



Sailing Instructions

Royal Southern Yacht Club
Etchells Bedrock Trophy 2024
11th – 12th May

For more information visit www.royal-southern.co.uk or contact the Sailing Office on either 02380 450 302 or sailing@royal-southern.co.uk

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. [DP] The Class will provide Bow Sticker Numbers, which shall be displayed 52.5cm back from the bow and 6cm from the shearline. Single digit numbers (e.g."2") must display the leading zero (e.g."02").

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Noticeboard at least one hour before the start of the first race in which the change takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the previous day.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Noticeboard:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16505>
- 3.2. Messages to competitors from the Race Committee may also be posted on the Competitors' WhatsApp group, but these are for information only and errors, contradictions or anomalies will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). The WhatsApp group may be joined using this link:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jwscoq7J9M1FXyvVCX8PLe>

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [NP][DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals ashore will not be physically displayed (this changes RRS Race Signals) but will be posted on the Official Notice Board. Attention may be drawn to such notices via the Competitor's WhatsApp group and/or a broadcast on VHF Channel 37A.
- 5.2. Flag AP will not be displayed ashore. If a postponement is required a revised start time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. See NoR 9.1.
- 6.2. Up to 4 races may be run on Saturday on account of weather conditions or for any other reason at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flag will be flag E.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be in the Eastern or Central Solent.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses which may be sailed are illustrated in Attachment A which shows the course, including the approximate angle between legs, the order in which marks are to be passes, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee will display the approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks 1 and 1a will be red inflatable buoys.
- 10.2. Marks 4s/p will be black inflatable buoys.
- 10.3. A change mark, as allowed for in SI 13.1, will be a green inflatable buoy.
- 10.4. The starting marks will be the Race Committee Vessel displaying an Orange flag and either a secondary Race Committee Vessel displaying an Orange flag or an orange inflatable buoy.
- 10.5. The finishing marks will be the Race Committee Vessel displaying a Blue flag and a blue inflatable buoy.

11. NOT USED

12. THE START

- 12.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Orange flag will be displayed with one long sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.
- 12.2. The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel at the starboard end, and the port end starting mark.
- 12.3. A boat shall not start more than 4 minutes after her starting signal.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible.
- 13.2. The Race Committee may move a mark (or the finishing line) up to approximately 100m without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33. If a new mark is laid, the change will be signalled.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and the course side of the other finishing mark.
- 14.2. [NP][DP] Boats which have finished shall not re-cross the finish line in either direction and shall remain clear of the line until the Blue flag has been removed from the committee vessel. Boats shall comply with all instructions from official vessels in this regard. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1. The target time for each race is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.2. The mark 1 time limit is 45 minutes. If no boat has passed the first mark within the mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.3. The race time limit is 90 minutes. If no boat has finished within the race time limit, the race will be abandoned. This shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.4. Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes shall be awarded the points for the place behind the last yacht, which has finished the race within this time.

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. Boats intending to protest must inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing, or at a convenient time if retiring.
- 17.2. Hearing request forms will be available from the Race Office at the Etchells Container in Cowes Yacht Haven. Protest and requests for redress reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 17.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.4. 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 and the location of any hearing.
- 17.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee, or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18. SCORING

- 18.1. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. A boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores, excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races completed:	Scores excluded:
1 – 4	0
5+	1

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. [NP][DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch 37A or by hailing an official vessel.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. [NP] Replacement of crew may only be made with the prior written permission of the Race Committee which will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

22. NOT USED

23. OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 23.1. Official Vessels may fly a flag designating their purpose.

24. SUPPORT TEAMS

- 24.1. Support Person Vessels shall register at, or before, registration with the Race Committee at which point they will be issued with either written or verbal instructions with which they shall comply.

25. NOT USED

26. BERTHING

- 26.1. See NoR 18.

27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1. See NoR 19.

28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 28.1. See NoR 20.

29. PRIZES

29.1. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series.

29.2. There will be a prize for the highest placed "Youth" boat. For the purposes of clarity, a youth boat is defined as one where all crew members are aged 29yrs or under on 01/01/2023.

29.3. In addition, a Corinthian Prize will be awarded to the highest placed boat whose helm and crew are all World Sailing Sailor Classification Group 1.

29.4. Those crews wishing to be eligible for the Corinthian Prize shall register their Corinthian status on the Yacht Scoring website prior to the start of the event.

30. RISK STATEMENT

30.1. See NoR 22.

31. INSURANCE

31.1. See NoR 23.

Attachment A

Windward-Leeward Courses

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

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