

Bristol Channel Yacht Club Pursuit Race

(also part of the Mumbles Yacht Club Gower Challenge)
10th August 2019 Start 12:30 hrs Finish 15:00 hrs
Sailing Instructions



1. Rules

- a. The Regatta will be governed by the “Rules” as defined by the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020* and these sailing instructions
- b. If there is a conflict these sailing instructions will prevail

2. Notices to Competitors

- a. Notices to competitors will be posted in the Foyer of MYC.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- a. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted in the Foyer of MYC at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the race concerned and announced over VHF channel 37 before the warning signal is made.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- a. Signals made ashore will be displayed on MYC Flagstaff
- b. When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 1 hour’ in the race signal AP.

5. Schedule of Races

- a. The scheduled time of the 5 minute warning signal for the start of the race will be 12:25hrs
- b. Start times for each class will be published in the MYC and BCYC foyers and online at <http://www.bcyk.co.uk/category/pursuitrace/>.
- c. A clock will be on the bar in the MYC and will be synchronized to the race officer’s watch to help competitors gauge when to go on the water/start.

6. Flags

- a. Flag D will be displayed at the five minute signal.

7. Racing Area

- a. Within the confines of Swansea Bay

8. The Course

- a. The course will be as in appendix 1
- b. All marks to be taken to port, in order Start, 1, 2, 3.
- c. The Start line must be crossed at the commencement of each lap
- d. Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

9. Marks

- a. Marks will be orange or yellow coloured cylindrical marks
- b. The starboard end start mark will be a small yellow buoy and the port end will be the Committee Boat a Light Blue Hulled Achilles 24 Yacht – “Mythos”.
- c. The Start Committee Boat may stream a buoy from its stern which is also a mark of the course. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Committee Boat it protects.

10. The Start

- a. An orange flag will be displayed with sound signal at least 1 minute before warning signal is displayed. This will alert boats that the start sequence is about to begin.
- b. The race will be started using rule 26, as follows.

<u>Time to start</u>	<u>Signal</u>
5 Minutes	Flag D + one sound
4 Minutes	Preparatory (Normally "P") + one sound
1 Minute	Preparatory Lowered + one sound
START	Flag D Lowered + one sound

Note: Flag D is a Yellow with Blue Horizontal centre stripe .

- c. The starting line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat and the small yellow buoy (see Appendix 1)
- d. Boats whose starting signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other Classes and boats already racing.
- e. Boats starting after the first start will only receive a sound signal to signify their start.

11. The Finish

- a. The finish will be at 15:00hrs.
- b. The winner will be notified by the crew of a safety RIB displaying a blue flag.

12. Penalty System

- a. For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

- a. Protest forms will be available at the MYC foyer. Protests shall be delivered there, within the appropriate time limit.
- b. For each boat the protest time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished.
- c. 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 witnesses. Hearings will be held at the BCYC Clubhouse.
- d. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted within protest time to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)
- e. Breaches of Sailing Instructions 10d, 15 and 16 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.

14. Scoring

- a. The Boat which has completed the most number of laps or part of a lap at 15:00 hrs will be the winner and so on.

15. Safety Regulations

- a. All competitors shall sign on and off in the MYC foyer or notify the race committee of their intention to race and when they finish by VHF on channel 37.
- b. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either by VHF Channel 37, or by notifying the committee boat, by notifying the Rescue RIBS or by channel 37 when ashore (the fixed base radio in MYC can be used for this purpose – ask at the Bar for assistance).

16. Radio Communication

- a. Except in an emergency, in case of retirement or stating an intention to race, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions not available to all boats. This also applies to mobile phones.

17. Disclaimer of liability

- a. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 - Decision to race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

18. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

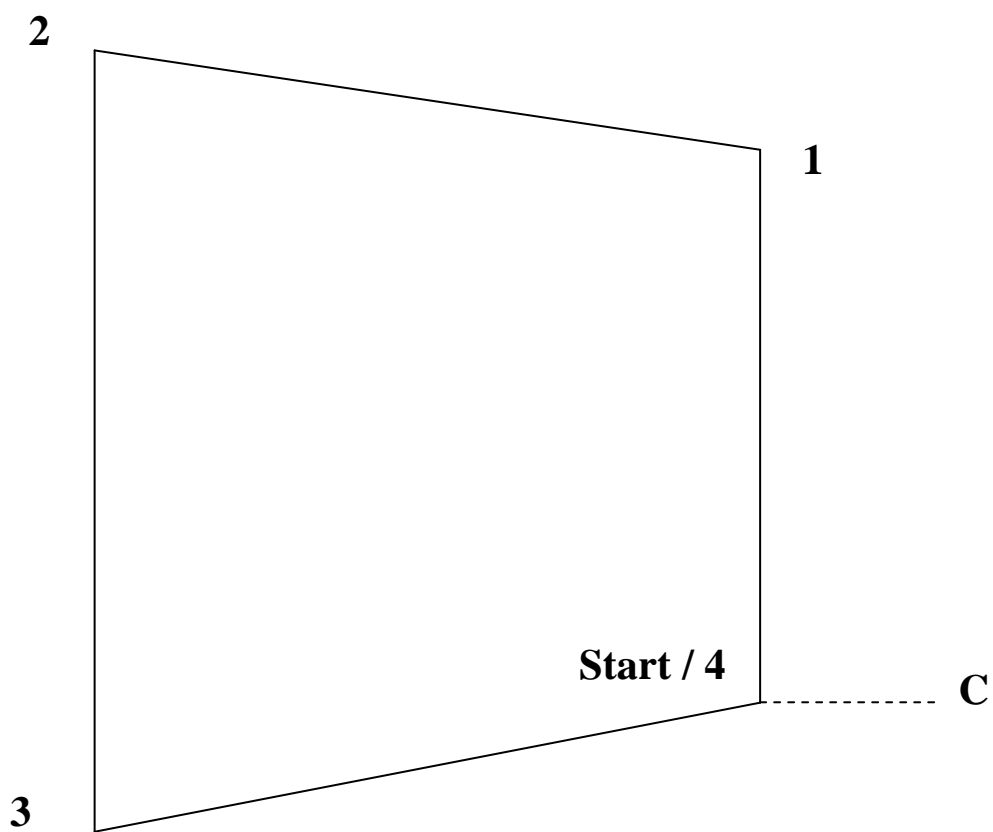
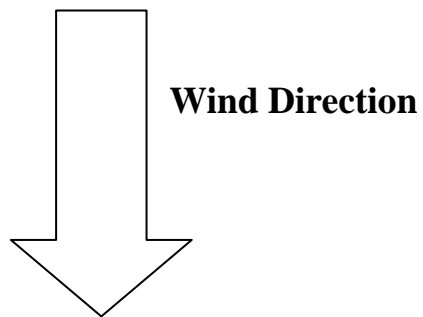
1st youth £50
1st dinghy (mono or multi) £50
1st yacht £50
Overall 1st place an additional £50

- b) Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee
- c) Results from the Pursuit Race will also count towards day 2 of the Mumbles Yacht Club Gower Challenge regatta

19. Insurance

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 000 000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix 1 – Course Diagram



Legend:

C: Committee boat

Start / 4: Start mark and 4th mark of the course after starting

All marks to be taken to Port