



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 2017 J/70 Class Open European and 2017 J/70 Corinthian Class European Championship.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.**

**Royal Southern Yacht Club, Hamble, United Kingdom.**

*The Organising Authority is the Royal Southern Yacht Club (RSrNYC) in conjunction with the UK J/70 Class Association.*

*All times are British Summer Time (BST).*

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification.

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) 2017 – 2020.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in the reception area of the RSrNYC.
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "RSrNYC RC". VHF channel **72** will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. [DP]

#### **3 SAFETY**

- 3.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of Port of Southampton Precautionary Area – (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.26 of 2016 and any subsequent amendments which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. [DP]  
See <http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2016%20No%2003.pdf>
- 3.2 The RC or International Jury may protest a boat for breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or the above regulations on the basis of a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). [DP]
- 3.3 Yachts shall check in with the RC each day before the warning signal of their first race, by passing close on the starboard side of the Committee Vessel. [DP]
- 3.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF before leaving the race area, or by telephoning +44 (0)7525 159140. [DP]

#### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB by 08:15hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 18:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RSrNYC flag staff. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.



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## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAGS

Date	1st warning signal		HW Portsmouth
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	1300hrs	Practice race(s)	0927hrs 4.0m
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	1055hrs	Championship races	1016hrs 4.1m
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	1055hrs	Championship races	1101hrs 4.2m
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	1055hrs	Championship races	1145hrs 4.3m
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	1055hrs	Championship races	1227hrs 4.4m

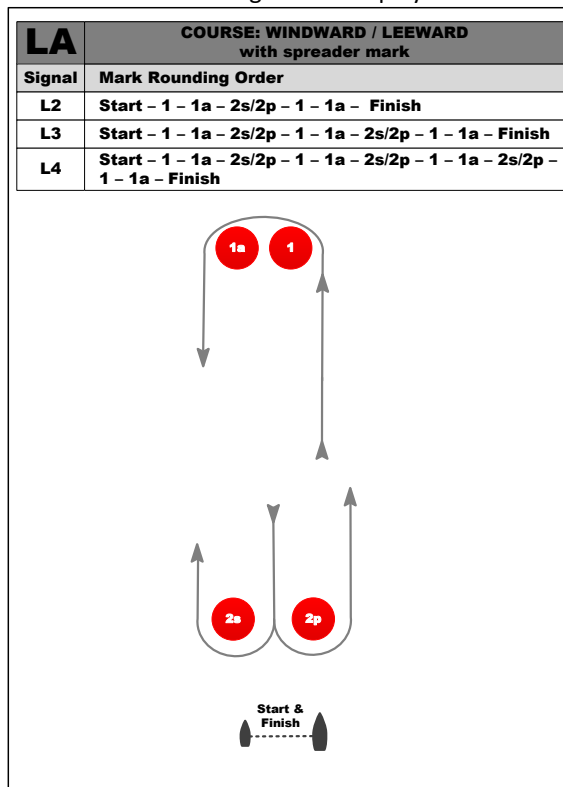
- 6.1 11 races are scheduled. It is intended that there will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed on any day to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The RC will advise competitors of the timings via VHF.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be made after 15:30hrs on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- 6.4 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/70 class insignia.

## 7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be on The Solent. The RC will advise competitors of the intended start location via VHF initially 90 minutes prior to the first warning signal of each day.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course signal, compass bearing and distance to mark 1 for each race will be announced by VHF before the attention signal and displayed on the main Committee Vessel.



## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1. and 1a. will be black inflatable marks. Marks 2s. and 2p. will be red inflatable marks.
- 9.2 New marks (SI 11.1) will be orange inflatable marks.



- 9.3 The starting marks will be two RC vessels.  
9.4 The finishing marks will be two RC vessels.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least five minutes before the warning signal.  
10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard-end RC vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port-end RC vessel.  
10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A5.  
10.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next windward leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark 1. and 1a. and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.  
11.2 To change the next leeward leg of the course, the RC will use the original mark 2s and 2p or move the finishing line.  
11.3 In addition to rule 33, the RC may use VHF radio to assist in communicating the change of the next leg of the course. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessels.

## 13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.  
13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.

## 14 ON-THE-WATER JUDGING

- 14.1 On-the-Water Judging will be in accordance with Appendix U of these Sailing Instructions.

## 15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Decisions of the International Jury (IJ) will be final as provided in rule 70.5.  
15.2 Boats intending to protest or request redress should radio their intention to the RC immediately on completion of the race concerned by VHF and await an acknowledgement. This adds to RRS 61.1(a)  
15.3 Protest forms are available at the RSrNYC sailing office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.  
15.4 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.  
15.5 Notices will be posted on the ONB within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and intended time of hearings will be provided.  
15.6 Notices of protests by the RC, Technical Committee or IJ will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).  
15.7 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.  
15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from an IJ decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.



## 16 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- 16.1 Five (5) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 Eleven (11) races are scheduled.
- 16.3 When one (1) to five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 17 REPLACEMENT CREW

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the IJ. [DP]

## 18 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the IJ. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the IJ at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

## 19 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Safety Requirements. On the water a boat can be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [DP]

## 20 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
  - 20.1.1 Race Committee – yellow flag with Race Committee in red letters
  - 20.1.2 International Jury – yellow flag with Jury in red letters
  - 20.1.3 Technical Committee – white flag with M in black letters
  - 20.1.4 Media Boats – yellow flag with P in black letters

## 21 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 All registered coach and support boats shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so. [DP]
- 21.2 Coach and support boats shall display identifying flags, issued by the OA, and adhere to the J/70 class rule I.3. [DP]
- 21.3 Except when participating in rescue operations all coach and support boats shall stay at least 100m away from any boat racing and shall stay outside the race area. [DP]
- 21.4 For the purposes of identifying the race area, this shall be determined as any part of the course bound by racing marks, start and finish lines and relevant lay lines between race marks extending to 100m from all these points. [DP]

## 22 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

## 23 BERTHING, HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT

- 23.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned berth during the championship at the RSrNYC Prince Philip Yacht Haven from 17:30hrs on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June until the completion of the final race. [DP]
- 23.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during this time, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the IJ. [DP]
- 23.3 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competitor's boats between 17:30hrs on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June until the completion of the final race. [DP]

## 24 PRIZES

- 24.1 See NOR 16.

## 25 RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1 See NOR 19.



## 26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims.

## APPENDIX U – ON-THE-WATER JUDGING

- U1** Members of the International Jury (Judges) may be afloat in boats which will be identified by a yellow flag with the word 'Jury' in red letters.
- Judges will observe racing, and may give evidence in a protest, impose penalties and protest boats as described below.
- A boat shall not be given redress for an action by a judge under a rule of this Addendum unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a class rule. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- The absence of a signal by a judge does not imply that no rule has been broken, it is the responsibility of competitors to protest if they believe another boat has infringed a rule.
- U2** If a Judge observes an incident and believes a rule of Part 2 may have been broken, he/she will signal by blowing a whistle. The judge who blows a whistle will be available to give evidence at a subsequent protest over the incident.
- U3** When a Judge sees a boat breaking one of the following:
- Class rule C.3.3 Crew Positioning.
  - Class rule C.9.3 (b) (1) (2) Bowsprit.
  - Rule 42 – propulsion and Class rule C.1.1 (b).
- He / she may penalize her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a red flag at her and hailing her sail number, even if she is no longer *racing*. This changes rules 63.1
- A boat so penalized shall not be penalized a second time under the rules specified above for the same incident.
- Her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2, if she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- U4** A judge may protest a boat under rule 60.3(a) if he/she believes that she broke rule 2, including:
- If she broke rule 31 and did not take a penalty.
  - If she deliberately broke a rule of Part 2 and gained an advantage.
  - If she deliberately hindered another boat, as described in WS case 78, circumstance (d).