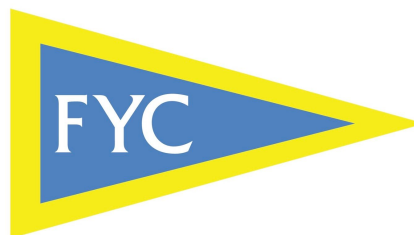


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# 2020 Regatta

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on a notice board in the boatyard on the North side of the FYC Club House.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be advised during the briefing on the day of the regatta and will be posted on the notice board.

### 4. SIGNALS

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at Fisherrow Harbour flagstaff on harbour wall.

4.2. Signals made offshore will be displayed on the committee boat.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. It is intended to schedule up to 3 races each day aiming for a total of 6 over the weekend.

5.2. It is intended to run the races back to back. (As soon as the fleet has finished the next race's starting sequence shall begin.)

5.3. The start time of the first race is as follows:

Date	Class	1st Race Start Time
Sat 19th Sept	Yacht	15:00
Sat 19th Sept	Dinghy	15:05
Sun 20th Sept	Yacht	15.45
Sun 20th Sept	Dinghy	15.50

5.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal is 5 minutes before the Start Time.

5.5. If a class needs to be restarted it will move to the end of the sequence.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. The class flag for the dinghy fleet is "W" flag.
- 6.2. The class flag for yachts is "numeral one" flag.

## **7. HANDICAPS**

- 7.1. Dinghy handicaps will be based on the current PY handicaps, but may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 7.2. Yacht handicaps will be based on the current FYCA handicaps, but may be altered at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 7.3. A boat entering the race without a handicap will be given one by the Race Committee.
- 7.4. Yachts whose handicap assumes a spinnaker, if racing without a spinnaker, may claim a 4% handicap allowance, but must do so at the time of entry. (This supersedes the FYCA Handicap Policy.)

## **8. THE COURSES**

The courses are shown in Appendix 1

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1. The starting line will be from a committee boat anchored off Fisherrow
- 9.2. The start line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an outer buoy.
- 9.3. An inner distance marker buoy may be placed off the committee boat. Boats passing between this mark and the committee boat will be disqualified. This buoy will not necessarily lie on the line.
- 9.4. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 9.5. Boats should stay clear of the start area until it is their class start.

## **10. THE FINISH**

- 10.1. The finishing line will be the same as the start line..
- 10.2. Boats MUST pass through their start/finish line on each upwind leg.
- 10.3. Boats MUST NOT pass through the start/finish line while on the downwind or reaching legs of the course.
- 10.4. The number of laps to be sailed will not be predetermined. Results will be evaluated using the average lap time system. It is possible that slower boats will not complete the same amount of laps as the faster boats.
- 10.5. Shortly before the finish, flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. Boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line at the end of their current lap.
- 10.6. If a class flag is displayed with the S flag, the shortened course signal only applies to that class.
- 10.7. Boats awaiting the next start must stay clear of the start/ finish area.

## **11. MARKS**

- 11.1. Dinghies will use spherical orange marks laid off Fisherrow, or the fixed East mark if appropriate, in positions to match the course diagrams.
- 11.2. In addition to the dinghy marks, the yacht fleet will use large white spherical buoys, laid as the windward marks of the quadrilateral. The leeward marks and the start line are the same as used by the dinghy fleet.

11.3. The start line inner and outer limits may be of any colour.

## **12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- ❖ the harbour entrance

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

A time limit of 50 minutes will apply to each race.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office and delivered there within the Protest Time, which for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.2. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. Parties involved in a protest may agree to use the RYA arbitration procedure. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to a protest committee. A boat that is found by arbitration to break a rule shall receive a penalty of 40% of her race score with a minimum of 3 points.
- 14.5. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

## **15. SCORING**

- 15.1. 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.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. In the event of a 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 Officer, which will be final.

## **16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded for the top three boats overall in each class.
- 18.2. Further prizes will be awarded to the best performing boats in the FYC Silverhorn and Greenhorn fleets if finishing outside the top 3..
- 18.3. Greenhorns are loosely defined as those sailors in their first 2 years of sailing or first year of racing, fleets are allocated at the discretion of the sailing committee.

**19. 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.

**20. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

**Appendix 1 Courses**

