

ROYAL THAMES YACHT CLUB
J/70 SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP 2018
Saturday 2nd June to Sunday 3rd June 2018
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Portsmouth High Water

Date	Time	HW
Saturday 2 nd June	0220	4.5
	1434	4.4
Sunday 3 rd June	0254	4.4
	1529	4.3

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Boats shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016: The Moving Prohibited Zone in the Precautionary Area which shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20. Boats shall avoid close quarters with any commercial vessel.
- 1.3 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway.
- 1.4 In the event of a conflict between these SIs and the Notice of Race, the SIs shall prevail, changing rule 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Shepards Wharf Marina.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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 will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at Shepards Wharf Marina.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 FORMAT OF RACING

- 5.1 The regatta will consist of a single series consisting of windward/leeward racing in the Central Solent with a maximum of four races on each racing day.
- 5.2 A maximum of eight races are scheduled.
- 5.3 The format may be modified during the event by the race committee in its absolute and unfettered discretion.
- 5.4 Competitors' Briefing: 0900 on Saturday 2nd June at Shepards Wharf Marina. Details of the race area and VHF channel will be available on the online notice board on yachtscoring.com immediately after the briefing.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The racing days of the championship are the 2nd and 3rd June 2018.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on Saturday 2nd June is 11.00. On Sunday 3rd June it is 10.30.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.4 On the last day of the championship no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 1 Class flag will be International Code Flag J.

8 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the Central Solent. Information about a more precise location will be given at the Saturday briefing, followed by regular announcements on the designated VHF channel from 0900 on both days.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The courses are described in Attachment A.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and an IC Numeral Pennant 1 or 2 indicating the course to be sailed

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 and the Gate Marks will be orange inflatable buoys all of which are rounding marks.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing mark will be a dan buoy displaying a flag with the letters RTYC.
- 10.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee may either move the original mark or lay a new mark of similar appearance and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Course change signalling will only be made when the course change is more than 10 degrees or more than 200m distance. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark. This instruction does not apply when rule 32.2 does.

14. PENALTIES

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 The target time for each race is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress (changing rule 62.1.)
- 15.2 The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes.
- 15.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.4 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office at Shepards Wharf Marina. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 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
- 16.3 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 Shepards Wharf Marina, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 21 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 16.6 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 rule 66.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 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 can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the marina.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, or to report a retirement, 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 VHF channel for communications from the race committee will be given at the briefing.

25 PRIZES

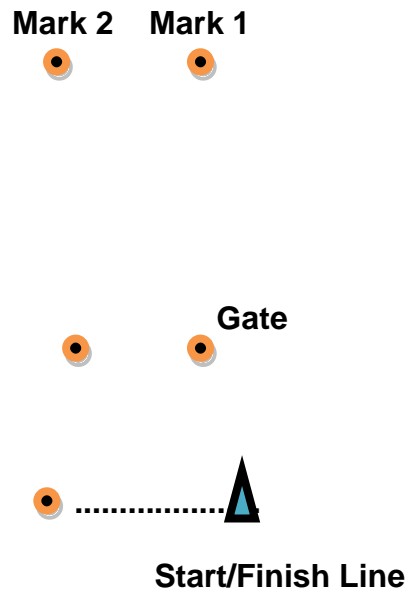
Prizes will be given as provided in the Notice of Race.

26 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

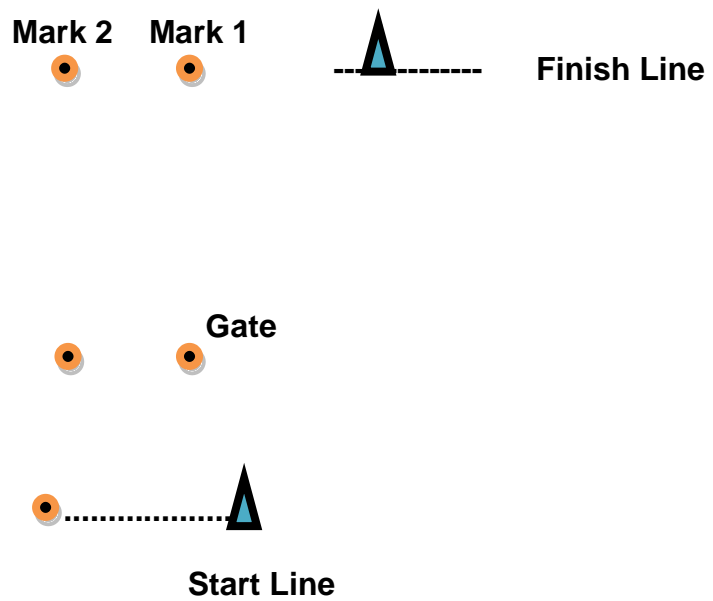
ATTACHMENT A
THE COURSES

Course 1



Start - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Gate - Mark 1 - Mark 2 - Finish

Course 2



Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Gate – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Gate – Finish