



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

J/70 National Championships  
24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Hosted by the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing” (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2 J/70 Class Rules (CR).
- 1.3 J/70 CR I.3 (Outside Assistance) shall apply.
- 1.4 J/70 CR I.4 (Corinthian Division) shall apply.
- 1.5 The RYA prescriptions will apply to rules 3, 5, 67, 86.3 and 88.2.
- 1.6 All bow numbers and sponsor or event identification stickers, decals and flags shall be displayed from the close of check-in through the end of the regatta. It is the responsibility of the competitor to ensure that the bow numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary. Bow numbers will be supplied and applied by the OA in accordance with the OA’s instructions. Sponsor stickers and decals will be placed on the bow, boom, in the cockpit or on the transom as directed by the OA.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6148>
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be “J/70 Race Committee”. VHF channel 77 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.
- 2.4 In addition, during the event a WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC communications. Further details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 3 SAFETY

- 3.1 A boat not leaving the harbour for any of the day’s racing shall inform the RC as soon as possible.
- 3.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the RC by VHF as soon as possible.

## 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB not later than 09:00hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 19:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff on Haldon Pier opposite the event marquee. 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 FOUR

- 6.1 A single series of 10 races are scheduled. It is intended that there will be no more than four races a day.
- 6.2 On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August the warning signal will be displayed at 12:15hrs.
- 6.3 On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August the 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal each day will be at 11:00hrs.
- 6.4 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.



6.5 No warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

6.6 The class flag will be a white flag with the J/70 class insignia.

## 7 RACING AREA

7.1 Races will be sailed in the waters of Torbay.

## 8 COURSES

8.1 Course details are in Appendix A.

8.2 The course signal, compass bearing and distance to windward mark 1 will be announced by VHF and displayed on the CV course board immediately after the orange flag attention signal is displayed for each race.

8.3 Course signals:

COURSE 4: Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / 2S-2P Gate / Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / Finish.

COURSE 5: Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / 2S-2P Gate / Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / 2S-2P Gate, Finish.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Windward mark **1** will be an orange inflatable. Mark **1a** will be a yellow inflatable. Mark **1b** will be a small orange inflatable.

9.2 Yellow mark **1a** will be positioned approximately 4 boat lengths upwind from windward orange mark **1**. and orange mark **1b** will be positioned approximately four boat lengths from, and at 90 degrees to port, from mark **1a**. Marks **1**, **1a**, and **1b** will be left to port in that order before proceeding to the next mark.

9.3 Leeward gate marks **2s** and **2p** will be orange inflatables.

9.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark of the course.

9.5 The starting marks will be two RC vessels.

9.6 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 flags will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least five minutes before the warning signal.

10.2 The starting line will be the staffs displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a staff the port end line vessel.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 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 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 The position of any laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 5 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) and/or up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

11.2 For changes greater than those described in SI 11.1 the RC will move the original marks (or the finishing line) in accordance with RRS 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 the staffs displaying an orange flag on the finish marks.



### **13 TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 75 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored time limit expired (TLE) without a hearing. The score for TLE will be the number of finishers plus two points, but not worse than DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **14 PENALTIES AND ON-THE-WATER JUDGING**

- 14.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 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."
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the protest desk.
- 14.3 Post-Race Penalties:
  - 14.3.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
  - 14.3.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 25% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
  - 14.3.3 A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the protest desk a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest, or request redress should radio their intention to the RC immediately on completion or retirement from the race concerned by VHF and await an acknowledgement.
- 15.2 Protest forms will be available at the protest desk. Protests shall be delivered to the protest desk within the protest time limit of ninety (90) minutes after the last boat finished the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the ONB within 15 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.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the RC, Event Technical Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from the protest committees' decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.6 Penalties for breaking Rules other than those of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, may be less than DSQ, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

### **16 SCORING**

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

- 16.1 Three (3) races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 16.3 When six (6) to ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 To request correction of a scoring error, a boat may complete a scoring inquiry form available at the protest desk.

### **17 REPLACEMENT CREW**

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.



## **18 REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Event Technical Committee or RC. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the Event Technical Committee or RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS**

- 19.1 A boat, sails or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with J/70 Class Rule and any other Safety Requirements. On the water a boat may be instructed by the Event Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **20 OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 20.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:
- 20.1.1 Race Committee – Yellow flag with RC in black letters.
  - 20.1.2 Event Technical Committee – Purple flag with TC in white letters.
  - 20.1.3 Event Media Boats – White flag with a Black number.

## **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.
- 21.2 Coach and support boats shall display identifying flags, Pink flag with a black numbers issued by the OA, and adhere to the J/70 Class Rule I.3.
- 21.3 Except when participating in rescue operations all coach and support boats shall stay at least 100m away from any boat racing and outside the race area. During the start sequence boats shall be to leeward of the starting area.
- 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.

## **22 BERTHING, HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND DIVING EQUIPMENT**

- 22.1 Boats shall not be hauled out of the water from 10:30hrs on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August until the completion of the final race, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Event Technical Committee or RC or by request of the Event Technical Committee for inspection purposes.

## **23 PRIZES**

- 23.1 See NOR 14.

## **24 DISCLAIMER, WAIVERS AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 24.1 See NOR 18.

## **25 INSURANCE**

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



## APPENDIX A – Courses

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON RC COMMITTEE VESSEL.

**4**  
**120°**  
**1.5nm**

**Course 4:** Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / 2S-2P Gate / Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / Finish.  
Weather Mark 1 approx. **120°** magnetic at **1.5nm** from the RC Committee Vessel.

### COURSE 4

'1b'  '1a' 

'1' 

Wind ↓

- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1b to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1b to port)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (Finish)

'2s'  '2p' 

 ----- Start / Finish

### COURSE 5

Finish  -----  R/C


'1b'  '1a' 

'1' 

Wind ↓

- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1b to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (1 + 1a + 1b to port)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 5 – Windward (Finish)

'2s'  '2p' 

 ----- Start