

BCYC CRUISER CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Edition -BCYC CCSI/01/Summer Series.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 1997 - 2000 (RRS rule/s), the Prescriptions of the R.Y.A., the appropriate class rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions, and by these Sailing Instructions (SI's).

2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 General.

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

2.2 Handicap/Rating Certificates.

Before a boat is eligible to race she shall hold a valid Handicap Certificate or Certificates as required in 2.2(a) and 2.2(b), which shall be available for inspection on demand by the Sailing Committee, or Principal Race Officer.

- 2.2(a) Each boat will be allocated a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap Number, based on information given in the current R.Y.A. Portsmouth Handicap Booklet (YR2) as amended by the Bristol Channel Yacht Club Cruiser Class Handicap Committee. A boat not listed in YR2 will be allocated a "Trial" number by the Handicap Committee for 'Club' racing and entry into 'Open Events' according to the method defined by YR2. This 'Trial' number may be adjusted by the Handicap Committee, until validated on performance on the basis of procedure defined by YR2.

- 2.2(b) A boat wishing to race to Channel Handicap System shall, in addition, be required to hold a current C.H.S. Certificate and shall also be required prior to racing to:

- i. Produce a copy of the C.H.S. Certificate
- ii. Complete a Sail Inventory to accompany the above Certificate

For inclusion in the Class Handicap Register which will be available in the Clubhouse for general inspection.

- 2.2(c) Any change of Handicap, Sail Inventory or other information supplied to the Handicap Committee shall immediately be notified to the Sailing Committee accompanied by the new Handicap Certificate, Sail Inventory and or Information as applicable.

- 2.2(d) If required to do so, the owner/competitor shall make arrangements for such reasonable inspection and/or measurement of a boat and/or its equipment/sails as the Sailing Committee/Handicap Officer requests.

2.2(e) Division of Classes.

- i. Boats with a valid Channel Handicap Certificate and P.Y. Handicap Number of 1050* or less shall race in Class 1.
* - under exceptional circumstances this number may be varied at the discretion of the Handicap Committee.
- ii. All boats not in possession of a current Channel Handicap Certificate and/or excluded from Class 1 by P.Y. Handicap Number shall race in Class 2.

2.3 Identification on Sails - Sail Numbers.

Any boat displaying Sail Numbers different from those shown on its Handicap Certificate/s will be disqualified unless prior written permission has been obtained from the Sailing Committee and/or Handicap Officer.

2.4 Entries.

Entry forms are to be completed and submitted with entry fee at least one week before race 1. Late entries will only be accepted on the discretion of the sailing committee.

- 2.4(a) Boats shall fly a racing pennant as prescribed in 2.4(a) i. in a prominent visible position.

- i. Racing Pennants shall be:

Class 1 - Numeral Pennant 1.

Class 2 - Numeral Pennant 2.

- ii. Racing Pennants shall be of a size not less than 300mm long x 100mm deep.

2.5(b) Additional Requirements.

Boats while racing shall comply with the following additional requirements:

- i. Propellers shall NOT be removed.
- ii. Vane or other automatic steering devices shall NOT be used.
- iii. All boats shall carry an engine capable of propelling the boat at NOT less than 4 knots in calm water.
- iv. In every race boats shall have a crew of NOT less than two persons.
- v. Boats claiming a "No Spinnaker" allowance shall not use twin headsails goosewinged when running and shall NOT use spinnaker equipment to "pole" out a genoa.
- vi. Spinnakers shall NOT be flown between the Warning and Starting signals.

2.6 Safety.

- (a) In the event of racing boats encountering Commercial Shipping under way, if a leading boat decides to pass astern of a vessel then the following fleet shall follow suit. A boat shall alter course if it is unable to pass in front of a commercial vessel without keeping the bridge in sight at all times.

- (b) All boats taking part in Bristol Channel Yacht Club Races are reminded of Minimum Safety Requirements, based on the Offshore Racing Council's "Special Regulations Governing Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Standards" (YR9).

2.7 Retirements.

Boats, which fail to complete the course and/or have retired, shall notify the Race Officer/Start Boat. This can be done by VHF Radio Ch 37(M), by telephone to the Club (01792-366000) or by completing a declaration in the Clubhouse. This must be done within two hours of the finish of the race, boats, which fail to do, so will be deemed to have retired. This changes Rule 63.1.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Will be posted on the Cruiser Class notice board located at the foot of the stairs in the Clubhouse.

3.2 Other means of communication may include the use of VHF Radio Ch 37(M) as required by these SI's.

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 24hrs before the start time of the race or races concerned. Amendments will also be broadcast on VHF Channel 37 (M) not more than 30 minutes before the start of the race or races to which they apply.

5.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Flag Signals if applicable will be flown from the Club flagpole, Signal lights and/or boards will be displayed as required by these Sailing Instructions from the balcony of the Clubhouse.

5.1(a) Further signals required by these SI's will be made by the O.O.D. by repeated broadcasts on VHF Ch 37(M) and as applicable, confirmed by the leading boat or boats in the class to which they apply.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

There will be 5 events in the series, 3 to count. One of which must be the Evening Post event.

6.1 Event 1 - B.T. Trophy Sunday 13th May Start 10.00 hrs H.W. 10.40 Ht 10.61m

6.2 Event 2 - Scarweather Trophy Sunday 10th June Start 10.30 hrs H.W. 09.42 Ht 11.14m

6.3 Event 3 - Evening Post Regatta 3 Races, 2 to count

Saturday 14th July H.W. 12.47hrs Ht 10.08m Race 1 Start 10.30 hrs, Race 2 to follow Race 1

Sunday 15th July H.W. 13.49 Ht 9.97m Race 3 Start 11.00 hrs

6.4 Event 4 - B.C.Y.C. Pursuit Race Sunday 12th August Start 10.30hrs H.W. 11.49 Ht 10.45m

6.5 Event 5 – Morgan Cole Trophy Sunday 9th September Start 10.30hrs H.W.10.30 Ht 11.15m

7.0 CLASS SIGNALS

7.1 The Cruiser Class flag will be I.C. flag 'C'.

7.1(a) Individual Class Flags will be as defined in SI 2.4(a)i.

8.0 RACING AREA

8.1 The Racing Area will be Swansea Bay and Offshore.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 Offshore Start - Committee Boat

9.1(a) In the event of a race being started on the water by a Committee Boat, the course will be broadcast on VHF radio Ch 37(M) not later than 15 minutes before the start.

9.2 Onshore Starts - BCYC Club Line

9.2(a) In the event of a race being started onshore, the course will be broadcast on VHF radio Ch 37(M) not later than 15 minutes before the start.

9.2(b) Where mark "M", the Club Line outer distance mark is included as a mark of the Course; boats shall pass through the Start/Finish line as defined in SI's 11.2(b) or 11.2(c) and 14.1(b) or 14.1(c).

9.3 Special Courses.

At the O.O.D.'s discretion a Special Course may be set. The course configuration will be broadcast by the OOD on VHF Ch 37(M) not less than 15 minutes before the Start.

9.4 Number of Rounds.

Competitors will be notified on Channel 37 not later than 15 minutes prior to start

10.0 MARKS

10.1 Course Marks will be as defined in Appendix A of these instructions.

11.0 STARTING

11.1 For the Evening Post Regatta there will be separate starts for Class 1 and for Class 2. The preparatory signal for Class 1 will be the warning signal for Class 2. This start sequence may be amended at the O.O.D.'s discretion. Competitors will be notified at the briefing. For all other events it will be a combined start unless notified by the O.O.D

11.2 Starting Line.

11.2(a) Offshore - Committee Boat Starts.

The Starting Line is defined as the line between the mast of the Committee Boat bearing an orange flag or shape and the adjacent course mark.

11.2(b) **Onshore - Clubhouse Starts.**

The Start Line is defined as the extension of a transit, through a stationary post on the Clubhouse balcony and a coloured triangle situated on a post in front of the Club, with a yellow coloured inflatable mark "M" defining its outer limit. The stationary post will normally be a vertical, illuminated fluorescent tube, but this may be substituted by a yellow painted post. The inner end of the Start Line will be limited by a yellow coloured inflatable mark laid approximately on the line and boats starting shall pass between it and the outer distance mark "M".

11.2(c) Where at the OOD's discretion a Special Course is set, the start line may also be varied. Instructions will be given on VHF Radio Ch 37(M) to this effect and a reasonable time allowed for competitors to reach the starting area.

11.3 **Starting Procedure.**

The Starting procedure will be as prescribed in rule 26.2 System 1 at five minute intervals, varied in accordance with SI 11.4, or 11.5 as applicable.

11.4 **Offshore - Committee Boat Starts.**

Races will be started using rule 26 System 1.

11.5 **Onshore Starts.** (See 20.0 for illustration)

The times and signals of the Start Sequence are as follows:

- **10 mins** The Warning Signal - will be the illumination of a single white light at the apex of the Start sequence lights

- **5 mins** The Preparatory Signal - will be the illumination of two white lights on the Start sequence lights

Zero The Class 1 Start Signal - will be the illumination of all three white lights on the Start sequence lights.

+ **5 mins** The Class 2 Start signal - all three white lights on the Start sequence lights will be extinguished.

This changes Rule25.

11.6 **Recalls**

11.6(a) **Onshore Starts.**

i. **Individual Recall.**

The Individual Recall of Premature Starters will normally be signalled by the quick flashing of the Start Sequence lights for ten seconds. Individual boats may, if circumstances permit, be contacted by the Race Officer on VHF Radio Ch 37 (M) on "Information Only" basis. This changes Rule25.

ii. **General Recall.**

A General Recall of Premature Starters will normally be signalled by flashing of the Start Sequence lights on for ten seconds/off for ten seconds for one minute. Boats failing to return and restart correctly shall be deemed to have retired. This changes Rule25.

11.7 **Postponement.**

11.7(a) **Onshore Starts.**

Postponement

Should it be necessary to Postpone the Start of a race, all three lights of the Start Sequence lights will be illuminated at the time at which the Warning Signal of the start sequence would normally have been made. This changes Rule25.

i. The end of a Postponement shall be signalled by extinguishing all three lights of the Start Sequence lights. The Warning Signal for the Postponed start sequence will be made one minute after this time. This changes Rule25.

12.0 Spare Number

13.0 **SIGNALS MADE WHILST RACING IS IN PROGRESS**

13.1 **Onshore Starts.**

13.1(a) **Shortening the course to be sailed.**

i. The signals for Shortening the Course to be sailed after the start of a race will be made on VHF Radio Ch 37(M). The Finish will be at the next mark of the course being sailed. This changes Rule25.

ii. Where a race is Shortened to Finish at mark "M" Start/Finish Line, boats shall finish as prescribed in 14.1(b) or 14.1(c).

iii. Where a race is Shortened to Finish at any mark of the course, with the exception of mark "M", the Finish mark will form the inner limit of the Finish Line and boats that are finishing shall pass within their normal rounding distance of the mark.

iv. The Finish Line will be the extension of a line from the Race Control position through the Finish Mark.

13.2(b) A course may be shortened to finish at the Pier mark, or an inflatable mark in that vicinity;

i. The Finish Line will be an imaginary line from the Start sequence lights, which will be illuminated, through the Pier mark, or the inflatable mark. The Pier, or inflatable mark will form the outer limit of this line.

14.0 **FINISHING**

14.1 **Finish Line.**

14.1(a) **Offshore - Committee Boat Starts.**

The Finishing Line will be between the mast of the Committee Boat, bearing an orange flag, and the finishing mark.

14.1(b) **Onshore - Clubhouse Starts.**

i. When the full course is sailed the Finish Line will be the same as the Start Line defined in 11.2(b).

ii. Boats Finishing shall pass between the outer distance mark "M" and the inner distance mark.

14.1(c) Where at the OOD's discretion a Special Course is set, the finish line may also be varied. Instructions will be given on VHF Radio Ch 37(M) to this effect prior to the start of the race.

14.1(d) **Onshore Starts.**

The lights of the Start Sequence will normally be flashed once to signify that a boat has finished.

15.0 Spare Number.

16.0 TIME LIMITS.

16.1 The Time Limit for Race 1 for the FIRST BOAT in its Class to cross the Finish Line will be 2 HOURS. All other boats in that Class must complete the course WITHIN one hour of the first boat or will be deemed to have retired. This changes Rule 35.

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17.0 PROTESTS

17.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with rule 60 on a Protest Form, which may be lodged with a member of the Sailing Committee within three hours of the protesting boat finishing the race concerned. Alternatively, the Race Officer shall be notified by VHF Radio Ch 37(M) as soon as possible after the incident and in any event within two hours of the protesting boat finishing the race. The Protestor will then complete an R.Y.A. Protest Form and lodge it within 3 hours of finishing the race. Protest Forms will be available from the Club Bar or Office and, in the absence of a member of Sailing Committee, Protest Forms and Deposits may be lodged with the Club Steward.

17.2 Notification of Parties:

Protests will be heard as soon as possible It shall be the sole responsibility of the competitors to check the Sailing Committee Notice Board and to attend any protest meeting together with their witnesses.

18.0 SCORING

18.1 The Low Point Scoring System RYA Appendix 1 will apply except as modified below.

18.2 Non Finishing boats.

Boats scored DNS, OCS, DNF or RET in a race will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats starting in that race.

18.3 Disqualified boats.

Boats scored DSQ in a race will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats starting in that race.

18.4 Boats that did not compete.

Boats scored DNC in a race will be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats eligible to compete

18.5 Number of Races to Count.

For event 3 if three races sailed two to count. If only two races sailed then both to count. In the event of a tie then the result of the last race in the series will determine the outcome.

19.0 COMMITTEE BOAT

19.1 The Committee Boat will be ? flying the BCYC Burgee from the masthead.

19.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to substitute the Committee Boat at any time. In such case the substitute boat shall fly the Bristol Channel Yacht Club burgee.

20.0 SIGNAL LIGHTS

CLASS 1

CLASS 2

O One light on 10 minute Warning

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O Two lights on 5 minute preparatory signal

O Two lights on 10 minute Warning

O Three lights on Start (Class 1)

O Three lights on 5 minute preparatory signal

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O Three lights off Start (Class 2)

START SEQUENCE
(This changes Rule 25)

NOTES:

BCYC CRUISER CLASS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - APPENDIX A

CRUISER - RACING MARKS APPROXIMATE POSITIONS.

ONSHORE START FACILITIES

BRISTOL CHANNEL YACHT CLUB 51.34.22 N 03.59.10 W CLUBHOUSE

RACE MARKS

Caution - Club Marks are liable to move without notice.

'M' Club Start/Finish Outer Distance	51.34.50 N	03.58.60 W	CLUB MARK - YELLOW INFLATABLE
Club Inner distance (SI 11.2b)			CLUB MARK – YELLOW INFLATABLE
OYSTERMOUTH	51.34.50 N	03.59.30 W	CLUB MARK - YELLOW BARREL
WEST BAY	51.35.85 N	03.58.15 W	CLUB MARK - YELLOW BARREL
MID BAY	51.35.30 N	03.57.30 W	CLUB MARK - YELLOW INFLATABLE
EAST BAY	51.34.75 N	03.56.45 W	GREEN GROUNDS (STBD) FAIRWAY BUOY
MUMBLES PIER	51.34.30 N	03.58.40 W	CLUB MARK - YELLOW BARREL
HYDER (SW)	51.35.25 N	03.54.00 W	YELLOW OUTFALL BUOY (OUTER/S'y OF TWO)
OUTFALL (POST)	51.36.20 N	03.56.70 W	NAVIGATION MARK
FAIRWAY (RED)	51.35.53 N	03.56.16 W	NAVIGATION MARK
ADDITIONAL MARKS	CLUB MARKS - YELLOW INFLATABLES, MAY BE USED		

OFFSHORE RACING MARKS

(Normal Race Marks, listed above, may be included in Offshore Races)

CABENDA	51.33.40 N	03.52.25 W	NAVIGATION MARK
GREEN GROUNDS	51.33.00 N	03.53.50 W	NAVIGATION MARK
KENFIG PATCHES	51.29.80 N	03.45.50 W	NAVIGATION MARK
W.SCARWEATHER	51.28.00 N	03.56.00 W	NAVIGATION MARK
HELWICK PASS	51.32.00 N	04.12.00 W	NAVIGATION MARK
WHITE OYSTER LEDGE	51.30.00 N	03.59.00 W	NAVIGATION MARK
KALIS	51.32.00 N	03.55.50 W	NAVIGATION MARK
HORSESHOE ROCKS	51.15.00 N	04.13.00 W	NAVIGATION MARK
COPPERAS ROCK	51.13.50 N	04.00.50 W	NAVIGATION MARK