

The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (RCYC) & Royal Burnham Yacht Club (RBYC) Sailing Instructions 2017

These sailing instructions are for club racing from the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club line and the Royal Burnham Yacht Club line

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 All racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws will apply. Copies are available from the Crouch Harbour Authority at the Quay Burnham-on-Crouch Essex CM0 8AS and can be viewed on their website at <http://crouchharbour.org.uk/byelaws/complete/>

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at the eastern end of the RCYC lounge and the "immediate" notice board adjacent to the quay door of the RBYC.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before a race, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 When racing from the RCYC Line signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag-pole near the RCYC race box.
- 4.2 When racing from the RBYC Line signals made ashore will be displayed on the balcony near the RBYC race box.
- 4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore before the scheduled warning signal of the first class to start that day, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. Once a starting sequence has commenced this change to the Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND WARNING SIGNALS

- 5.1 The schedule of racing for each class is in the sailing programmes issued by the RCYC and the RBYC.
- 5.2 The warning signals are as shown in Appendix A

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as shown in Appendix A. The use of flags C and H as class flags is in addition to their unchanged meaning in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

7 RACING AREAS

The rivers Crouch and Roach and adjacent coastal waters.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are the courses and instructions shown on the Course Cards in Appendix B.
- 8.2 When starting from the RCYC Line the course to be sailed will be the course shown on the Course Card corresponding to the letter or letters displayed on the front of the RCYC club house by the race box at the class warning signal.
- 8.3 When starting from the RBYC Line the course to be sailed will be the course shown on the Course Card corresponding to the letter or letters displayed on the front of the RBYC club house by the race box at the class warning signal.
- 8.4 A special course (being a course not on the Course Cards) will be indicated by the inverted letter "A" being displayed by the RCYC race box (for a RCYC start) or the RBYC race box (for a RBYC start) and the marks of the course may be posted on the Official Notice Boards no later than 30 minutes before the warning signal or alternatively distributed to competitors by the Race Officer before the warning signal.
- 8.5 Whenever boats pass through the RCYC or the RBYC club lines as part of the displayed course these lines which are defined in the sailing instructions will be a mark of the course.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The Marks are as defined on the Course Cards.
- 9.2 Marks are rounding Marks unless designated as passing Marks on the Course Cards.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races from the RCYC Line will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 Races from the RBYC Line will be started by using rule 26 and in accordance with the RBYC start procedure shown at Appendix C with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.3 The RCYC Line and the RBYC Line are in each case defined by two posts in transit on the south shore in the approximate positions shown on the Course Cards.
- 10.4 When racing from the RCYC the starting line will be the RCYC Line.
- 10.5 When racing from the RBYC the starting line will be the RBYC Line.
- 10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.7 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a Hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 10.8 A minimum of 1 boat intending to race must appear in the starting area for a race to be started.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be the RCYC Line when racing from the RCYC and the RBYC Line when racing from the RBYC.

11.2 SHORTENING OR ABANDONING AFTER THE START

This shall be as Rule 32 with the following addition.

A vessel flying the Club Burgee, which is authorised by the race officer or race committee, may shorten the course as per Rule 32 or where Flag H is displayed on its own at a rounding mark, or over an individual Class Flag when this instruction will apply to that class only. The course is shortened and the race will be to the designated finishing line, having first sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat. The finishing line is to be crossed from the direction of the last mark. This changes rule 32.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 For Elite and RBOD classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit is three hours and thirty minutes after the last start scheduled for that day during BST and 3 hours after the last start scheduled for that day during GMT.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the office of the RCYC and the RBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the relevant office within the appropriate time limit.

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

14.3 Notices will be posted as soon as reasonably possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the location and at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee under rule 61.1(b) will be posted to inform boats

14.5 Breaches of instructions 10.6, 16.1 and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 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 will be DPI.

15 SCORING

The number of races to constitute a series is as specified in the schedule prepared by the fleet Class Captain and posted on the club website. In the absence of a schedule being posted one race will constitute a series.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible.
- 16.2 All competitors in centreboard classes shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times. This changes rule 40.
- 16.3 Boats competing in keel boat classes must comply with their class rules, are required to carry a minimum of two currently dated handheld distress flares and adequate personal buoyancy for all crew members.
- 16.4 A boat shall not, while racing, touch a moored vessel or a mooring buoy to which a vessel is moored or cause another boat to do so. When a boat while racing touches a moored vessel:
 - a) Her penalty is to retire unless she protests another boat and is exonerated under Rule 64.1(a)
 - b) The owner/person in charge shall report the collision to the Crouch Harbour Authority on Channel M1 or VHF or telephone number 01621 783602 or mobile telephone number 07903 132644 or e-mail: info@crouchharbour.org.uk This reporting obligation is in addition to and not in substitution of the reporting obligation contained in CHA Bye Law 24

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 19.2 It is recommended that all competitors carry a hand held VHF radio on board for use in an emergency.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after a race.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 per race or the equivalent.

22 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in club racing, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

APPENDIX A

Warning Signals

CLASS	Dinghy	RS Elite	707	Dragon	Squib	RCOD	RBOD
Class ID Flag	R	H	NN7	D	NN9	C	V
Fridays & Saturdays Before BW		13.55	13.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.55
Sunday & Monday Mornings	n/a	10.05	10.15	10.25	10.35	10.45	10.55
Sunday Afternoons (BH weekends only)	n/a	13.55	13.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.55
Saturdays After BW		13.55	13.55	14.05	14.15	14.25	14.35
Saturdays November Onwards		12.55	12.55	13.05	13.15	13.25	

APPENDIX B

<https://royalcorinthian.co.uk/fleets/>

APPENDIX C



RBVC Start Sequence Lights & Sounds.pdf