

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

J/70 World Championships
Thursday 29th August – Friday 6th September 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=6149>
- 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 FLAGS

- 6.1 A single series of 14 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.
- 6.2 On Sunday 1st September the warning signal for the practice race will be displayed at 14:00hrs.
- 6.3 On Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September the 1st warning signal each day will be displayed 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 Friday 6th September.
- 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 COURSE**
- 8.1 Course to be sailed: Start / Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / 2S-2P Gate / Windward Mark 1 – Port / Mark 1a – Port / Mark 1b – Port / Finish.
- 8.2 The 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 An illustration of the course is provided in Appendix A.
- 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 three 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 two-line segments using three race committee vessels: one between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line committee vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line vessel, the other between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line committee vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard 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 will 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).
- 10.5 UFD and BFD penalty notification after the Start. The RC will attempt to notify boats by VHF, at the earliest opportunity after the start, that infringe RRS 30.3, (U Flag Rule) or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule). A boat that is identified and hailed on the VHF by the RC shall leave the racing area immediately.
- 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 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 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 90 minutes.

- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 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.
- 14.4 On-the-Water Judging will be in accordance with Appendix B of these Sailing Instructions.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Decisions of the International Jury (IJ) will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 15.2 The Sailor Classification Protest Limit Time will be the end of the protest time limit on Monday 2nd September.
- 15.3 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.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 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).
- 15.7 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.
- 15.8 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 Four (4) races shall be completed to constitute a championship series.
- 16.2 Fourteen (14) races are scheduled.
- 16.3 When four (4) races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races.
- 16.4 When five (5) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.5 When twelve (12) or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.
- 16.6 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. Requests for substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall be made to the Event Technical Committee 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 Judges – Orange flag with Jury in black letters.

20.1.3 Event Technical Committee – Purple flag with TC in white letters.

20.1.4 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 number 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 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1 Boats shall not be hauled out of the water from 14:30hrs on Sunday 1st September 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 19.

24 DISCLAIMER, WAIVERS AND RISK STATEMENT

24.1 See NOR 20.

25 INSURANCE

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

APPENDIX A – Course.

Start / 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:

'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

APPENDIX B – On-the-Water Judges.

B1 - Members of the Protest Committee (Judges) may be afloat in boats which will be identified by a orange flag with Jury in black 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 Appendix unless the action was improper due to a failure to take into account a race committee signal or a J/70 Class Rule. This changes RRS 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.

B2 - When a Judge sees a boat breaking one of the following:

- J/70 Class Rule C.3.3 Crew Positioning.
- J/70 Class Rule C.9.4 (b) (1) (2) Bowsprit.
- RRS 42 – (Propulsion), as modified by J/70 Class Rule C.1.1 (b).

He / she may penalise her by, as soon as reasonably possible, making a sound signal, pointing a red flag at her and hailing her sail or bow number, even if she is no longer *racing*. This changes RRS 63.

A boat so penalised shall not be penalised a second time under the rules specified above for the same incident. Her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty in compliance with RRS 44.2. If she fails to take it, she shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

B3 - A judge may make a report to the protest committee (who may proceed under rule 60.3) if he/she believes that a boat may have broken rule 2, including:

If she broke RRS 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).