



Chichester Yacht Club Dinghy Week 2023

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

Notice of Race & Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

- 1.1 The Chichester YC Dinghy Week Series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Chichester YC implements the RYA Racing Charter and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with the charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA book- Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024.
- 1.3 Chichester YC follows the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing and by entering the series competitors agree to sail in compliance with this code.
- 1.4 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event.

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 Eligibility

3.1.1 The CYC Dinghy Week Series is open to all monohull dinghies with a 2023 Portsmouth Number listed in the RYA Dinghy Portsmouth Number List 2023. Those wishing to enter the event with a boat not listed shall contact the event organisers in advance to agree an acceptable Portsmouth Number.

3.1.2 Boats entering races are expected to conform to their class rules; however, a boat not meeting its class rules may still race if an appropriate Portsmouth Number can be agreed in advance of the first day the boat races. Laser or other class replica sails are allowed, but must be declared at entry and are subject to verification & acceptance by a member of the CYC race committee in writing. This will usually be the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Beachmaster.

3.1.3 Boats needing to sail with sail numbers differing from those under which they have entered must seek approval from the CYC race committee in writing prior to the first race in which they sail with the changed numbers. This will usually be from the Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer or Beachmaster. All competitors must ensure that the sail has a suitable sail number identification.

3.1.4 The event is not open to sailboards or multihull dinghies, except the Challenger trimaran.

3.1.5 Each boat shall normally be sailed by the same helm throughout the series. If a helm sails more than one class of boat in a series then each class shall have a new and separate entry. Substitution of a helm will not be allowed without approval of the race committee. Substitution of crew is permitted and will be notified at race sign on.

3.1.6 Any change in rig resulting in a PY change from one rating to another will be scored for the whole series using the faster rigs PY. If the PY change is significant enough to denote a change of fleet, the boat will have a new and separate entry in the changed fleet.

3.1.7 - Eligibility for Pursuit – see instruction 4.5

3.2 Age Groups

3.2.1. Young competitors are those aged under 18, on 2 August 2023.

3.2.2. During the event the parents or guardians of young competitors, shall either be in or around Chichester YC or afloat participating in the event, or will inform the event organisers in writing who is acting in loco parentis on their behalf. (CYC members aged 16-17 whose parent or guardian has had a CYC Young Person Consent Form accepted by CYC Office are exempted).

3.2.3. Parents, guardians, or persons acting in loco parentis of young competitors shall by *submitting* the online entry form accept the on-line *parents or guardians declaration*.

3.2.4. Adult competitors are those aged 18 or over on 2 August 2023.

3.3 Entry

3.3.1 Eligible competitors shall enter on-line. Entry will be available until one hour before the start of racing. In exceptional circumstances and with the specific written permission of the Beachmaster, Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer competitors may complete a paper entry form on the day.

3.3.2 On race day competitors must check that their entry and intention to race appears correctly on the printed list displayed in The Sloop area. New entries made on-line on that day must be noted on the printed list by the competitor. **Competitors racing must Sign On each day on the printed list.**

3.3.3 The **helm or crew of every boat must Sign Off** on the printed list displayed in The Sloop area after returning to the shore. By signing off the competitor is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boats crew have returned safely to the shore. A competitor shall indicate that they have retired from a race by signing off with the code RET, DNF or DNS. Competitors **shall sign off within 30 minutes** of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

3.3.4 The race committee shall apply a penalty of one point without a hearing for breach of 3.3.2 or 3.3.3.

3.3.5 There may be entry restrictions and entry limits which will be advertised on the CYC website and are at the discretion of the CYC Race Committee.

3.4 Entry Fees

3.4.1 Adult competitors	Member	Non-member
Adult Dinghy Week Weekly entry	£20	£40
Adult Daily entry	£10	£15

3.4.2 Young competitors	Member	Non-member
Young person Dinghy Week entry	£10	£20
Young person Daily entry	£5	£7

3.4.3 Harbour dues: (if not already paid)

All boats must pay harbour dues. The cost of visitor harbour dues is £6 for 1 day, £7 for 2 days or £8 for one week. Harbour dues should be purchased at the time of booking.

4 Race Fleet Designations

Fleet Racing Series (2-5 August) shall be held for the following fleets:

4.1 Fast/Modern Fleet

Classes designed after 1990 typically, but not limited to, asymmetric boats.
In addition any class with a PY of 1000 or under.

4.2 Classic/Medium Fleet

Classes with a PY of 1001 to 1199 and would typically include Albacore, Comet (any type), Byte, Finn, GP14, ILCA 6 and 7 Miracle, National 12, OK, Solo, Streaker, Firefly, Wanderer, Lark, Scorpion, Kestrel and Phantom.

4.3 Slow/Traditional Fleet

Classes with a PY 1200 or higher including ILCA 4
The helmsman of RS Fevas, Bytes and Miracles may elect to sail with either the Classic/Medium or Traditional Slow fleet. Once they nominate a fleet (at first 'sign on' for a series) they then must sail in that fleet for the entire series.

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

4.5 Pursuit Race (6 August)

Two Pursuit Races will be held. One will be a Fast/Medium and one will be Slow. Fleet boundaries will be defined based on Dinghy Week entries by 12.00 on Thursday 3 August 2023.

5. Racing Schedule

Date	HW/Ht*	Format	Races	Briefing	First warning Signal
02/08/2023	12.42 (4.8)	Fleet Race Series	1 & 2	10.30	11.25
03/08/2023	13.33 (4.9)	Fleet Race Series	3 & 4	11.00	11.55
04/08/2023	14.22 (4.9)	Fleet Race Series	5 & 6	11.45	12.40
05/08/2023	15.09 (4.9)	Fleet Race Series	7 & 8	12.30	13.25
06/08/2023	15.55 (4.8)	Pursuit Races	Pursuit	13.00	<i>tbc</i>

* Chichester harbour entrance

5.1 Stated warning signal times are for the first race of the day of the Fast/Modern Handicap Fleet. Warning signals for the Medium/Classic 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.

5.2. The Briefing will normally be held in the Sloop area at CYC.

6. Risk Statement

6.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

6.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event; and for boats sailed by young competitors the competitor's parents or guardians or those acting in loco parentis also accept this.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue and event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) It is the responsibility of competitors and parents, guardians & those acting in loco parentis of young competitors to make themselves fully aware of and understand current COVID 19 risks.

7. 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.

8. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Dinghy Week notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester

Yacht Club. Notices may also be posted on CYC Dinghy Week WhatsApp group or the CYC website.

9. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Dinghy Week notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects. Notices may also be posted on CYC Dinghy Week WhatsApp group or on the CYC website.

10. Signals Made Ashore

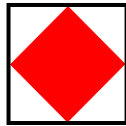
10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated between the two slipways.

10.2 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.

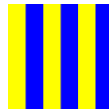
10.3 Launch Control: When before a race the Class flag is displayed ashore, no boat of that class shall launch. All boats may prepare to launch. When the class flag is lowered with a sound signal that class should launch as quickly as possible.

11. Fleet class flags are as follows:

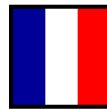
11.1 Fast handicap fleet: International Code Flag F



11.2 Medium handicap fleet: International Code Flag G.



11.3 Slow handicap fleet: International code flag T



12. Courses

12.1 Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.

12.2 To sail to the starting area once launched should take no more than 20 minutes

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

13. Marks

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.

14 Start Lines

14.1 Committee Boat Start Line (normally Cyclone). The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Chichester YC committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark which will be a large orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

14.1.1 There may be an Inner Distance Mark in the proximity of the Committee Boat.

14.2 Shore Based (Club) Start Line. The starting line will be a transit of the line between the tall flag pole in front of the CYC starters hut and a shorter prominent pole immediately in front on the foreshore. The channel marker post known as 'Number 2' post is the Outer Distance Mark.

14.3 Fleet Race Starts. Fleet Races shall use a Committee Boat Start.

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

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

14.4 The Start – Pursuit races The starting lines shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the first start signal of each race.

15 The Finish and Finishing

15.1 Committee Boat Finish Line. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on CYC committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port – end finishing mark which will be an orange cylindrical buoy marked CYC 0.

15.2 Fleet Race finishes shall use a Committee Boat finish line

15.3 The race committee may shorten the course for a specific fleet 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.

15.4 Pursuit Race finishes will be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the first race start signal.

16 Time Limits - Fleet Racing

The advisory time for the lead boat in each race in Fleet Racing is 45 minutes. Subject to the Race Officer's discretion, boats likely to finish 15 minutes or more behind the lead boat, may be given their position on the course at that time. The Race Officer will advise those competitors accordingly. The Race Officer may shorten the course when necessary in order to accommodate the Advisory time. 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.

17 Scoring

17.1 The Low point System will be used, and calculated in accordance with the number or races to count specified in 17.3 below. This changes RRS A2.1.

17.2 Fleet Racing Series scoring. Rule A5.3 will apply to the scores for this series.

17.3 Race Series

The scheduled Fleet Racing Series covers 8 races. A separate Pursuit Race is also scheduled on the last day and is scored separately and does not form part of the scheduled 8 races in the Fleet Racing Series

A boat's series score in the Fleet Race Series will be the sum of a boat's best scores from the number of races to count. The number of races to count is shown below:

Races Sailed	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Races to Count	1	2	2	3	3	4	5	5

17.4 Boat's Score - duties

Applies to both CYC members and non-members. 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.

18. Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

18.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. (Full information on www.rya.org.uk/go/rulesdisputes). Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

18.2 The exoneration penalty will be 30% of the score for DNF and calculated as stated in Rule 44.3.(c).

18.3 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.

18.4 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.

18.5 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 62.2

18.6 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.

18.7 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).

18.8 Breaches of instructions 2, 10.3, 14.3, 19, 20, 21.1, 21.2 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.

18.9 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.

18.10 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.

19 Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to any mobile electronic device including mobile telephones and smart watches.

20 Safety Regulations

20.1 RRS Rule 40.1 (Personal flotation) applies at all times while afloat - International code flag Y will not be displayed.

20.2 Young competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons.

20.3 Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

20.4 Competitors are reminded of instructions 3.3.2 / 3.3.3 / 3.3.4 - Sign-On & Sign Off

21 Local Variations

21.1 Competitors are warned that vessels in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels. They cannot 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.

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

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

22. Duties

All competitors are requested to undertake an ***on the water duty*** to support this series. All Chichester YC members aged 15 and over who compete are expected to undertake at least one duty. Parents of younger Chichester YC members who are competing are also expected to undertake at least one duty.

23. Supporting Information

23.1 Results will be posted on CYC's web site - www.cyc.co.uk This may include names, home club, boat type, sail number & results. These are kept as long term records by Chichester YC.

23.2 Support boats attending this event shall register in writing with the Beachmaster, Race Officer or Assistant Race Officer.

23.3 Competitors shall accept that photographs and motion pictures of their boat and its crew could be taken whilst attending this event. In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.

23.4. Competitors are asked not to leave road trailers in the car park at CYC, but to move them to the dinghy park or other area designated for the purpose.

23.5. Trash disposal. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats

24 Dinghy Week Series Prizes

All perpetual trophies remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club and must be returned prior to the 2023 event.

24.1 The following trophies will be awarded to competitors in Dinghy Week

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 CYC Slow Fleet Trophy – presented to the winner of the Slow Handicap Fleet

The CYC 50th Anniversary Trophy – presented to the winner of the Fast/ Medium Pursuit Race.

24.2 Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

25 Prize Giving

The Prize giving for Dinghy Week is scheduled to be held ASAP after racing on 6 August 2023

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