



Chichester Yacht Club Sailing Instructions

CYC Snowflake Winter Series 2009-2010

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

National Authority: Royal Yachting Association.

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012*.

Competitors should note that Chichester Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

4.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

4.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, a fleet's class flag is displayed ashore no boat in that fleet shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

5 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

Fast handicap fleet designation: boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick of 1060 or lower.

Fast handicap fleet class flag: Naval numeral 0

Medium handicap fleet designation: boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick in the range 1061 to 1169.

Medium handicap fleet class flag: International code pennant 1

Slow handicap fleet designation: boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick of 1070 or higher.

Slow handicap fleet class flag: International code flag T

Fleet boundaries may be adjusted at the briefing for the first race in the series.

6 Racing Schedule

Date	High Water	Height	Briefing	Races	Warning Signal
Sun 8 th Nov 2009	15:13	4.4	12:30	1 & 2	13:40
Sun 22 nd Nov 2009	14:28	4.2	12:00	3 & 4	12:55
Sun 6 th Dec 2009	14:06	4.7	11:30	5 & 6	12:25
Sun 20 th Dec 2009	13:31	4.4	10:30	7 & 8	11:55
Sun 3 rd Jan 2010	13:00	5.0	10:30	9 & 10	11:25
Sun 17 th Jan 2010	12:40	4.6	10:00	11 & 12	10:55
Sun 31 st Jan 2010	11:56	4.6	09:30	13 & 14	10:25
Sun 14 th Feb 2010	11:50	4.6	09:30	15 & 16	10:25
Sun 28 th Feb 2010	10:55	5.0	09:00	17 & 18	09:55

Stated warning signal times are for the first race of the day of the fast handicap fleet. The fast handicap fleet's warning signal for the second race of the day will sound as soon as possible after the first race has finished. Warning signals for the medium and slow handicap fleets should sound five and ten minutes respectively after the fast handicap fleet's warning signal, subject to there being no general recalls.

7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour in the area known as Chichester Lake.

8 Courses

8.1 The race course for each fleet, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

8.2 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33.

9 Marks

9.1 Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials *CYC* and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instruction 10: The Start.

10 The Start

10.1 The starting line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of following:

- Cyclone start: the starting line marks shall be the *CYC* committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark *CYC 0*. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and *CYC 0* shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and *CYC 0*.
- Jaffa start: the starting line marks shall be the *CYC* patrol boat Jaffa and a small spherical yellow mark. Jaffa shall be the starboard end starting mark and the small spherical yellow mark shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Jaffa displaying an orange flag and the small spherical yellow mark.
- Club line start: the club line is an extension of a line through the flag pole in front of *CYC*'s starters hut and a red and white striped pole on the shore. The line's outer distance mark shall be a small spherical yellow buoy.

10.2 Limit marks may be laid adjacent to any starting mark and they shall be small spherical buoys. If used, limit marks are marks of the course and no boat shall pass between a limit mark and the starting mark it guards after her warning signal.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 The Finish and Finishing

11.1 The finish line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of the lines as defined in instruction 10: The Start.

11.2 The race committee may shorten the course for a specific fleet, but not all fleets, by flying international code flag *S* with the appropriate class flag. If flag *S* is flown over the relevant class flag then that fleet's race shall be shortened in accordance with RRS 32. If the relevant class flag is flown over flag *S* boats shall finish the race when they next cross the finishing line and average lap times shall be used to calculate the race results. This changes RRS 32 and the Race Signals.

12 Time Limits

The time limit for the leading boat shall be 70 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored as Did Not Finish. To minimise delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 Scoring

Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score will be the sum of a boat's best scores from the number of races to count. The number of races to count shall equal 60% of the number of races sailed rounded down to the nearest whole number as shown below:

Number of races sailed:	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Number of races to count:	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	10

To compensate boats whose crew give up their time and sailing to help out as part of the race committee the boat's helm may claim average points for races not sailed subject to the following:

- The average points awarded shall be the average of the boat's scores in the races in which the boat started.
- The number of races that may be awarded average points under this instruction shall be no more than 50% of the number of races started by that boat.

14 Scoring System

Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4 and be calculated in accordance with RRS A9: race scores in a series longer than a regatta.

15 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

15.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. See the official notice board for details.

15.2 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

15.3 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.4 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.7 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 10.3, 16, 17.1, 18.1 and 18.2 and Notice of Race paragraphs 2 and 4.4 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

17 Safety Regulations

17.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while racing. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. Also junior competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons. This instructions changes RRS 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

17.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RTD, DNF or RAF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

18 Local Variations

18.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence can not be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

18.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

18.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

19 Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded to competitors in the Fast Handicap Fleet:

- The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Fast) for 1st place on handicap.
- Fast Handicap Fleet Junior Prize for the first boat on handicap sailed by young competitors only.
- Fast Handicap Fleet Ladies Prize for the first boat on handicap with a lady helm.
- Fast Handicap Fleet Veterans Prize for the first boat on handicap with a veteran helm.

The following prizes will be awarded to competitors in the Medium Handicap Fleet:

- The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Medium) for 1st place on handicap.
- Medium Handicap Fleet Junior Prize for the first boat on handicap sailed by young competitors only.
- Medium Handicap Fleet Ladies Prize for the first boat on handicap with a lady helm.
- Medium Handicap Fleet Veterans Prize for the first boat on handicap with a veteran helm.
- The Laser Snowflake Trophy for the 1st Laser on handicap.
- The Solo Trophy for the 1st Solo on handicap.

The following prizes will be awarded to competitors in the Slow Handicap Fleet:

- The Chichester Snowflake Challenge Trophy (Slow) for 1st place on handicap.
- Slow Handicap Fleet Junior Prize for the first boat on handicap sailed by junior competitors only.
- Slow Handicap Fleet Ladies Prize for the first boat on handicap sailed with a lady helm.
- Slow Handicap Fleet Veterans Prize for the first boat on handicap sailed by a veteran helm.
- The Topper Trophy for the 1st Topper on handicap.
- The Optimist Trophy for the 1st Optimist on handicap.

The following prize will be awarded at the Race Committee's discretion:

- The Jack Holt Trophy for best place boat built to a Jack Holt design, excluding modern Merlin Rockets.

Other prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion and depending on the number of entries.