



Fisherrow Yacht Club

REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the prescriptions of the RYA.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted in the boat yard on the north side of the FYC Club House.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 12:00 on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS

Signals made ashore will be displayed at Fisherrow Harbour on the flagstaff on harbour wall. Signals made offshore will be displayed on the committee boat.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Two races are scheduled for dinghies each day and two races for yachts each day. It is intended to run the races each day back to back.

5.2 The start times of the first race each day are as follows:

Date	Class	1 st Race Start Time
Sat 12 th June	Yachts	1400
Sat 12 th June	Dinghies	1405
Sun 13 th June	Yachts	1500
Sun 13 th June	Dinghies	1505

5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 5 minutes before the Start Time of each class.

5.4 If there are sufficient numbers, each class will be split into fast/ slow. Class starts will also be considered if there are sufficient numbers.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flag for yachts is the Numeral Pennant 1.

6.2 The class flag for dinghies is Numeral Pennant 2.



7 HANDICAPS

- 7.1 Will be based on the current FYCA/ PY handicaps, but may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 7.2 A boat entering the race without a handicap will be given one by the Race Committee.
- 7.3 A boat wishing to claim a handicap allowance under the FYCA Handicap Policy, e.g. for no spinnaker, must do so at time of entry.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are shown in Appendix 1.
- 8.2 Course boards will be displayed, with a letter signifying the course and a colour to describe the direction round the course.

8.3 THE START

- 8.3.1 The starting line will be either off the harbour wall or off a committee boat:
 - Harbour Wall Start:** The start line shall be between the Flagstaff on the harbour wall and a large orange buoy laid in a northerly direction from the harbour wall.
 - Committee Boat Start:** The start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag or shape on the committee boat and a large orange outer buoy.
- 8.3.2 An inner distance marker will be placed off the harbour wall or committee boat - this is not part of the start line. Boats passing between this mark and the harbour wall will be given a Disqualification.
- 8.3.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 8.3.4 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

8.4 THE FINISH

- 8.4.1 The finishing line will be as per the start line.
- 8.4.2 The number of laps to be sailed will not be pre-determined. Races shall continue until after the S flag is raised.
- 8.4.3 Shortly before the finish, Flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. If the S flag is displayed with a class flag, it only applies to that class; otherwise it applies to all classes. Boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap.
- 8.4.4 Boats awaiting the next start must stay clear of the start/ finish area.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Yacht marks E, W and N are in approximately the following positions:

East, orange pillar	N 55 57.130	W 03 03.542
West, orange pillar	N 55 57.100	W 03 05.164
North, orange pillar	N 55 57.469	W 03 04.598

- 9.2 Dinghies will use temporary marks e, w and n laid in approximate positions to match the course diagrams.
- 9.3 A hook mark H, to be used by both yachts and dinghies, shall be laid either East or West of the finish line.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- The harbour entrance

11 TIME LIMITS

A time limit of 90 minutes will apply to each race.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered there within Protest Time, which for each class is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 12.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 12.3 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 12.4 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.
- 12.5 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: 'On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than one hour after being informed of the decision.'

13 SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point scoring system, rule A4, will apply. A boat's worst score will be discarded if 4 or more races have been completed.
- 13.2 Scores shall be calculated on the basis of average laps i.e. the elapsed time is divided by the number of laps completed by each boat.
- 13.3 In the event of significant number of boats failing to finish within the time limit, results may be calculated on the basis of laps already completed. The decision to do this will be that of the Race Office, which will be final.

14 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

All Yachts should keep a listening watch on VHF channel 08.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the top three placing in each class.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

21 INSURANCE

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

