



# Dinghy Week 2016

Tuesday 2nd August 2016

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The racing in the Regatta Fleets event shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013– 16 (RRS).
- 1.2 Boats participating in this event shall conform to the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16.
- 1.3 Boats competing in the event shall conform to their class rules as defined by their Class Association.
- 1.4 Competitors shall race in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter.
- 1.5 Racing will be held in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Federation Code of Conduct for Racing.
- 1.6 Racing in the Start to Race Fleet will be governed by a simplified form of the RRS.

### 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, International Code flag K is displayed ashore no boat shall launch until flag K is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while flag K is displayed ashore. IC flag K has yellow and blue vertical stripes.



## 5 Schedule of Races

Date	HW/Ht	Races Scheduled	Briefing	First Signal
Tues 2 August	1207/4.7	Races 1&2	1000	1055
Weds 3 August	1249/4.7	Races 3&4	1000	1055
Thur 4 August	1326/4.7	Races 5&6	1100	1155
Fri 5 August	1403/4.7	Races 7&8	1130	1225
Sat 6 August	1440/4.7	Pursuit Race	1215	1310

### 5.2 Start to Race Fleet

Date	HW/Ht	Briefing
Sat 1 August	1207/4.7	1030
Sun 2 August	1249/4.7	1030
Mon 3 August	1326/4.7	1130
Tue 4 August	1403/4.7	1200
Wed 5 August	1440/4.7	1245

## 6 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

Class	Flag
Fast /Modern Handicap	International Code Flag 'F'
Medium/Classic Handicap	International Code Flag 'G'
Slow Handicap	International Code Pennant '6'
International Topper	International Code Flag 'T'
International Optimist	International Code Flag 'O'
Start to Race Fleet/Turbo Regatta	International Code Flag 'T'
Pursuit Race	Naval Numeral Zero

6.2 Modern/Fast Handicap – The Modern/Fast Fleet is defined as classes designed after 1990 typically, but not limited to, asymmetric boats but in any case with a handicap of 1100 or less. In addition any class with a PY of 1000 or under.

6.3 Classic/ Medium Handicap – The Medium/Classic Fleet is defined as classes with a PY of 1001 to 1199 (see note a) and would typically include Albacore, Comet (any type), Byte, Finn, GP14, Laser with any rig, Miracle, National 12, OK, Solo, Streaker, Firefly, Wanderer, Lark, Scorpion, Kestrel.

6.4 Traditional/Slow Fleet - The Traditional/Slow Fleet is defined as classes with a PY 1200 or higher.

Notes:

a) Classes allocated age allowance handicaps for example Merlin Rockets or Phantoms should sail with the fleet defined by its handicap – ie a newer Merlin (with a sail number higher than 3430) would sail with the Fast/Modern Fleet while Older boats would race with the Classic/Medium fleet.

## 7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour predominantly in the area known as Chichester Lake although the Pursuit race may take in other parts of the Harbour.

## 8 Courses

8.1 The race course, 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.



## 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 Federation racing marks.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instructions 11 & 13.

## 10 Areas defined as obstructions

There are no defined obstructions in the racing area

## 11 The Start

11.1 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:

11.1.1 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.

11.1.2 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.

11.2 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.

11.3 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.

## 12 Changes to the course

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

12.2 The race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.

## 13 The Finish and Finishing

13.1 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 11.

## 14 Penalty System

14.1 Only One turn including one tack and one gybe is required this changes RRS 44.1 & 44.2.

## 15 Time Limits

15.1 The advisory time limit for the leading boat shall be 45 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the leading boat may be scored as Did Not Finish, however to minimize delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing, to help ensure competitors have an enjoyable and successful competition. The Race Officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35.



## 16 Protests and requests for redress

- 16.1 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. 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.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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).
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 11.3, 18.1, 25.1, 29.1 and 29.2 and Notice of Race paragraph 1.4 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.
- 16.7 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

## 17 Scoring

- 17.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.
- 17.2 One race is to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When two or fewer races have been sailed all results will count for a boat's series score.
- 17.4 When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while afloat at CYC. 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 CYC pontoons. This instruction 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.
- 18.2 Boats retiring should inform the race committee of their decision as soon as possible.
- 18.3 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 RET, DNF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

## 19 Replacement of crew or equipment

19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

19.2 Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee and at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 Equipment and measurement checks

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

## 21 Event Advertising and bow numbers

21.1 Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organising authority, for example boom or bow advertisements.:

## 22 Official boats

22.1 Official boats will be the two orange RIBs (known as Tango & Tigga), a blue RIB (Blew), an orange launch (Jaffa) and the Committee Boat

## 23 Support Boats

23.1 Support boats attending this event shall register at the entry desk during any registration period.

23.3 Support Boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement general recall or abandonment.

## 24 Trash disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## 25 Radio Communications

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

## 26 Prizes

The Following Trophies will be presented:

The Becky Pye Trophy – presented to the youngest qualifying helm

The Brunt Challenge Trophy – presented to the winner of the Fast Handicap Fleet.

The Barry Coomer Trophy – presented to the winner of the Medium Handicap Fleet

The 122 Trophy – presented to the winner of the Slow Handicap Fleet

In addition at the event organiser's discretion, prizes may be awarded. Please note all perpetual trophies remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club and must be returned prior to the event in 2017.

## 27 Disclaimer of liability

Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for the competitors to decide whether their boat and those that will sail it during the event are fit to sail in the conditions they might find. Each



competitor is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing and is also responsible for wearing adequate clothing for the conditions. By launching competitors confirm that their boat and those sailing it are competent to sail and compete in the event and are adequately clothed for the conditions.

The event organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the competitors or accompanying persons as a result of attending or taking part in this event and those attending this event indemnifies the event organisers against all and any costs, claims, demands and liabilities in respect of the same.

The provision of patrol boats does not relieve persons in charge, competitors and those accompanying competitors of their responsibilities.

## 28 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 that is valid for this event and those sailing the boat.

## 29 Local Information

29.1 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.

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

29.3 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.

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