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Falmouth IRC Open Meeting - Sailing Instructions.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



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1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 1.2. IRC Rules 2017 Parts A – D shall apply.
- 1.3. The ISAF Special Regulations for Inshore Racing shall apply.
- 1.4. Changes to the Racing Rules. The following racing rules are changed in these Sailing Instructions:
 - 1.4.1. Rule 33: see SI 8.4.
 - 1.4.2. Rule 35: see SIs 10.2.4 and 15.1.
 - 1.4.3. Rule A4: see SIs 11.3 and 15.1.
 - 1.4.4. Rule 44.1: see SI 14.
 - 1.4.5. Rule A5: see SI 15.1.
 - 1.4.6. Rule 60.1(a): see SI 16.6.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the hall at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (RCYC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1400 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be communicated to all boats on the water, before the warning signal for a race, on VHF channel 72.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RCYC flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in the race signal AP.

5. RACE SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Three races will be sailed.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the day is 1125 hrs.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.4. No warning signal will be made after 1530 hrs.

6. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Boats will race in two divisions. Boats with IRC TCF greater than 0.970 will race in division 1; all others will race in class 2.
Note. This split may be adjusted in the light of entries received. Any change to the split will be published by 1400 hrs Friday 7 July, on the official notice board.
- 6.2. Class flags will be:



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<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
IRC Div 1	IC Numeral pennant 1
IRC Div 2	IC Numeral pennant 2

7. RACING AREAS

7.1. The race area is Falmouth Bay except that, in heavy weather, racing may take place in the Carrick Roads between Black Rock and St Just port lateral mark.

8. THE COURSES

8.1. All races will be on windward-leeward courses. See the diagram at Appendix A.

8.2. The course signal will be displayed on the course board, situated on the starboard side of the committee boat. Courses will be as follows:

Course	Mark Rounding Order (omit 1a if not laid)
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

8.3. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

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

9. MARKS

9.1. The windward mark (mark 1) will be a yellow or orange conical inflatable buoy.

9.2. The gate marks (marks 4s and 4p) will be blue spherical inflatable buoys.

9.3. If laid, the spreader mark (mark 1a) will be a yellow or orange spherical buoy.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. Divers. An area of radius 2 boat lengths around a dive boat or an orange surface marker is to be treated as an obstruction. (Note. Dive boats usually fly IC flag A; an orange pillar mark indicates a diver beneath the surface or about to surface).

10.2. Commercial Shipping. Competing boats shall observe the IRPCAS (Collision Regulations) and local by-laws and regulations in respect of ships and vessels not racing.

10.2.1. When a pilot cutter or Harbour Master's Launch is acting as an escort boat stationed approximately 100 metres or more ahead of a large vessel, no yacht shall pass between the escort boat and the vessel she is escorting.

10.2.2. Boats may use propulsion in accordance with RRS 42.3(i), in order to comply with this instruction, and report such use to the Race Committee.

10.2.3. No boat shall sail through Falmouth Harbour moorings except to proceed to or leave their mooring.



10.2.4. The Race Committee (RC) may protest a boat if a ship or Port Authority makes a complaint under these instructions, or if the RC observes the incident.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an outer distance mark (ODM) displaying an orange flag. The ODM may be replaced by a RIB at anchor displaying an orange flag from a staff.
- 11.2. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 11.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.4. If any part of a boats hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it correctly will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12. Not used.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The Finish Line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end of the finish line and the course side of the port end finishing mark (orange buoy).

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed such that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2. The RYA Rules Advisory Service will be available.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in each class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the RCYC Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RCYC Conference Room.
- 16.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).



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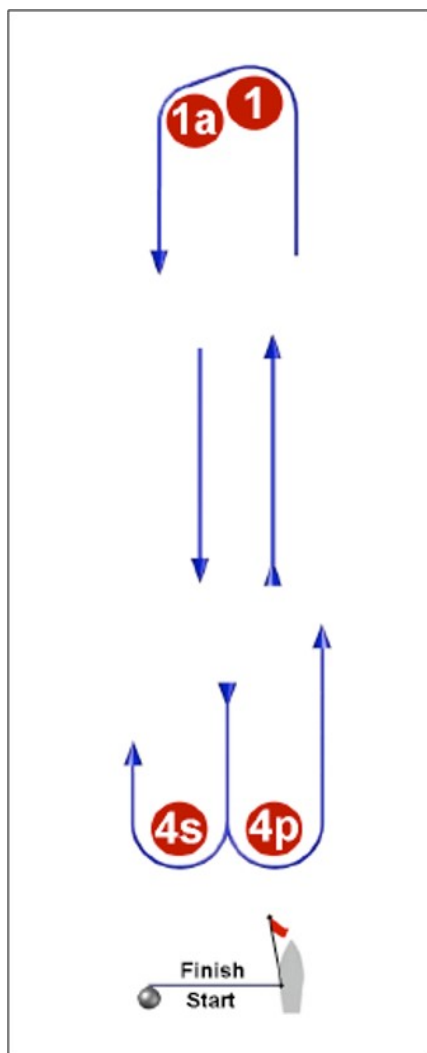
- 16.5. A list of boats that have reported use of propulsion under RRS 42.3(i) to the Race Committee, or have been disqualified by the protest committee, will be posted.
- 16.6. Breaches of instructions 11.3, 24, 25, 26, and 27 shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
17. SERIES SCORING
- 17.1. 3 races are scheduled.
- 17.2. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
18. Not used.
19. Not used.
20. Not used.
21. Not used.
22. Not used.
23. Not used.
24. TRASH DISPOSAL
- 24.1. Trash shall not be placed aboard support or official boats and competitors are reminded of RRS 55.
25. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS
- 25.1. Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with, and according to, the terms of the written prior permission of the race committee.
26. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS
- 26.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
27. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
- 27.1. Race management communications will be made using VHF channel 72.
- 27.2. Except in an emergency, boats shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
28. PRIZES
- 28.1. Series prizes will be given for the first 3 boats in each class. Prizes will be awarded at the RCYC after racing on the last day.
29. RISK STATEMENT
- 29.1. 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."
- 29.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events listed in this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:



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- 29.2.1. 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 whilst taking part in the event.
- 29.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 29.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 29.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 29.2.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 29.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 29.2.7. For the offshore races, they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date, and is familiar to the crew.
30. INSURANCE
- 30.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event, or the equivalent.
31. FURTHER INFORMATION
- 31.1. Further information may be obtained from the RCYC website or the Hon Sailing Sec.

APPENDIX 1: COURSE DIAGRAM



Signal	Mark Rounding Order (omit 1a if not laid)
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4	Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish
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