

Deben Yacht Club

Standard Sailing Instructions for all events

1. Rules

All races will be governed by The 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) issued by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

2. Entries

Helms shall be fully paid up members of the DYC. Guests may act as crews as permitted under the Club rules.

Competitors must enter their names and details of their boat on the entry part of the Entry/Declaration Form before the Preparatory signal. This confirms acknowledgement of these rules.

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result in their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races. (Where the owner/person in charge is under the age of 18 the responsibilities detailed above fall with the guardian.)

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

RRS rule 46 is amended. Only races during which an entrant is aboard his/her boat shall qualify for a series.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board located under the Crow's Nest or on the Sailing Notice Board located inside the veranda door.

4. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of the race and must be signed by the OOD or Club Captain.

5. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club mast.

6. Safety

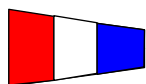
RRS rule 40 is modified as follows: Life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors in dinghy classes. Wet suits, dry suits and deflated mouth inflation buoyancy aids are not adequate personal buoyancy.

7. Schedule of Races

Races are scheduled as shown in the Sailing Programme. Unless stated otherwise in the programme there will be Fast and Slow dinghy handicap fleets. The cut off between the fleets is Portsmouth Yardstick Number 1160 although the Sailing Sub Committee may use their discretion to determine which fleet a boat shall race in. Any alteration to the programme will be in accordance with 3.

8. Class Flags

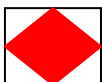
Class flags will be :



Cruisers and Keel Boats Numeral Pennant 3
(Red, White, Blue)



Fast Handicap Numeral Pennant 6
(Black, White)

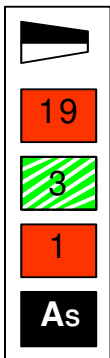


Slow Handicap Code Flag F
(Red Diamond on white)

Other fleets (eg
Streakers /Toppers etc) As appropriate (Used
only for some events)

9. The Course

Dinghy courses will normally be taken from the DYC Dinghy Courses 2011 Edition course card. Yacht courses will normally be selected from the DYC Yacht Race Courses shown in the Handbook. Special courses will be written on the course boards on the Clubhouse veranda or from the Committee Boat in the event of a Committee Boat Start. Course numbers will be displayed on course boards mounted on the Crow's Nest rail as follows:



Class Flag

Course Number (Orange Card)

Number of Laps of part of course within brackets (XYZ)
(Green/white striped card)

Second Course Number (Orange Card)

Start Bias

10. Marks

Channel marks and DYC buoys (orange spherical with a letter on) are positioned as shown on the DYC Dinghy and Yacht course cards. At channel mark '14', dinghy courses will use DYC mark 'Fourteen' when in place.

11. The Start

11.1 All races will be started using RRS rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal. Dinghy classes will start at 5 minute intervals, Fast Handicap followed by Slow Handicap. Should the race committee decide to give any additional starts they shall follow this sequence.

11.2 The start line will be Starting Line A or a Committee Boat Line:

Start Line A consists of

either 1: A line from the Crow's Nest to two transit marks directly across the river (designated Starting Line A)

or: 2: A line from the Crow's Nest to two transit marks placed down river from transit marks 1 (designated Starting Line A(S))

or: 3: A line from the Crow's Nest to two transit marks placed up river from transit marks 1 (designated Starting Line A(N))

Committee Boat Line: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark. An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. If laid, no boat may pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat after its preparatory signal.

11.3 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. The preparatory signal shall be given by hoisting flag P on the Club Mast or on a Committee Boat as appropriate.

11.4 RRS rule 29.2 is altered. In the event of any general recall(s), the recalled races shall start after the last scheduled start in the order of their recalls. The warning signal of the first recalled class will be given at the last scheduled start. If the last class to start is recalled a warning signal shall be raised one minute after the First Substitute flag has been lowered.

12. The Finish

The finishing line will be either Starting Line A (even if A(N) or A(S) were used for the start) or a line from an blue flag on the committee boat to a mark of the course. The committee boat shall indicate it is on station at the finish line by flying a blue flag. If the course is shortened any line between the committee boat and a mark of the course, OR a line which crosses the river, and through which the whole of the fleet are yet to pass, may also be used as a finishing line.

13. Time Limit

The time limit will be 4 hours, or until sunset, whichever is sooner, unless otherwise determined by a notice published before the race displayed on the notice board below the Crows Nest. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS rule 35.

14. Handicapping

Handicapping shall be by means of the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme, modified if necessary by a handicap list issued by the Sailing Subcommittee and displayed on the Race Notice Board.

15. Declarations

Helms must complete the declaration on the Entry/Declaration form within one hour of the last boat finishing the race. In the event of back-to-back races the form shall be signed within 1 hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

16. Protests

To be valid protests must be acknowledged by the Race Officer for the day on crossing the finishing line. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Crow's Nest and delivered to the OOD within 1 hour after the time of the last boat finishing the race concerned.

Protests will be heard at a time and place arranged by the Club Captain, or in his absence, another member of the Sailing Subcommittee.

17. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. Subsection A4.2 will be amended in respect of boats failing to start the race and A9 'Race Scores in a series longer than a Regatta' will be adopted in this respect.

Subsection A2 will be amended in respect of the available discards and the following shall be adopted:

- For a series of 8 or more races, 3 discards will be allowed.
- For a series of 5 to 7 races, 2 discards will be allowed.
- For a shorter series only one discard will be allowed with a minimum of 2 races to count.
- Cancelled races reduce the number of races in a series.
- Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- For all series scheduled for 5 races or more, helms may apply to the Club Captain for redress for one race missed because of duties performed (OOD / AOOD, safety boat, galley duty). Redress will be given as an average of the points scored by that helm in all other races in the series. Where a duty is performed on a 2-race day, the result (DNC) for the second will not be included in the calculation of the average.

18. Trophies

Trophies will be awarded with additional prizes according to entries.