

Royal Temple Yacht Club

RTYC Club Racing Series - 2008 Season

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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Organised by the Royal Temple Yacht Club.

1 RULES

The RTYC Club Series Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, IRC regulations, relevant class rules, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, the Byelaws of the Royal Temple Yacht Club (RTYC), the Byelaws of Ramsgate Harbour Authority and such other rules as the Sailing Instructions may prescribe.

1.1 RTYC Club Series Racing is designated advertising category C.

1.2 The following Safety Categories shall apply:

Offshore series races. All boats competing shall comply with ORC Special Regulations Category 3. plus minimum SSS value of 12.

All other series. All boats, excepting those included in sailing instruction 1.2.3, shall comply with ORC Special Regulations Category 4 except that navigation lights are not required (3.22) and an operational VHF radio must be carried.

Yachts of the Cork 1720, Melges 24, and other dayboat classes shall comply with their one-design class safety rules and with IRC Rule 29. These boats shall not be eligible to enter Offshore series races unless they fully comply with ORC Special Regulations Category 3. **All crew of any boat racing under rule IRC 29 shall wear life jackets during the entire race.**

1.3 Race Committee - Shall be the Committee of the Royal Temple Yacht Club. The senior representative of the Race Committee present at the race(s), may call a sub committee of not more than five, or less than three, chosen from officers or members of the Royal Temple Yacht Club. This sub committee will be included in the term "Race Committee" wheresoever used.

1.4 Times - All times are British Summer Time unless stated otherwise.

1.5 Any variation to these minimum requirements will be advised as an amendment to Sailing Instructions.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 Entries will be accepted upon receipt of the signed Safety Notice, which accompanies the Notice of Race and a copy of the yachts current IRC rating certificate (where required). These should be sent to Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, Ramsgate Kent CT11 9HY.

- 2.2 All yachts are required to have insurance cover with a minimum of £1,000,000 third party indemnity throughout the season.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors - Notices to competitors will be posted on the sailing notice board located in the main hallway of the Club.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes in sailing instructions will be posted before 08.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

- 4.2 Late changes to the Sailing Instructions may be advised by the Race Officer by announcement on VHF, in which case IC Flag (L) will be displayed on the aft mast on the RTYC Squarehead on the Eastern Pierhead. IC Flag(L) means "There is a change to the Sailing Instructions. Come within hail or make radio contact if not heard or understood."

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RTYC Squarehead on the Eastern Pierhead.

- 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 recommence at 1. This is in addition to the meaning of flag L in the Race Signals Definitions.

- 5.3 Flag AP displayed with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as per the enclosed programme.

- 6.2 Races will generally be started from the RTYC Club start line. In the event of a Committee boat start, competitors will be advised in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

- 6.3 The start times for all races in the RTYC Club Series are shown in the Notice of Race and the RTYC Club Handbook. Any exceptions to this will be described in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

7 CLASSES and RATINGS

- 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.

TABLE 1

Class	Type	TCC	Class flag
3*	Cruiser	RTYC handicap	ICF Numeral 3
2	IRC	0.925 & below	ICF Numeral 2
1	IRC	0.926 & above	ICF Numeral 1

*There will be a Cruiser RTYC handicap class in which the use of spinnakers is not permitted. Yachts may not transfer from IRC to Cruiser Series after entering the IRC Class for that particular Series. Please refer to the schedule of races for details of when they will be held. Any deviation from these sailing instructions concerning the Cruiser class will be detailed in Supplementary Sailing Instructions. For yachts that have a valid IRC rating certificate, they will race using the certificate TCC (NOT the non spinnaker TCC). Yachts that have no certificate, will be issued with an RTYC handicap TCC by the Sailing Committee.

- 7.2 Classes may be combined for starting purposes.
- 7.3 One-design classes (Any other one-design class with 5 or more entries) will sail within their IRC class. Results for one-design yachts will be extracted from the IRC results into a class series for the relevant series races.
- 7.4 Yachts under 18ft overall are not eligible to enter.
- 7.5 The TCC bands in shown Table 1 may be altered prior to the start of the event, in which case an amendment to these Sailing Instructions will be advised.
- 7.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to check any yacht to ensure compliance with the requirements of their rating and measurement certificates. Official measurers may inspect, at random and at any time, any yacht competing in any RTYC club Series Race.
- 7.7 A yacht that fails an inspection may be disqualified or otherwise penalised at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. This changes rules 60.2 and 63.1.
- 7.8 Crew limits will be the number given on the IRC certificate plus 2. This may change class rules.
- 7.9 Rating Certificate - The current, valid and signed IRC Rating Certificate and/or Class Certificate, or copy thereof shall be kept on board. RTYC handicaps will be held by the Sailing committee.
- 7.10 Rating Protest - Any rating may be protested by another yacht entered for the same race, provided that the protester lodges a written notice of intention to protest, together with a deposit of £10, at the Race Office, before the start.
- 7.11 Rating Changes - Any changes to a yacht's TCC must be notified to the Race Committee prior to its participation in any other race in the Club Series. Notification must be in the form of a copy of the current certificate.
- 7.12 Corrections - Notwithstanding the above, the Race Committee has discretionary powers to correct errors in ratings.

8 THE COURSE

- 8.1 Races will normally be started from the RTYC Squarehead. Courses will be selected from the Waypoint List in Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions. The relevant number, and the sequence and manner of rounding will be announced on VHF Channel 72 prior to the start of the race.
- 8.2 In the event of a Committee Boat start, refer to Part II Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 **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 protest, amending rule 63.1.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The marks are navigation buoys, plus uncharted race marks, the positions of which are given in Appendix A. Uncharted race marks are yellow spherical buoys.
- 9.2 Mark missing or unseen - If a mark is missing, adrift or out of position, competitors should round or pass its last charted position and must provide satisfactory evidence that they did so in accordance with the Sailing Instructions. A mark will be deemed to be out of position if it is not visible from its charted position in the weather conditions prevailing on the day.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started according to Rule 26. The system for shore line starts is a 5 minute warning, 4 minute preparatory and start 4 minutes after the preparatory as follows:

Signal	Flag and lights	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class Flag; 1 light	5
Preparatory	P,I,Z,Z with I or black flag; 2 lights	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 Light Extinguished	1
Starting	Class flag removed; Both lights extinguished	0

In order to assist competitors, the Race Officer may count down the start sequence on VHF Channel 72. Sound signals may also be used.

- 10.2 The starting signal for one class will be 10 minutes before the next class start.
- 10.3 Individual recalls will be signalled by IC Flag "X" which will be broken out and one light switched back on. Competitors may also be advised by radio on VHF Channel 72.
- 10.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made must keep clear of the starting area and of all yachts whose warning signal has been made.
- 10.5 Times shall be taken from the visual signals.
- 10.6 Individual recalls and yachts disqualified under rule 30.3 Black Flag Rule will be announced on the VHF, using the sail numbers or yacht name. Failure to carry a VHF

or failure to complete the transmission clearly shall not be grounds for redress. The VHF channel to be used will be Channel 72.

- 10.7 A yacht whose sail number or boat name is announced in accordance with rule 30.3 and sailing instruction 11.6 shall leave the starting area and race course immediately, unless she:

Immediately displays her protest flag and shall have it orally acknowledged by Temple Race Hut.

Lodges a request for redress in accordance with rule 62.

- 10.8 If no valid request for redress is lodged or upon hearing the yacht is not granted redress, the Jury may take such disciplinary action as it deems appropriate, which may include disqualification from the series.

- 10.9 The start lines for all shore based starts will be 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.

- 10.10 The outer distance mark is a spherical buoy. If an inner distance mark is laid, it will be a spherical buoy. Yachts must pass between the inner and outer distance marks, which may not be on the line.

- 10.11 In the case of the outer distance mark being missing, the outer limit of the start line is a transit between the North Quern and West Quern buoys.

- 10.12 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 completes a 360° turn after her starting signal and before starting. The penalty must be taken on the start side of the starting line.

11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 11.1 A change of course after the start will be signalled on VHF 72 before the leading yacht has begun the next leg.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line is the same as the Start Line A with the exception that the inner distance mark can be ignored.

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

- 12.3 Competitors should ensure that they have co-ordinated their time with that of the Race Committee and recorded their finish or elapsed time upon completion of the race.

- 12.4 For Offshore series and Committee Boat starts, see Part II Sailing Instructions for finishing instructions.

- 12.5 Shortened Course - Solely at the discretion of the Race Officer, the course may be shortened where appropriate and practicable to do so. In this event, Flag "S" will be flown from the Squarehead and yachts will finish as and when they pass through the finish line, or at a chosen mark, which will also be advised via VHF. If a Committee Vessel (or other vessel despatched by the Race Officer) is being used she shall fly Flag "S" and position herself adjacent to a mark of the course. The finish line will then

be a line between the main mast of the finish vessel and the mark. Yachts should then pass between the mark and the finish vessel from the direction of the last mark. If the shortening of the course is undertaken at a rounding mark, without a committee boat, the race officer shall determine the finish line by VHF. This will be determined as an imaginary line, or bearing, between the rounding buoy and a nearby mark. The race officer may also advise yachts to take their own finishing times.

- 12.6 Declarations - Declarations will not be required for any RTYC Club Series races except for the exceptions described in sailing instructions 13.8 and 13.9 and offshore series races where a time declaration sheet must be completed by each boat. Any exception to this will be described in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.
- 12.7 Retirements - After the Preparatory signal, all yachts must report without delay if they are not continuing and retiring from the race. Retiring yachts shall inform the Race Committee by VHF radio, or as soon as possible when ashore. Yachts failing to do so will be scored DNC (Did not come to the starting area).
- 12.8 A yacht which has broken a rule of RRS Part 2 and has taken a penalty shall complete the appropriate section on the declaration form enclosed within the race pack.**
- 12.9 Any use of engine for propulsion whilst racing must be reported in full on the declaration form.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for all races is as follows: -
- Individual Class races on Sundays - 6 hours. Saturday races 4 hours and Evening series races 3 hours - Yachts failing to finish within 60 minutes of the first yacht in their class or within the time limit, whichever is the later will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- Offshore Series races will have no time limit unless any individual race within that Series is governed by the Sailing Instructions of a separate organising body; in which case the time limit specified will take precedence.

14 PROTESTS

- 14.1 Any yacht wishing to lodge a protest must advise the Temple Race Hut via VHF channel 72 when entering the harbour after finishing the race or within 2 hours of the finish time of the last yacht in their class. Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office and delivered there within protest time. In accordance with RRS 61.3, the Race Committee may extend this to such time as they consider reasonable when the protesting yacht does not finish the race. A fee of £10.00 must be lodged with the protest form. This will be refunded if the protest is considered bona-fide and non frivolous by the Protest Committee.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt at the earliest opportunity.
- 14.3 Race Committee or Jury 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.
- 14.4 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4. Competitors intending to protest shall inform the protested yacht and the race committee as soon as possible and within protest time.
- 14.5 The Jury may at its discretion apply a percentage penalty for measurement and class rule protests. This penalty is as the alternative mentioned in RRS 64.1(a).

15 SCORING

- 15.1 All RTYC Club Series Races will be scored using the Low Point System RRS Appendix A4.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 A yacht shall neither make radio 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.
- 16.2 The race committee may not acknowledge any radio transmission during racing except in the case of an emergency, and shall not enter into dialogue with competitors.
- 16.3 Retirements must be advised to the Race Committee ("Temple Race Hut", VHF Channel 72).
- 16.4 The Race Hut may not respond to radio communications during the starting sequence, or whilst finishing yachts.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 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.

18 STRONG WINDS

- 18.1 In the event of strong winds, the Race Officer or OOD may, at his/her discretion, either cancel the race or postpone the race.
- 18.2 In the event of postponement to another date an announcement of when it is to be rescheduled will be posted on the RTYC Sailing Board not later than 6 days prior to its revised race date.

19 RACE HUT ASSISTANCE

- 19.1 A Yacht Owner/Skipper will be nominated as OOD for each race on a rota basis. It will be the OOD's job to set the course for the day.
The OOD may, if the Race Hut is short staffed, also be required to either:
Or be in attendance in the Race Hut for the duration of the Race
Or nominate a representative from their boat to be in the Race Hut
Or in the absence of any Race Hut Staff, the OOD and his crew may be required to start that race from their boat, whereby competing boats will take their own finishing time. OOD's are requested to contact the Race Hut at least 30 minutes prior to the start of racing.
- 19.2 It should be noted that in the event of inadequate manning of the race hut it is conceivable that racing may not take place.
- 19.3 Refer to the Race Programme for roster details.

