

2017 Open Meeting Sailing Instructions (valid from 31/3/2017-1/1/2018)

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the current World Racing Rules of Sailing, Salcombe Harbour byelaws, Local Notices to Mariners, International Rules for Prevention of the Collisions at Sea, the rules of Salcombe Yacht Club, rules of the Class Association, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, with the proviso that the Sailing Instructions amend certain Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as stated below.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) in Salcombe Yacht Club (SYC). They may also be posted on the SYC website (<http://www.salcombeyc.org.uk>)

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least two hour before the start of the race to which it applies.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Watch House.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

As stated in Notice of Race.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 As stated in Notice of Race.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 As per SYC Course Card dated April 2015.

<http://www.salcombeyc.org.uk/attachments/article/77/Course%20Map%20Revised%20April%202015.pdf>

8 FAIRWAY

- 8.1 During busy times of the year the Harbour Authority mark a Fairway in the vicinity of the Starting Line to provide a safe passage for the use of non-racing craft during a start sequence. The outer edge of this Fairway is defined by an imaginary line between adjacent yellow buoys from V0 (Salcombe Harbour Hotel) to V3 (Ferry Inn) laid approximately parallel to the Salcombe shore of the estuary. The limits of the Fairway may be extended to include buoys carrying a yellow X top mark at the northern and southern ends. The Prohibited Area is between the outer edge of the Fairway (see above) and the Salcombe shore.
- 8.2 When the Fairway is activated it is a continuing obstruction.
- 8.3 A Salcombe Harbour Authority – Kingsbridge Estuary Local Notice to Mariners will apply.
- 8.4 To signal that the Fairway is activated the 2nd Sub pennant is displayed. In addition yellow flashing lights are illuminated on each end of the Watch House.
- 8.5 A competing boat sailing in the Fairway at the moment it is activated shall leave the Fairway without delay by the most direct route in a seaman like manner.
- 8.6 Any competing boat identified by the Race Officer or staff of the Salcombe Harbour Authority entering or in the activated Fairway will be disqualified from that start without a hearing. (This amends RRS 63.1)

- 8.7 Boats sailing from Batson boatpark will be permitted to sail out through the activated Fairway by their shortest course.
- 8.8 Any competing boat involved in an avoidable incident with a non-competing craft within the activated Fairway may be disqualified from that race and any other subsequent race in that series. (This amends Rule 63.1)
- 8.9 Competitors should consider non-racing craft that are been held north and south of the starting area by the Harbour Master to be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre.

9 COURSES.

- 9.1 Courses will be indicated by number / letter boards displayed at the Watch House before or at the warning signal. When a Red number is displayed the mark shall be rounded to Port. When a Green number is displayed the mark shall be rounded to Starboard.
- 9.2 Description of marks

Mark	Description	Location
1 to 8	Yellow spherical buoy	As Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card
A,B,C,D	Yellow spherical buoy	As Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card
M,N,O	Yellow spherical buoy	As Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card
W	Large orange pillar	south of Mark 1 (Blackstone)
X	Large orange pillar	between Marks 1 (Blackstone) and 3 (Crossways)
Y	Large orange pillar	between Marks 3 (Crossways) and 4 (Yalton)
Z	Large orange pillar	between Marks 5 (Saltstone) and 7 (Gerston)
F	Large orange pillar	between Marks 5 (Saltstone) and 6 (Frogmore)

- 9.3 In the absence of a listed rounding mark, it will be replaced by a buoy or boat flying flag M.

10 STARTING LINE

- 10.1 The starting line is either:-
- an imaginary line between the flagstaff of the Watch House and the orange transit marks on the East Portlemouth shore. If the Fairway is not activated a yellow pillar buoy may be placed as an inner distance mark which must be left on the channel side when starting.
 - between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SYC safety boat and a nearby rounding mark (which may not necessarily be a mark of the course).
 - between a staff displaying an orange flag on the SYC safety boat and a staff/buoy flying an orange flag
- 10.2 An alternative start line will be signalled at the Watch House by flag C and the number/letter of the nearest racing mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 & Appendix A4.

11 STARTING SYSTEM

- 11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26
- 11.2 As an additional aid two sets of 5 lights may be displayed on the Watch House at the warning signal. One light (in each set) will then be extinguished at one-minute intervals, and at 30 seconds before the start the remaining light will flash until extinguished at the starting signal.
- 11.3 For a start when the Fairway is activated :-
- At the warning signal the Fairway will become activated
 - The Fairway will remain activated for a period extending to 10 mins after the start.
 - In the event of a general recall the Fairway will remain activated throughout the re-start procedure.
- 11.4 For a start when the full width of the channel is to be used:-
- The Fairway will become activated 15 mins before the start
 - At the warning signal the Fairway will be de-activated.
 - If the start sequence is abandoned, postponed or there is a general recall, the Fairway will immediately become activated and remain so up to the new warning signal or the race is abandoned.
- 11.5 The sail numbers of boats disqualified under the Black Flag Rule (RRS 30.3) shall be displayed on a boat close to a mark of a course unless 11.6 applies.
- 11.6 In the event of a General Recall when the Black Flag Rule (30.3) is in use, the Race Committee shall display, on a boat which shall be close to the starting area, the sail numbers of boats disqualified from the restarted or resailed race.
- 11.7 After a General Recall the new start will be ASAP but not less than 10 mins after the recalled start.

12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, (other than from the Watch House) a safety boat will be positioned at a mark of the course and:-
- fly flag C
 - display the next mark of the course
 - make a sound signal which may be repeated as appropriate
 - may verbally advise of the next mark.
- This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2 To change the course or the next leg of the course from the Watch House:-
- fly flag C.
 - display the new race course, which may include marks already passed or the next mark or marks of the course
 - make a sound signal which may be repeated as appropriate
 - may verbally advise of the next mark.
- This changes RRS 33.

13 FINISHING LINE

- 13.1 The Finishing Line is either:-
- an imaginary line between the flagstaff of the Watch House and the orange transit marks on the East Portlemouth shore,
 - between a staff displaying code flag S on the SYC safety boat and the nearby racing mark. This mark may not necessarily be a mark of the course.
 - between a staff displaying code flag S on the SYC safety boat and a staff / buoy flying an orange flag.

13.2 Unless disqualified by the Race Officer, boats will be given a sound signal when crossing the finishing line. This is a discretionary signal to indicate that the boat may return to shore and it is still the responsibility of the boats to ensure that they have sailed the races in accordance with the rules.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The race time limit shall be two and a half hours for the first boat. Any boat failing to finish within three hours of the starting time of its race will be scored DNF, this modifies RRS 35.

15 SCORING SYSTEM

15.1 The scoring system will be in accordance with Appendix A using the Low Point system.

15.2 Boats observed by the Race Committee to have not sailed the correct course will be scored DSQ without the need to protest. Boats may seek redress from this action. This amends RRS 63.1 & Appendix A.

16 PROTESTS, MEDIATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the SYC Race Office.

16.2 Protests, mediation, requests for redress or reopening of a hearing shall be delivered to the Race Office within the time limit specified.

16.3 A protest based on an incident in the racing area shall be delivered to the Race Office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the race in which the incident occurred. Where races are sailed back to back the time will be from the last boat finishing the last race of the day

16.4 Other requests shall be delivered to the Race Office within 60 minutes of learning of the reason(s) for making the request.

16.5 A Notice to Competitors will be published to advise of times(s) that any Protest Committee will be convened.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS & MOORED BOATS

17.1 The wearing of adequate personal buoyancy by all competitors at all times while afloat is strongly recommended. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

17.2 All competitors under the age of 18 years must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat. (This amends RRS 40)

17.3 A boat that retires from a race is requested to notify the Race Committee [*Race Office - Telephone 01548 843170 - or a SYC Safety boat*] as soon as possible.

17.4 Consideration is to be given to all users of Salcombe Estuary:-

(a) non racing boats - there are many pleasure and commercial craft afloat who do not understand the racing rules.

(b) bathers - when sailing near to beaches, a lookout should be kept for bathers, who should be treated courteously and be given a wide berth.

(c) fishermen - be aware that they may cast their lines well out in to the tide.

Always sail safely.

17.5 If there is a collision with a non-competing boat, whether it be underway or moored, the incident must be reported by the completion of a **Salcombe Harbour Accident Report form and returned to the Harbour Office.**

17.6 A collision with a moored boat requires one penalty turn at the first opportunity.

17.7 A boat seen to have a collision as described above, which is not reported, will be disqualified from the race at the Race Officers discretion. This amends RRS 63.1

17.8 The race committee and its patrol boat crews are empowered to compel a competitor to receive outside assistance, or return to the shore, when they deem a situation where safety is put at risk.

- 17.9 For the Salcombe Yawl RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty. This applies only to Yawl races (including Handicapped Yawl races) and does not apply when Yawls are racing in mixed fleets i.e. Open Handicap or Pursuit Races nor when involving an incident with another boat class type.

Note: for the avoidance of doubt, Regatta Week Yawl races have one turn penalty in place if the incident is Yawl on Yawl..

18 **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 See Notice of Race.

19 **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20 **ADVERTISING**

- 20.1 Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

21 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 21..1 Competitors participate in SYC racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

22 **INSURANCE**

- 22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (£3 million) .

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