



Ramsgate Week

International Yacht Regatta 10-15th August 2009
IRC Class 0 - 4 Regatta 13-15th August 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised by the Royal Temple Yacht Club

Version 1.4

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the IRC Rules Parts 1, 2, and 3, excluding IRC rule 26.1.5.(d) & (e) for all IRC classes. Classes 0 to 6 will be sailed under the requirements of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation standards Category 4 monohull **plus VHF Radio**, but with the exception that navigation lights are not required. Minimum SSS number is 12

2. TEAM ENTRIES

- 2.1 A team constitutes any three yachts from a club, area or country and racing in IRC Classes 0 to 4. The names of the yachts constituting a team must be nominated and notified to the Regatta Office by 18.00 on Wednesday 12th August. The best team will be the team with the lowest points score from the IRC regatta on 13th-15th August with discards applied.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Royal Temple Yacht Club Race Office located in the regatta compound.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 21.00 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Verbal amendments to the Sailing Instructions for Cruiser Class courses may be advised by the race committee by announcement on **VHF, channel 72**, in which case flag L will be displayed on the aft mast on the RYTC Squarehead on the eastern pierhead. Flag L means, "There is a change to the Sailing Instructions, make radio contact if not understood." This is in addition to the meaning of flag L in the Race Signals.
- 4.3 Verbal amendments to the Sailing Instructions for Committee Boat Courses may be advised by the race committee by announcement on **VHF, channel 77**, in which case flag L over H will be displayed on the committee boat. Flag L over H means "There is a change to the Sailing Instructions" Come within hail or make radio contact if not heard or understood." This is in addition to the meaning of flag L in the Race Signals.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the Race Office.
- 5.2 Flag L over numeral pennant 1 means "The first notice to competitors has been posted", the second notice by flag L over numeral pennant 2 and so on, each with one sound signal. After numeral pennant 9 has been flown, numbering will re-commence at 1. This is in addition to the meaning of flag L in the Race Signals. Flag L over H has the meaning described in Sailing Instruction 4.3.
- 5.3 For Coastal Courses, flag AP displayed on the Squarehead with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". Competitors should listen on **VHF Channel 72** for further instructions.



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For Committee Boat Courses flag AP displayed on the flagpole near the regatta office with two sound signals (one when lowered) means “The race is postponed”. The warning signal for the races postponed will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered. Competitors should listen on **VHF Channel 77** for further instructions. This alters flag AP in the Race Signals.

- 5.4 Protest time will be signalled by a notice on the notice board indicating start and finish times for protest time.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Class	Mon 10 th	Tue 11 th	Wed 12 th	Thurs 13 th	Fri 14 th	Sat 15 th	
		Coastal Series			IRC Series		
0				CB X 2	CB X2	CB X3	
1	CB	CB	CB	CB X 2	CB X2	CB X3	
2	CB	CB	CB	CB X 2	CB X2	CB X3	
3	CB	CB	CB	CB X 2	CB X2	CB X3	
4	CB	CB	CB	CB X 2	CB X2	CB X3	
Cruiser Classes	Ramsgate Week Series						
5&6	C	C	C	C	C	C	

Abbreviations:

- C Cruiser courses (See S.I. 8.1)
 CB Committee Boat courses (See S.I. 8.2)

- 6.2 The times of **Warning Signals** for classes are as follows:

Class	Mon 10 th	Tue 11 th	Wed 12 th	Thurs 13 th	Fri 14 th	Sat 15 th	
IRC 0				10:15	10:15	10:15	
IRC 1	10:10	10:10	10:10	10:10	10:10	10:10	
IRC 2	10:05	10:05	10:05	10:05	10:05	10:05	
IRC 3	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	
IRC 4	09:55	09:55	09:55	09:55	09:55	09:55	
Cruiser Classes 5&6	10:25	10:25	10:25	10:25	10:25	10:25	

- 6.3.1 When more than one race is scheduled the second and any subsequent race will be signalled as soon as possible and in accordance with S.I. 11.3

Note. The Round the Goodwin race, Wednesday 12th August, for IRC classes 1 to 4, is a long coastal race of a Min of 35 miles, this race will be started by the Committee Boat and the finish may be Finish **Line A** (RTYC Club line) See 13.1. All classes will sail the same course.

No warning signals will be made after 1600 on the last day of racing.

- 6.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to hold an additional race on any day during the regatta if less than three races have been completed by 14th August.






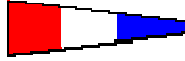



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6.5 In the event of a general recall of any class, all classes will stay in their original start sequence as per 6.2 above.

7. CLASSES

7.1 Racing will be organised in classes as given in Table 1. Whilst racing, yachts shall wear on the backstay (or, if without a backstay, in the aft part of the yacht), a clearly visible class flag as given in Table 1. The race committee may decide to combine classes where there are less than 5 entrants.

TABLE 1

Class	Type	TCC	Class Flag
0	IRC	1.091 & above	
1	IRC	1.010 - 1.090	
2	IRC	0.960 - 1.009	
3	IRC	0.900 - 0.959	
4	IRC	0.750 – 0.899	
Cruiser 5	RTYC / IRC	Non-spinnaker	
Cruiser 6	RTYC / IRC	Spinnaker	

Note class 0 entrants may sail in class 1 between 10th and 12th August.

7.1.1 Any one-design class with 3 or more entries will sail within their designated handicap class. Results for one-design yachts will be extracted from the results into a level rated class series for the **IRC Series** races.

7.1.2 Yachts under 18ft overall or with Dayboat endorsed certificates or with a SSS figure of less than 12 are **not** eligible to enter IRC Classes

7.1.3 The TCC bands shown in Table 1 may be altered prior to the start of the event, in which case an amendment to these Sailing Instructions will be advised.

8. THE COURSE

8.1 Cruiser Classes will be started from the Squarehead on the RTYC start line. The Race Officer will set a course of his/her own design using the marks selected from the Ramsgate Week list of marks, this will be announced on **VHF Channel 72**.

8.2 IRC Classes will be started from the Committee Boat. Marks of the course will be selected from the Ramsgate Week list of marks. The Committee may also use inflatable “drop” marks at their discretion

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(X= DROP 1; Y=DROP 2; Z=DROP 3 ;). The marks to be rounded and the sequence of rounding will be displayed on a board on the committee boat before the warning signal for each class. The mark numbers will be accompanied by a 'P' or 'S' to signify if the mark is to be left to Port or Starboard. Additionally the race committee will broadcast the course instructions on **VHF channel 77**. The number of laps to be sailed will also be indicated on a board on the committee boat. An inner distance mark may be positioned close to the Committee Boat; yachts are not permitted to pass between the inner distance mark and the Committee Boat at any time.

8.2.1 The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark is intended to be displayed on a board on the committee boat.

9 Harbour Approach Channel - Yachts must abide by the contents of Rules 9(b) and 9(d) of the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea when entering the Harbour Approach Channel. Any yacht impeding the progress of a large vessel in the approach channel will be disqualified without the right of protest, amending rule 63.1.

10. MARKS

10.1 The marks, including inflatable drop marks **X, Y & Z**, are buoys in the Ramsgate Week list of marks, the numbering and position of which will be made available to competitors at the event.

11 THE START

11.1 Cruiser Classes - VHF Channel 72 "Temple Race Hut".

11.1.1 Coastal Course races will be started according to rule 26, with RTYC light System below.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	1 light on	5
Preparatory	P,I,Z,Black flag, Z with I flag 2 lights on	4
One-minute	Announced on VHF 72 preparatory flag removed 1 light on	1
Starting	light extinguished	0

In order to assist competitors, the Race Officer may count down the start sequence on VHF Channel 72.

Each class start will be ten minutes apart.

11.1.2 Individual recalls will be signalled by flag X and a light remaining on with **one** sound signal for **Individual recalls**. **General recalls will have Two** sound signals and two lights on. Competitors may also be advised by radio on VHF Channel 72.

11.1.3 The start line for all coastal races is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, on the eastern pierhead next to port control, marked by an orange triangle, and the red port entry mark at the end of the southern breakwater, bounded by the outer distance mark.

There will be outer and inner distance marks, which are inflatable marks.

Yachts must pass between the inner and outer distance marks, which may not be on the line.

11.2 IRC classes - VHF Channel 77 "Offshore One".

11.2.1 All yachts should approach the Committee boat prior to the first warning signal in order to identify themselves.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag raised; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P,I,Z, Black Flag, Z with I flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

11.2.2 The starting line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat and an outer distance mark. The outer distance mark will be either a mark as described in the Ramsgate Week list of marks or a cylindrical inflatable buoy, There may be an inner distance mark positioned at the committee boat end of the line, yachts must pass between the inner and outer distance marks. The committee boat may be positioned at either end of the line dependent on tide and wind conditions.

11.2.3 Races will be started using rule 26. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.1.

The following rules apply to all starts

- 11.3 In back to back races the warning signal for the following race will be displayed approximately 5 minutes after flag F is displayed with one sound signal on the committee boat. One minute before the warning signal flag F will be lowered with one sound signal.
- 11.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made must keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 11.5 A yacht whose identity is announced in accordance with rule 30.3 shall leave the starting area and race course immediately, unless she:
- Immediately displays her protest flag and shall have it orally acknowledged by the Race Committee.
 - Lodges a request for redress in accordance with rule 62.
 - If she fails to win the protest or claim for redress then her penalty shall be DND.
- 11.6 A yacht may use her engine or be towed to the starting area after her preparatory signal, provided that she stops her engine or drops her tow and then takes a penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe after her starting signal and before starting. The penalty must be taken on the pre-start side of the starting line before starting.

12 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 12.1.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading yacht has begun the first leg affected. The new course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on a boat stationed at a mark following which rounding the new course is to apply. The mark numbers and sequence will be displayed as described in SI 8.2. Course instructions will also be given on **VHF Channel 72** for **Cruiser Class starts** and **VHF Channel 77** for IRC Classes **Committee Boat Starts**, and a horn will be sounded to draw the boats attention to the new course. This changes rule 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be either line A or B as described below.

Finish Line A – Cruiser Class Courses.

The finish line for all Cruiser Class races is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the red port entry mark at the end of the southern breakwater, bounded by the outer distance mark. In the case of the outer distance mark being missing, the outer limit of the start line is deemed to be the charted position of the ODM. The inner distance mark may be disregarded when finishing. Finish line A will normally be reserved for Cruiser Classes

Note: Yachts must not finish in the Harbour entrance between the Port and Starboard entrance poles.

Finish Line B – IRC Classes .

The finishing line will be between a mast flying an Orange flag on a committee boat and a nearby mark of the course. Finish line B will normally be used for races controlled by the Committee Boat or in the event of a Cruiser Class race being shortened.

- 13.2 The course may be shortened at any mark of the course at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. A committee boat will take up position in the vicinity of a mark and fly an orange flag and flag S. The finish line is a line between the mast on the committee boat and the mark. Yachts shall finish by passing between the mark and the finishing committee boat from the direction of the last mark of the course.
- 13.3 Yachts are to note their finishing time and, if possible, the sail number of the yachts finishing immediately ahead and immediately astern of them.
- 13.4 A yacht which has broken a rule of Part 2 and has taken a penalty shall complete the appropriate form available from the race office, and shall lodge it with the race office before the end of protest time.
- 13.5 Any use of engine for propulsion whilst racing must be reported in full on the declaration form

14. TIME LIMIT

There are no time limits and the Race Committee may shorten course at any time and for any reason. This changes rule 32.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Any yacht wishing to lodge a protest shall advise the Temple Race Hut via VHF Channel 72 or the Committee boat via VHF Channel 77 after finishing the race. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Office and delivered there within protest time, which will begin when the protest time notice is posted on the notice board.
- 15.2 Protest time shall last for one hour after the last yacht finishes on each Course, (therefore, there could be two protest time limits). The protest finishing time for each course will be announced over the appropriate VHF channel and will also be displayed on the official notice board. See SI 15.3.
- 15.3 The proposed protest hearing schedule will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing. However, if all parties agree, the protest may be heard as soon as is possible, even before the end of protest time.
- 15.4 Race Committee or Protest Committee notifications to a yacht of a protest lodged against her under rule 60.2 will be notified on the Official Notice Board before the end of Protest Time. It is the responsibility of each yacht to see if they are so notified.
- 15.5 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 30 minutes after being informed of the decision”.
- 15.6 Measurement protests lodged after the end of protest time on the first day of the event may be rejected, if based on facts which were available to the protestor at that time. This changes rule 60.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the racing rules using the Low Point System.
- 16.2 There are several events running concurrently during Ramsgate Week. Table 2 shows which races count towards each event. Races are described in chronological order so that Race 1 is the first race on Monday 10th August 2009 and Race 10 is the last race on Saturday 15th August 2009.

TABLE 2

Event	Races to Count	Discards
Coastal Series	1,2,3	0
IRC Regatta	4,5,6,7,8,9,10	1 if 6 or more races sailed
Cruiser Classes	6 Races Monday to Saturday (1 per day)	Best 4 races shall count

- 16.3 All times will be corrected to the nearest second to determine finishing places.
- 16.4 The number of completed races to constitute a series shall be two.



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17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 Other than in the case of emergency a yacht shall neither make radio or mobile phone transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. VHF radios may be used to receive the announcement of any individual recalls and course information.
The race committee may not acknowledge any radio transmission during racing except in the case of an emergency, and will not enter into dialogue with competitors.
- 17.2 Retirements must be advised to the Race Committee ("Temple Race Hut", **VHF Channel 72**), or to the Committee Boat ("**Offshore One**", **VHF Channel 77**) as appropriate.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first yacht in each class for each race. Series prizes will be awarded to the first three yachts in each class.

The main prize-giving reception will be on Saturday 15th August, including all trophies, for the Ramsgate Week Series & IRC Regatta Series.

A glassware prizegiving will be held on Wednesday 12th August and on Thursday 13th August and Friday 14th August.