Yacht Club (BYC) consist of:

- a) These SIs which are common to all races, and
- b) The supplementary NOR and Special SIs, published in this handbook or from time to time,
- c) Amendments to Sailing Instructions published from time to time

2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 Entries and Eligibility are to be in accordance with the NOR

3.0 NOTICES, RACE SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board, which is located in the lower passageway of BYC.

3.2 Any change in the SIs will be posted at least 6 hours before the start of the race, races or series affected by the change. International Code (IC) Flag L will be displayed before the Warning Signal of the first race for each class to which the change in the SIs applies.

3.3 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club signal station at BYC and/or Battery Point whichever the Race Officer considers most appropriate. Any Flag displayed on BYC Clubhouse mast will not be accompanied by a sound signal. This changes RRS Signals.

3.4 Boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 37A(M) unless otherwise stated in SI or SSI. Should any unforeseen circumstances arise then updated instructions MAY be broadcast before the Warning Signal for the first race that the instruction applies to. Should this situation arise IC flag ' L ' over ' R ' will be flying from the flagstaff at BYC or Battery Point or the Committee Boat, whichever is applicable. Communication to competitors by VHF shall not be deemed to be receiving outside help. This changes RRS 41. Failure to receive such instructions shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60, 62 and 90.2 c).

3.5 If the Race Officer decides that this SI applies to any Race, then no sound signals nor flags will be used during that Race. For an Individual Recall the Race Officer will broadcast the words " Individual Recall" and for a General Recall the words " General Recall" on VHF Channel 37A(M).

This Changes Race Signals, RRS 26, 27.1, 27.3, 29.1, 29.2, 32.1, 32.2, 33, 34,

4.0 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

4.1a The course area will be Torbay and nearby waters. Marks for races controlled from Battery Point will be as indicated in the published List of Torbay Race Marks. These marks may also be used for races controlled from a committee boat. The positions of the marks are approximate. Special marks may also be laid. For special or Coastal races refer to the SI or SSI for the relevant race.

4.1b Races may be controlled from a Committee Boat. Flag W will be displayed on the BYC Clubhouse mast. Notification will also be given on VHF channel 37A(M). The Race Committee may also email known potential competitors on the day before a

race

- 4.1c Sonata Class will sail using Corinthian courses.
- 4.2 RACING CONTROLLED FROM BATTERY POINT
 - 4.2.1 No later than the warning signal the Course Configuration or Course Number will be displayed at Battery Point.
 - 4.2.2 When a Course Number is displayed, then the course and subsequent marks will be rounded in the order (and to port or starboard) as set out in the published BYC List of Courses for that Class. In the event of a conflict between the course listed in this book and a laminated course card issued by BYC, the text listed in this book shall prevail, unless amended by Notice of Change of Sailing Instructions
 - 4.2.3 When the Course Configuration is indicated by a sequence of letters and /or numbers, then the marks will be rounded in the order indicated. Notification of the side to leave marks will be given on VHF Channel 37A(M).
 - 4.2.4 4 rounds will be sailed unless shortened in accordance with RRS 32. Each round is completed when the yacht passes the last mark stated in the List of Courses or Course Configuration, having previously completed any penalty turns required under RRS 31 or RRS 44.
 - 4.2.5 When, in the opinion of the Race Officer, the weather conditions justify doing so, he may set a course that does not comply with the previous Instructions, nor with SI 5.2. In this event, flags L over R will be flown and the course details broadcast on VHF Ch 37A(M). Such information shall not be deemed outside help. This changes RRS 41
- 4.3 RACING CONTROLLED FROM A COMMITTEE BOAT
 - 4.3.1 Prior to the first warning signal an Orange flag will be flown from the main mast of the Committee Boat. The Committee Boat will broadcast on VHF Channel 37A (M) its approximate or intended location in good time to allow boats to reach the starting area. It is the competitor' s responsibility to reach the starting area in good time. Failure to reach the starting area before the Preparatory signal is not grounds for redress under RRS 60 and 62. Note that when Shuttle is being used as a Committee Boat, crew requiring water taxi must attend in good time or may be left ashore. Shuttle will depart to act as Committee Boat 45 minutes prior to first Warning Signal
 - 4.3.2 The course for each class will be displayed on a board located on the Committee Boat before the Preparatory signal. The blackboard will be located on the starboard side of the committee boat. The letters and/or numbers of the marks will be written in the order that they are to be rounded. The first round will be displayed above the second and subsequent rounds. A red flag hoisted from the Committee Boat indicates that all marks are to be rounded to port. A green flag hoisted from the Committee Boat indicates that all marks are to be rounded to starboard. The number of rounds will be unlimited and each race will be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer. This changes RRS 32.1
 - 4.3.3 The Committee Boat will not be a mark of the course other than acting as one end of the starting and finish lines. After starting, the Committee Boat (if remaining on

station) may be passed either side, as there is no gate, unless the course is being shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

- 4.3.4 Each round is completed when the final mark in the course sequence has been rounded, having previously completed any penalty turns required under RRS 31 or RRS 44.
- 5.0 THE START
 - 5.1.1 Prior to the start all boats must pass by the relevant starting station to assist identification. Each yacht must inform the Race Officer of the number of crew on board their yacht. Failure to comply may result in the yacht as being recorded as DNS. This changes RRS A5. All yachts shall fly a class pennant as described in NOR: Non-compliance will not be open to protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60, 62 and 63.
 - 5.1.2 The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26 except that the Race Officer may broadcast the start sequence by countdown on VHF Ch 37A (M). If VHF countdown is used, times shall be taken from that countdown. This changes RRS 26. If VHF countdown is used the Race Officer may dispense with flags and / or sound signals under SI 3.5 . Classes may be started at intervals as stated within the appropriate SI or SSI. These intervals may be changed at the discretion of the Race Officer.
 - 5.1.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
 - 5.1.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored as DNS. This changes RRS A5
 - 5.1.5 Classes subject to a General Recall shall be started after the remaining published classes to start, in the order of their recall
 - 5.1.6 Boats identified as OCS may be notified by VHF within 2 minutes of the Start. Such notification shall not be deemed outside help. This changes RRS 41. Failure to be notified shall not be grounds for redress
- 5.2 Starts controlled from Battery Point
 - 5.2.1 The starting line will be between the mainmast of Battery Point and either mark ' R' or ' G' as indicated in the published List of Torbay Race Marks.
 - 5.2.2 When a Red Flag is hoisted at Battery Point prior to the warning signal the outer end of the start line will be mark ' R' . The line will be crossed West to East. However when a Green flag is hoisted at Battery Point prior to the warning signal the outer end of the start line will be mark ' G' . The line will be crossed South-East to North-West. However, if the Race Officer considers it necessary, this SI may be changed under SI 4.2.5
- 5.3 Start controlled from a Committee Boat
 - 5.3.1 The starting line will be between the mainmast on the Committee Boat, which will fly an orange flag, and a nearby pin or mark as advised by the Race Officer
 - 5.3.2 The Committee Boat will be positioned at the starboard end of the start line.
- 6.0 CHANGE OF COURSE DURING RACING
 - 6.1 Changes of course may be advised by VHF Ch37A(M). This will not be deemed outside help. This changes RRS 41. In this event. it may be that no flag, visual or

sound signals will be made. This changes Race Signals

7.0 FINISHING

7.1 Racing controlled from battery Point

The finishing line will be between the flagstaff at Battery Point and the mark indicated by the last letter in the List of Courses or Course Configuration (as appropriate), which will be either mark ' R' or ' G' .

7.2 If instructed by VHF Ch 37(A)M (in accordance with SI 3.4) prior to the warning signal of any race scheduled to be a self timed finish and If light winds are expected, the finish line at Brixham may be changed to : From East to West, disregard any instruction to round R or G; instead, leave mark ' F' to starboard, then leave a blue finish pin (approx 200 m N of Brixham Breakwater light) to port, in transit with Brixham Breakwater Light. If for any reason the blue finish pin is missing, then revert to the original finish line

7.3 Racing controlled from a Committee Boat

The finishing line will be between the flagstaff of the Committee Boat and the last mark listed in the Course configuration.

7.4 After finishing, boats shall not re-cross the finishing line in any direction and shall keep clear of boats still racing. Failure to comply may result in disqualification without a hearing. This SI is not open to protest or redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60, 62, 63 & A5

8.0 TIME LIMIT

8.1 The Time Limit for each race will be stated in the SSI for the relevant race or series. The Time Limit will apply from the actual start time of each class (ignoring starts subject to general recall). Classes will be regarded as separate. There will be no extension to the race Time Limit, unless published or broadcast prior to the start of the race.

8.2 RRS 35 shall not apply.

8.3 Every effort will be made to note times of boats finishing all races, but in any event boats are advised to note their own time of finishing. If racing is controlled from Battery Point and all flags and the signal hoist boom have been removed, boats must note their own time of finishing. The Race Officer must be advised of details of finishing, by Message service, as soon as possible but not later than 2 hours after finishing. Please note the sooner finishing times are declared the sooner results can be issued. Any boat that does not so notify will be scored DNF

8.4 When yachts are providing their own finishing times, these shall be taken from GPS time adjusted for British Summer Time.

8.5 If no boat has finished within its class Time Limit, but at least one round has been completed within the stated time limit, the race shall be decided on the result up to and including that last completed round.

8.6 When no boat has completed the first round within the class Time Limit, the race will be abandoned for that class. Notification of any re-sail date and times will be posted as soon as possible in accordance with SI 3.1.

9.0 PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 9.1 Protests must be made in accordance with RRS 61 (including use of red flag) and on a form obtainable from BYC, and presented by hand to a member of the Race Committee within 2 hours of the finish time of the last boat in the protestor' s class. Notices must not be posted through any BYC post box.
- 9.2 In the event that the race finishes somewhere other than Brixham or it is impossible to lodge a protest as required by SI 9.1, competitors must contact the Race Officer via Message Service, lodging their intent to protest. A protest must then be lodged in accordance with SI 9.1 as soon as possible.
- 9.3 Times and venues for protest hearings will be posted on the Notice Board as described in SI 3.1.
- 9.4 Types 1 (advisory), 2 (mediation) & 3 (protest) hearings under the RYA Racing Charter: Rules Disputes Best Practice, will be available to competitors in all races finishing in Brixham; Types 2 & 3 only for other races
- 9.5 Protests heard under the Advisory procedure will result in no penalty. Protests heard under Mediation procedure may result in a scoring penalty under RRS 44.3 with a loss of 2 places as a minimum and 5 places as a maximum. Disqualification as a penalty shall not be available under Advisory nor Mediation procedures.
- 9.6 A Protestee may accept an Exoneration Penalty (20% with minimum of 2 places) prior to commencement of a protest or Arbitration hearing in which case no hearing may impose a greater penalty, except under RRS 69 or RRS 2
- 10.0 RETIREMENTS
A competitor retiring from a race must inform the Race Officer either by hailing, calling on VHF 37 A (M), or if these methods fail, by the Message Service as soon as practical after retiring. Failure to inform the Race Officer of retirement may incur a score of disqualified non excludable (DNE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 & A5
- 11.0 MESSAGE SERVICE
Any message required to be sent by a boat to the Race Office or Race Officer shall be sent by telephone to 07909-540320 or such other number as may be published from time to time on the BYC Club sailing notice board and may be given by direct voice contact, by leaving a message or by text message.
- 12.0 SCORING SYSTEM
See NOR

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