



Royal Burnham Yacht Club

(The Organising Authority)

The Payne-James Icicle Race

Sunday 1st January 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

PREAMBLE

The Royal Burnham Yacht Club, its officers, members and employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel in any way or from any cause during or related to Races organised by the Race Committee. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

1. RULES

1.1. Sailing Boats

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. These Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race when they conflict.

1.2. Motor Boats

Racing will be governed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. These Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race when they conflict.

A Predicted Log Contest is an exercise in navigational skills where the Contestants predict in advance the times necessary for their boats to complete a predefined course. It is not a speed contest, each Contestant chooses a speed for their own boat, which is comfortable and safe. The objective of the contest is to complete the course in as close as possible to the predicted time without adjusting the throttle after the start, and the winner is the boat, which has the lowest percentage time error.

1.3. Rowing Gigs

Racing will be governed by the rules of Gig rowing, the Crouch Harbour Authority bye-laws, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. These Sailing Instructions prevail over the Notice of Race when they conflict.

2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.4. General:

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 or the provision of safety boats, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of them taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum specified safety equipment detailed in class rules.

2.5. Insurance:

Each boat shall have a valid third-party insurance of not less than £2,000,000 in force for the duration of all races sailed under these Sailing Instructions for which she has entered.

2.6. Entry Form:

A Race Entry Form must be submitted and received by 1000hrs, Sunday 1st January 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Officer.

Predicted Log entries must indicate the predicted time for the vessel to complete the course. Sailing entries must indicate their handicap (IRC or PY number).

2.7. Eligibility:

Races are open to any member of a yacht club recognized by the RYA (or by another National Sailing Authority). Gig racing is open to Gig rowing teams.

This is not a junior event and while those under 18 are permitted to enter the safety planning is based on an adult entry profile, parents / guardians of those under 18 must approve entries and acknowledge this limitation.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the RBYC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will either be posted on the Official Notice Board at least one hour before the race, or by communication (which may be orally or on VHF Channel 37) with each competitor afloat before the warning signal.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole near the Race Box Platform of the RBYC.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Class	Warning	Start
Cruisers	11:00	11:05
Predicted Log Motor Boats	11:10	11:15
Dinghies	11:20	11:25
Rowing Gigs	11:30	11:35

7. RACING AREA: The rivers Crouch and Roach.

8. THE COURSE: The courses will be as set out below, they will be confirmed in the RBYC Bar at 10am and any changes will be announced on VHF before the start:

8.1. Dinghies

To be announced on the day in the RBYC Bar at 10am, the intention will be to set a town course similar to those used throughout the year for adult dingy racing.

8.2. Predicted Log Motor Boats

RBYC line
Fairway 13 Stbd
Fairway 3 Port
Branklet Port
Holliwell Stbd
Crow Stbd
Branklet Port
RBYC line

8.3. Cruisers

RBYC line
Fairway 15 Stbd
Cliff Port
Canewden Port
Cliff Port
Canewden Port
Fairway 13 Port
RBYC Line

8.4. Rowing Gigs

To be announced on the day in the RBYC Bar at 10am.

Any changes will be posted on the club notice board and broadcast via VHF Channel 37 at regular intervals before the start.

11. THE START. (RRS 26 is amended)

11.1. Starting Line:

All races will start from the RBYC line. The starting and finishing line is defined by two posts in transit on the South Shore, opposite the clubhouse. In the absence of one of these posts the line will be defined as between the remaining post on the south shore and the southernmost post on the north shore (The transit of the two posts on the northern shore is a guide only).

The starting procedure will be as stated in RRS 26 **except** that every mention of "flag" should be

interpreted as "board". The RBYC also operates a light signal starting sequence. (**See Appendix 1**)

11.2. Finishing Line- Club Fixed Line:

The finishing line is the RBYC line as defined in 11.1 above.

11.3. Individual Recall: (*Rule 29.1 is amended*)

The sail numbers of yachts identified under Rule 29.1 **MAY** be broadcast on VHF Ch 37.

11.4. General Recall:

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line, or to which Rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds) The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound).

12. SHORTENING COURSE AFTER THE START (*RRS32 is amended*)

12.1. Shortening course at Finishing line.

When Flag S is displayed, with two sounds, at or near the finishing line, its meaning is for all classes. The leading boat will finish when she crosses the designated Finishing Line; all other boats will finish when they do so after having sailed the same course.

13. FINISHING LINE: See paragraph 11.2 above.

14. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for the race will be 1330hrs.

The race will be valid for all boats finishing within the Time Limit. Boats finishing after the Time Limit will be deemed to have retired and will be scored DNF.

15. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2: (*RRS 44.1 is amended.*)

One turn shall be regarded as a penalty for infringement of a part 2 sailing instruction.

16. PROTESTS:

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer or Regatta Office and delivered to the Race Officer or Regatta Office within one hour after the last boat's finish unless the Race Officer decides to allow a longer period.

17. SCORING:

Results for cruisers will be calculated according to IRC rating. Additionally a locally handicapped result will be calculated, to be determined by the race officer based on the entries received on the day.

Results for dinghies will be calculated according to PY rating.

Scoring for sailing classes will be in accordance with the RRS A2 Low Points System.

Results for Predicted Log will be calculated based on the percentage difference between the predicted time and the actual time of each competitor.

18. PRIZES:

The prize giving will take place at the RBYC as soon as practicable after the race.

19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

19.1. **Personal Buoyancy:** RRS 40 will apply.

19.2. **Safety Equipment:** Any yacht found deficient in safety equipment according to the rules of their class during a race or during a spot check will be considered to have infringed Rule 1 of these Sailing Instructions.

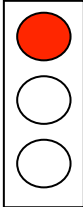
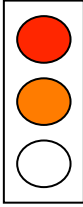
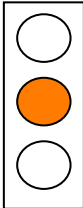
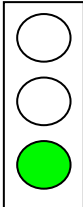
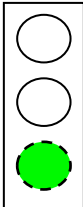

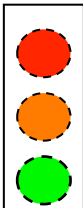

19.3. **Moored Vessels:** A boat that makes contact with a moored or anchored vessel whilst racing shall retire and report the incident to the Race Officer and the Crouch Harbour Authority.

19.4. **VHF Radio:** It is compulsory for all competitors to have a VHF Radio in working order and listening on Channel 37.

20. DECLARATIONS AND RETIRING:

Declarations are not required. However, it is the responsibility of the owner/person in charge who retires to notify the Race Officer without delay and in all cases within the Protest Time Limit.

Appendix 1

	<p>WARNING SIGNAL</p>	<p>Red Light On One Sound Signal Class Board Deployed</p>	
	<p>PREPARATORY SIGNAL</p>	<p>Red & Amber Lights On One Sound Signal Class Board Displayed Preparatory Signal Deployed</p>	
	<p>1 MINUTE SIGNAL</p>	<p>Amber Light On One Long Sound Signal Class Board Displayed Preparatory Signal Removed</p>	
	<p>START</p>	<p>Green Light On One Sound Signal Class Board Removed</p>	
	<p>INDIVIDUAL RECALL</p>		<p>Green Light Flashes One Additional Sound Signal Class Board Displayed 'X' Board Deployed</p>
	<p>GENERAL RECALL</p>		<p>ALL Lights Flash Two Additional Sound Signals Class Board Displayed 1st Substitute Deployed</p>

INDIVIDUAL RECALL(S): The 'X' Board will remain displayed, and the Green light will flash, for four minutes or until **ALL** recalled yachts have properly started, if sooner. The 'X' Board will be "flipped" as each recalled yacht clears the line.

GENERAL RECALL: All lights will continue to flash and the 1st Substitute Board will remain displayed until a sound signal given **one minute before** the commencement of the re-timed 5 minute starting sequence.