



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### ROUND 1 - 2018 FAST 40+ RACE CIRCUIT – **Version 2 (23<sup>rd</sup> April)**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Hamble, Southampton**

**Organising Authority (OA)**

Royal Southern Yacht Club in conjunction with Fast40+ Class.

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 Protest Committee, 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 including the National Authority (RYA) prescriptions.  
<http://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf>

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

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located in the RSrNYC clubhouse.
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "Fast 40+ Race Committee". VHF channel **72** will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 In addition to VHF radio, a WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC intentions. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.4 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). 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 Protest Committee 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 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 08:30hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change to the time of the first warning signal 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.



## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAG

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st warning signal</u>		<u>HW Portsmouth</u>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	1130hrs	Races	0919hrs 4.4m
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	1100hrs	Races	1002hrs 4.5m
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	1100hrs	Races	1044hrs 4.5m

- 6.1 It is intended to complete up to eight (8) races.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- 6.4 The class flag will be a white flag with the Fast 40+ class logo.

## 7 RACING AREA

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

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 For windward leeward races the course signal, compass bearing and distance to mark 1 for each race will be announced by VHF before the attention signal. Addendum A.
- 8.2 For round the buoys races the course will be advised by VHF before the attention signal using the 2018 Solent Mark List. Addendum B.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 The description and colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used shall be provided by the RC, using VHF.
- 9.2 The starting marks will be two RC vessels.
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be the main RC vessel and either another RC vessel or the nearby mark.

## 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 the staffs displaying an orange flag on each of the RC vessels.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and 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 number, sail number or boat name 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 leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark as soon as practicable or move the finishing line.
- 11.2 In addition to rule 33, the RC will 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 main RC vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on another RC vessel or the nearby mark.

## 13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 150 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 Members of the protest committee (judges) may be afloat in Official Boats which will be identified by IC flag J. In an observed incident, where at least one party clearly indicates their intention to lodge a protest, the judges will display a signal and whistle sound.
- A Green/White flag signal means; 'the judges have seen an incident, and they believe that no rule has been broken'.
  - A Red flag signal means; 'the judges have seen an incident, and they believe that a rule has been broken'.

## 15 PENALTIES

- 15.1 The two-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.1 is replaced by one-turn penalty (one tack and one gybe).
- 15.2 In addition to RRS 44.2: A boat may delay taking a penalty whilst a spinnaker is hoisted. No part of a penalty may be taken inside the zone of a rounding mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg that the boat is on when the infringement occurred.
- 15.3 When the protest committee after finding the facts, decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken the measurement rules, class or equipment rules, that boat will either be disqualified, will be given a discretionary penalty or will be warned that each subsequent infringement will lead to a penalty." This changes RRS 64.1. [DP]

## 16 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 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)
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the RSrNYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.  
The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the RC, Technical Committee or Protest Committee (PC) will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from an PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 17 SCORING

- The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:
- 17.1 The corrected time will be the elapsed time \* IRC Time Correction Factor
- 17.2 Three races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled.
- 17.4 A point's weighting factor of 1.5 will be applied to any Round the Buoys races.
- 17.5 A boat shall not discard any Round the Buoys races.
- 17.6 A boat may discard one "windward/leeward" race if five or more "windward leeward" races are completed.

## 18 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS

- 18.1 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]

## 19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
- 19.1.1 Race Committee – Yellow flag.
  - 19.1.2 Protest Committee – IC flag J.



Boats displaying an official flag shall be treated as an obstruction and boats shall keep clear. [DP]

**20 SUPPORT BOATS**

20.1 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 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

21.1 Boats shall be berthed afloat during the regatta from 16:00 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April until the completion of the final race. Boats shall not be hauled out during this time, except with and per the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

**22 PRIZES**

22.1 See NOR 16.

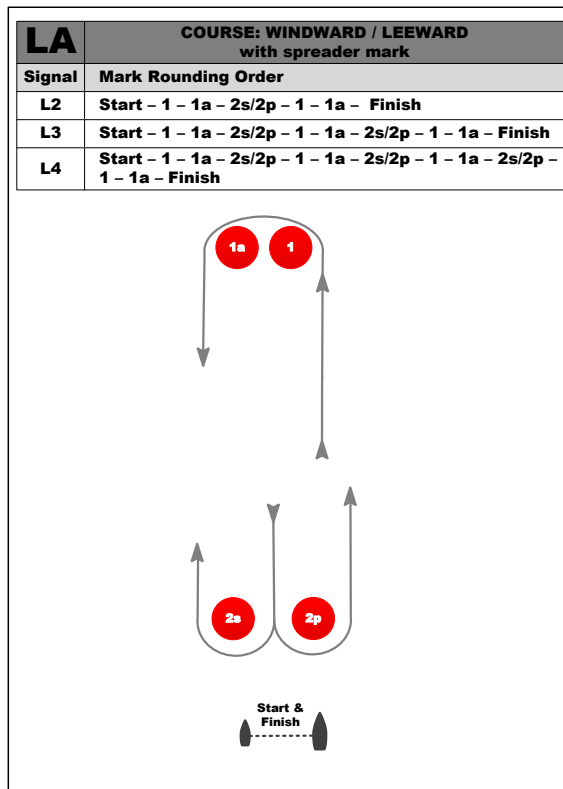
**23 RISK STATEMENT**

23.1 See NOR 19.

**24 INSURANCE**

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

**ADDENDUM A.**



**ADDENDUM B.**

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