



International Etchells Red Funnel Trophy

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 October 2018

The Organising Authority is Royal London Yacht Club in conjunction with the UK International Etchells Class (Cowes Fleet)

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- a) the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) including RYA prescriptions
- a) rules of the International Etchells Class Association
- c) the byelaws for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes harbour. See also appendices 2 & 3
- d) the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

If there is any conflict between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Royal London YC and on the notice board at the Cowes Yacht Haven.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions made ashore will be posted by 9:00 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.

4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RLYC club flagstaff and may be repeated at the Cowes Yacht Haven flagstaff.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by not less than 45 minutes.' This changes Race Signals AP.

5. Schedule of Events

Day 2018	Briefing at CYH	First Warning Signal	On Shore Event
Saturday 6 October	9:30	11:55	
Sunday 7 October	No briefing	10:55	Prizegiving at CYH after racing

6. Schedule of Events

Four races are scheduled each day but may be altered in the event of an adverse weather forecast. Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the last boat finishes. No Warning Signal will be made after 17:00 on Saturday or 15:00 on Sunday unless there is a postponement or general recall during a starting sequence.

7. Class Flags

The Class flag will be IC Flag E.

8. Racing Area

The starting area/committee boat location will be announced on VHF Channel 77 from approximately one hour before the first Warning Signal.

9. **The Courses**

- 9.1 The diagrams in Appendix 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display, in a frame on the committee boat, the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing to the first leg. Alternatively or in addition, the course may be announced on VHF Channel 77 before the Warning Signal and repeated after the Warning Signal. This changes RRS 27.1

10. **Marks**

Marks will be orange inflated buoys. The ODM will be a yellow inflated buoy. If necessary fixed navigation buoys or racing marks listed in attachment A may be used to provide windward/ leeward courses. Change marks (rule 33) will be black or yellow.

11. **The Start**

- 11.1 **Starting Alert:** Unless an AP is already displayed at the finish of a race, to alert boats that a race will soon begin from the committee boat, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for five minutes before the warning signal.
- 11.2 **Starting Line:** The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the ODM which is an inflated mark or, if necessary, a nearby navigation buoy or fixed racing mark, at the port end.

12. **Recalls and Starting Penalties**

- 12.1 **Individual Recalls:** Sail numbers of individually recalled boats may be broadcast on VHF Channel 15 as soon as practical. Failure to broadcast sail numbers, or for a boat to hear such broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.2 **Late Starting:** A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS and A5.

13. **Change of the Next Leg of the Course**

Course changes will be signalled as per RRS 33. However, the position of any laid inflatable mark may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) and up to approximately 300 metres windward or leeward without signalling in accordance with RRS 33 (a) or (b). This latter provision changes RRS 33.

14. **Finish**

The finishing line is between the staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the ODM of the finish line as designated as the last mark of the course. If the finish line is in the same position as the starting line, the line may be shortened to a distance more appropriate to a finish.

15. **Penalty System**

The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 is changed to: A boat may take a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in a zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty.

16. **Time Limit**

- 16.1 The Time Limit shall be 70 minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be awarded a finishing position or Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, and A5.

17. **Protests, Requests for Redress and Arbitration**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Royal London YC and at the Cowes Yacht Haven. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Royal London YC within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

- 17.3 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 protest room, located at Royal London YC, beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 Breaches of sailing instructions 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and RRS 40 and 55 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. This adds to A11.
- 17.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.8 RYA Arbitration will be available. The procedure is described on the RYA website (www.rya.org.uk) under Rules Disputes. The exoneration penalty will be a 30% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3 (c). Arbitration requests shall be delivered within the protest time limit. Contact mobile numbers should be included on the form.
18. **Scoring**
The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will exclude her worst score. When fewer than five races have been scored in the regatta, the boat's score will be the total of her race scores. Four races must be scored to constitute a regatta. This changes RRS A2.
19. **Safety Regulations**
- 19.1 All boats shall sail on starboard tack close to the stern of the committee boat and hail their sail number prior to the start of the first race each day. At the same time, a boat shall notify the race committee if any of their sails carry different sail numbers to their main sail.
- 19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF Channel 77, or by hailing the committee boat.
20. **Replacement of Crew or Equipment**
- 20.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for equipment substitution shall be made to the race committee.
21. **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 may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
22. **Official Boats**
Committee vessels and RIBs will display the Royal London YC club burgee.
23. **Support Boats**
Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
24. **Haul-Out Restrictions**
- 24.1 Boats shall be afloat before 9:30 on Saturday 6 October.
- 24.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and in accordance to the terms of the prior permission of the race committee.
25. **Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the end of registration and the end of the regatta.

26. **Radio Communication**

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. The race committee may broadcast information to competitors on VHF channel 77 both before and during a race. Failure to receive or transmit shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

27. **Insurance**

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

28. **RISK STATEMENT**

***ENTRANTS SHALL TICK AGREEMENT TO THE BELOW LIABILITY WAIVER
DECLARATION ON THE YACHT SCORING WEB SITE ENTRY***

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 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;
- 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 boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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.
- g) They understand the importance of effecting appropriate boat and personal insurance.
- h) They understand Their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal floatation devices adequate for the conditions).
- i) They agree to be bound by RRS, RYA prescriptions, the notice of race, the sailing instructions and other applicable rules. The boat and sails will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the boat is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast ballast or trim, they will notify the race committee immediately. They will ensure that no crew member races contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, a National Authority or the OA.

j) In participating in the event any competitor automatically grants to the OA permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

k) They understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the class's or OA's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation including publicity.

The course to be sailed is shown below each course diagram

- Leave all marks to port unless indicated (S) to starboard.
- # is start line. + is finish Line the other side on the committee boat
- Marks shown in brackets () will not be laid unless the designated symbol is displayed as follows or notified by VHF radio:



displayed means a Spreader or Offset Mark (1A) is laid



displayed means the Leeward Mark is a gate

COURSE A	COURSE B	COURSE C	COURSE D
<p>A1 Start -1-(1A)-2(2S)-1 A2* Start -1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1</p>	<p>B1 Start-1-(1A)-# B2* Start-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-# B3 Start-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-#</p>	<p>C1 Start-1-(1A)-+ C2* Start-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-+ C3 Start-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-+</p>	<p>D1 Start-1-(1A)-2-+ D2* Start-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-2-+ D3 Start-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-2(2S)-1-(1A)-2-+</p>
<p>Courses marked * are illustrated in the course diagram</p>			