



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**ROYAL SOUTHERN SUMMER SERIES 2017**  
**4 Regatta Weekends**

**13-14 May, 10-11 June, 22-23 July, 9-10 September 2017**

**1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 The Summer Series Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions (SIs). In the case of conflict these SIs will prevail. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws. In particular, attention is drawn to Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located in the main entrance area of the Club.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it takes effect.
- 3.2 Race information and changes to SIs may be broadcast by VHF on the water before the warning signal in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown at the RSrNYC flagstaff. Should the Race Committee (RC) decide to postpone or cancel a race, the appropriate signal will be flown at the RSrNYC flagstaff. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

**5. RADIO CHANNELS**

- 5.1 Black Group will use VHF channel 72.
- 5.2 White Group will use VHF channel M1 (37).
- 5.3 If transmissions on these channels fail or are blocked, IC flag "R" will be displayed on the committee boat. For Black Group, channel 77 will be used instead. For White Group channel M2 will be used instead. For XOD Class channel 15 will be used instead unless racing with White Group.

## 6.0 CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS and SCHEDULE

<b>BLACK GROUP - IRC Boats and Cruiser Class</b>			
<b>Class</b>	<b>Rating band</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Warning signal displayed</b>
IRC 1	1.065 - 1.360	IC 1	1025
IRC 2	0.995 - 1.064	IC 2	<i>To be advised on VHF</i>
IRC 3	0.921 – 0.994	IC 3	<i>To be advised on VHF</i>
IRC 4	0.820 - 0.920	IC 4	<i>To be advised on VHF</i>
Cruiser Class	All	IC 8	<i>To be advised on VHF</i>

<b>WHITE GROUP – Day Boats</b>		
<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Warning signal displayed</b>
J/70	IC J	1025
J/80	IC H	<i>To be advised on VHF</i>
Mixed Sports Boat	NN3	<i>To be advised on VHF</i>
XOD	IC W	1055

### 6.1 BLACK GROUP

(a) IRC Classes: three races are scheduled each day.

Cruiser Class: two races are scheduled for Saturdays and one race on Sundays.

### 6.2 WHITE GROUP

(a) One Design Classes and Mixed Sports Boats: three races are scheduled each day.

### 6.3 XOD CLASS

Three races are scheduled for Saturdays and two races on Sundays.

6.4 Except for the XOD Class, the first class warning signal will be at 1025 each day. The first race class warning signal for the XOD Class will be 1055 each day. The race committee's intentions for the following class starts will be provided using VHF radio along with the course details.

6.5 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the end of the previous race, and the order and timing of starts may vary to minimise delays so far as possible. The RC will advise competitors of its intentions via the respective VHF channels.

6.6 No warning signal will be made after 1415 on Sundays.

6.7 Each boat shall display its class flag, and any sponsor flags provided by the organising authority, prominently at the stern at least 1.5 metres above deck level.

## 7. RACING AREA and COMMITTEE BOAT IDENTIFICATION

7.1 Racing will be in the Central Solent and Southampton Water. The start location will be announced regularly by VHF radio from at least one hour before the first scheduled class warning signal.

7.2 The Black Group (IRC & Cruiser Classes) main committee boat will display a Red flag with "RSrNYC Committee" in yellow lettering on it.

7.3 The White Group (One Design & Sports Boat Classes) main committee boat will display a Green flag with "RSrNYC Committee" in yellow lettering on it.

## 8. COURSES AND MARKS

8.1 It is intended that courses for Black Group will mostly be "around the cans"; and that courses for White Group will mostly be windward-leeward.

8.2 Courses will be advised by the designated VHF radio using either the Course Diagrams in the Appendix 1 or Royal Southern Mark Codes 2017 list Appendix 2.

- 8.3 For windward / leeward courses when using laid inflatable marks, the course axis compass bearing and range for each class / start group shall be provided by the race committee.
- 8.4 The description and colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used shall be provided by the race committee, using VHF.

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1 To alert boats that a race start sequence will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed with one sound five minutes before the first class warning signal.
- 9.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the main committee boat and an outer distance mark (ODM).
- 9.3 An inner distance mark (IDM) may be laid near the main committee boat. Boats shall not cross the line between the IDM and the main committee boat after the one-minute signal for each race and before starting and clearing the line. A boat infringing this rule may exonerate herself by rounding the end of the starting line to the pre-start side before starting.
- 9.4 Boats whose class warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 9.5 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 10.1 If a windward-leeward course is in use around laid inflatable marks, a change in the course may be made to shorten or lengthen a leg by no more than 0.25 mile, or to alter its direction by no more than 20°, without making any signals. The change may be advised by VHF. This adds to RRS 33.

## **11. THE FINISH**

- 11.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby finishing mark or as indicated by the course diagram Appendix 1.
- 11.2 Cruiser Class: If a finish boat is not on station, boats shall sail close to the finishing mark and shall record the time and endeavour to identify the name and sail number of the boats immediately in front and behind. After finishing boats shall provide these details to the RC via VHF radio or by telephone to the race office at RSrNYC.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 120 minutes. This changes RRS 35.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes will be scored OTL (Over Time Limit) with points one greater than the last placed boat to finish before the time limit expired. If more than one boat in the class is to be scored OTL, points will be awarded as described in RRS A7. This changes RRS A4.2, A5 and A11.

## **13. PENALTIES**

- 13.1 For Black Group, the One-Turn and Two-Turns penalties of RRS 44.1 will not apply. Instead, the scoring penalty of RRS 44.3 will apply for infringements of RRS Part 2 (other boats) and RRS 31 (touching a mark), except that except RRS 44.3 (c) is changed so that the penalty will be 1% of the boat's elapsed time. A boat that fails to comply but acknowledges an infringement before the protest time limit expires will be penalised 3% of her elapsed time. If she acknowledges an infringement later but before the start of a relevant protest hearing, she will be penalised 5% of her elapsed time.
- 13.2 For White Group and the XOD Class, the Turns Penalties of RRS 44.1 will apply. RRS 44.1 is changed such that the penalty shall be a One -Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe). However, if a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while any part of any boat involved in the incident was in the zone (three hull lengths from the mark) the penalty shall be a Two -Turns Penalty (2 tacks and 2 gybes).  
If a boat is required to take a Turns Penalty and fails to do so, but acknowledges an infringement before the protest time limit expires, she will be penalised 3% of her elapsed time. If she acknowledges an infringement later but before a relevant protest hearing, she will be penalised 5% of her elapsed time.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Boats intending to protest or acknowledging an infringement shall report this to the main committee boat as soon as possible after the end of the race in question. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- 14.2 Protest forms are available from the Sailing Office at the RSrNYC. Protests must be lodged in writing at the sailing office within 60 minutes of the return of the finishing committee boat to the Prince Philip Yacht Haven. The protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 14.3 Notice of protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee (PC) will be posted on the ONB. This changes RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4 A list of protests will be displayed on the ONB within 15 minutes after the protest time limit along with time and place of the protest hearing. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 14.5 Protests may be heard at the RSrNYC as soon as possible after racing on the day of the incident.
- 14.6 Changing RRS 66: on the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing, or a request arising from a PC decision, 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.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes.
- 15.2 1 race constitutes a series.
- 15.3 Each individual weekend regatta is a "series" on its own. When 4 or more races are completed, 1 score shall be excluded.
- 15.3 The overall Royal Southern Summer Series comprises the 4 weekend regattas and the following will apply:
  - (a) A boat entering any of the regattas will receive a Summer Series score.
  - (b) RRS Appendix 4.2 is changed so that any boat not competing (DNC) will be scored 36 points or one point more than the number of boats competing in her class, whichever is greater.
  - (c) When 8 or less races are completed, no score shall be excluded.
  - (d) When 9 – 12 are completed, 2 scores shall be excluded.
  - (e) When 13 – 15 are completed, 3 scores shall be excluded.
  - (f) When 16 – 18 are completed, 4 scores shall be excluded.
  - (g) When 19 – 22 are completed, 5 scores shall be excluded.
  - (h) When 23 or more are completed, 6 scores shall be excluded
  - (i) For the Cruiser Class, the best 8 scores will be counted.
  - (j) For XOD Class, the best 14 scores will be counted.
- 15.4 The intention is that the overall prize for the RSrNYC Summer Series will be awarded to the boat with the lowest resultant score when the following formula is applied: (A boat's series score divided by (number of scored races minus 1)) divided by (Number of entries in class plus 2)

## **16. SAFETY**

- 16.1 No anchor shall be carried forward of the stem or with any part of it outboard, except when anchoring.
- 16.2 Retirement. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF radio before leaving the race area, or by notifying the Race Office no later than immediately after arriving ashore.

## **17. PRIZES**

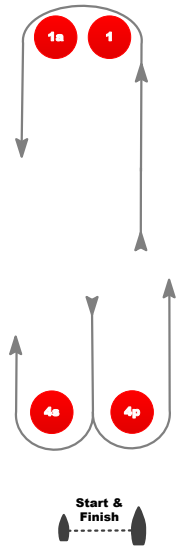
- 17.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class for each Weekend Regatta. The prize giving will take place on Sunday, as soon as convenient after racing and any relevant protests. The target time is 1600. Other prizes or trophies will be awarded on Saturday 11th November 2017 at the prize giving dinner, which is by invitation.
- 17.2 The overall winner of the Royal Southern Summer Series will be awarded a trophy and prize courtesy of Barbados Tourism Marketing.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

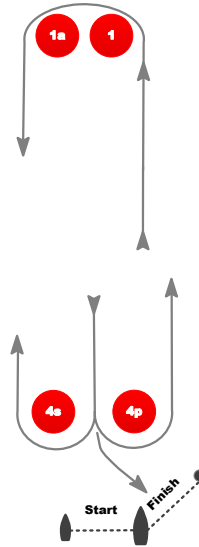
- 18.1 **Attention is drawn to the Risk Statement** set out in the Notice of Race paragraph 11 and the undertaking by the competitors in the Entry Form to accept the Notice of Race and comply with its provisions.

## APPENDIX 1

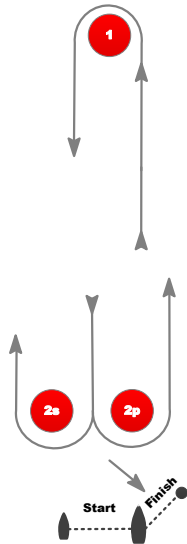
<b>LA</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark</b>
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>LA2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish</b>
<b>LA3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish</b>
<b>LA4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - Finish</b>



<b>LRA</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with spreader mark and reaching finish</b>
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>LRA2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish</b>
<b>LRA3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish</b>
<b>LRA4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4s/4p - 1 - 1a - 4p - Finish</b>



<b>LR</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish</b>
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>LR2</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish</b>
<b>LR3</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish</b>
<b>LR4</b>	<b>Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2p - Finish</b>



## APPENDIX 2 - Royal Southern Mark Codes List 2017

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