



# Royal Temple Yacht Club



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for IRC & Cruiser Classes 2018

Organised by the Royal Temple Yacht Club

Version 1.0

### RULES

- 1.1 The RTYC Series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
  - 1.2 IRC Classes shall comply with IRC rules Parts A, B and C, but excluding IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) and rule 22.4 and also comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations covering minimum equipment and accommodation Standards Category 5 including Part C plus a means of propulsion other than the boat's sails and VHF Radio and **Category 4 for the Offshore Series**.
  - 1.3 Cruiser Classes shall comply with Royal Temple Yacht Club minimum safety equipment rules, attached as Appendix to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
- 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**  
Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Royal Temple Yacht Club.
- 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 all Class courses may be advised by the race committee by announcement on **VHF, channel 72**,
- 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the Temple race Hut. .
  - 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.
  - 5.3 For all Courses, flag AP displayed on the Squarehead means "The race is postponed". Competitors should listen on **VHF Channel 72** for further instructions.
- 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**
- 6.1 Racing will be scheduled as per the 2018 RTYC Sail Programme follows:-
    - 6.1.1 Both IRC Classes 1&2 will start together, if there are 3 or more Class 1 boats entered on the day. The Race Officer may announce a separate start via the VHF Channel 72.
    - 6.1.2 For Cruiser Classes 3 & 4, they will start together but class 4 may sail a shorter course than class 3
    - 6.1.3 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturdays will be posted on the Official Notice and [www.rtyc.com](http://www.rtyc.com).  
Sunday will be 10.05 hours for Cruiser Classes and 10 minutes later for IRC Classes



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

	Saturdays	Sundays	Mondays	Wednesdays
<b>1&amp;2</b>	TBA	10:15	TBA	18.30
<b>3&amp;4</b>	TBA	10.05	TBA	18.30

**Offshore Races:** Start times and course to be sailed will be advised via the Official Sailing Board and [www.rtyc.com](http://www.rtyc.com)

6.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to hold an additional race on any day

6.4 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 3 entrants.

**The number of RTYC Series Entrants must be a minimum of 3 from any class on the day to qualify for a race. Separate courses may still be set for IRC & Cruisers.** The race committee may decide to combine all classes into one start where necessary.

TABLE 1

Class	Type	TCC	Class Flag
IRC 1	IRC	1.000 & above	
IRC 2	IRC	0.999 and below	
Cruiser 3	RTYC	RTYC Fast Cruiser class	
Cruiser 4	RTYC	RTYC Slow Cruiser class	

## 8. THE COURSE

All 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 RTYC waypoint list of marks, this will be announced on **VHF Channel 72**.

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



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Approach Channel. Any yacht impeding the progress of a large vessel in the approach channel may be disqualified without the right of protest, amending rule 63.1.

## 10. MARKS

10 The marks are buoys in the RTYC list of marks, the numbering and position of which will be made available to competitors at [www.rtyc.com](http://www.rtyc.com) and in the race pack.

## 11 THE START

### 11.1 All Classes - VHF Channel 72 "Temple Race Hut".

11.1.1 Races will be started according to rule 26, with RTYC light System below.

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

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

11.1.2 Individual recalls will be signalled by a light remaining on with **one** sound signal for **Individual recalls**. **General recalls will have Two** sound signals and two lights on. Individual recalls, competitors will, where possible, be advised by radio on VHF Channel 72.

11.1.3 The start line for all 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 ODM, in the event of the ODM missing the end of the line shall be a transit between the North Quern and West Quern buoys.

11.2 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.

11.3 A yacht whose identity is announced in accordance with rules 30.3, 30.4 and 62 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.

11.4 A boat may use her engine or be towed in order to get to the starting area after her preparatory signal provided that, before she starts, she stops using her engine or drops her tow and then takes a penalty by promptly making one turn including one tack and one gybe.

## 12 Change of Course

A change of course after the start will be signalled before the leading yacht has begun the first leg affected. The new course will also be given on **VHF Channel 72**. This changes RRS rule 33.



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## 13 THE FINISH

There will be 4 different Finish lines available for 2018

**FINISH LINE A** 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 ODM or in the event of the ODM missing a transit between the North Quern and the West Quern buoy. The Red port entry marks as the IDM.

**FINISH LINE B** is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the West Quern Buoy bounded the Race Mark number 48, RTYC Navigation Buoy as ODM which is approx. 100 metre South of the West Quern Buoy. The West Quern Buoy acts as the IDM.

**FINISH LINE C** is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the North Quern Buoy with the Number 6 Channel Marker acting as the IDM.

**FINISH LINE D** is an extension to seaward of the RTYC flag pole on the RTYC balcony, and the red port entry mark at the end of the southern breakwater, bounded by the ODM or in the event of the ODM missing a transit between the North Quern and the West Quern buoy. The Red port entry marks as the IDM. Yachts must call Race Hut on **VHF Channel 72 when approaching this line.**

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

13.2 The course may be shortened at any mark of the course at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

13.3 In the case of shortened course, 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 after finishing the race. Protests shall be written on forms available in your race pack and delivered to the RTYC within protest time to the Duty Race Officer of the day.

15.2 Protest time shall last for one hour after the last yacht finishes on each Course, (therefore, there could be more than one protest time limit).

15.3 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 before the end of Protest Time.

## 16. SCORING

16.1 All series will be scored as per RTYC Sailing Programme using the Low Point System.

A current IRC certificate is required for IRC boats, but if applied for and has not yet been issued, a boat may race at a TCC of 2.000. When the actual rating is received, the race committee may at its discretion amend her score based upon that instead and as a result the scores for other boats may also change.



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<b>Spring Series (#*)</b>	<b>5 from 7. Separate courses and results for IRC and Club handicap.</b>
<b>Summer Series (#*)</b>	<b>4 from 6 for IRC. 3 from 4 for Cruiser Class.</b>
<b>Evening Series</b>	<b>4 from 6. All sail same course.</b>
<b>Open Series</b>	<b>5 from 7. Separate courses and results for IRC and Club handicap.</b>
<b>Offshore Series (*)</b>	<b>6 from 8. All sail the same course.</b>
<b>Autumn Series (#*)</b>	<b>5 from 7. Separate courses and results for IRC and Club handicap.</b>
<b>Overall IRC Handicap Champion</b>	<b>15 from *</b>
<b>Overall Club Handicap Champion</b>	<b>11 from #</b>

## 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 via "Temple Race Hut", **VHF Channel 72**

## 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.

## 19. STRONG WINDS

In the event of strong winds over 27 knots, the Race Officer or OOD may, at his/her discretion, either cancel the race or postpone the race.

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.

## 20. RACE HUT ASSISTANCE

- 20.1 A Yacht Owner/Skipper may 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:  
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.
- 20.2 It should be noted that in the event of inadequate manning of the race hut it is conceivable that racing may not take place.

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### Class racing for the following classes:



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