



Notice of Race

Port Edgar Yacht Club Annual Regatta



13 -14th August 2016

1) Organising Authority

- a) The Organising Authority is Port Edgar yacht Club (PEYC) located in Port Edgar Marina, South Queensferry, nr Edinburgh

2) Rules

- a) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the RYA, appropriate class rules and any such other rules as the Sailing Instructions for the event may prescribe. The Principles and Practices of the RYA Racing Charter will be followed.

3) Entry

- a) The event is open to mono-hull yachts with a current FYCA handicap and whose skipper is a member of an RYA affiliated yacht club. Any yacht without a FYCA handicap will be given a handicap at the discretion of the Regatta Committee.
- b) The Racing Divisions will be: Div 1 – FYCA < 900 ; Div 2 – FYCA 900 - 974 ; Div 3 – FYCA 975 - 1150; Div 4 – Cruiser Class (Restricted Sail)
- c) Division 1- 3 Yachts may request to use a Restricted set of Sails This provision is intended for yachts not equipped with a spinnaker, and for crews considered by the Race Committee to be 'less experienced', 'less capable' or 'short - handed', the latter defined as less than 60% of the yacht's full crew. The RS provision will not be granted if, due to the course or weather conditions, no yachts are able to fly spinnakers. A yacht permitted to use the RS provision shall receive a +4% handicap adjustment. All results, both in full and RS configuration, shall be considered in calculating overall series positions. Requests for racing with Restricted Sail must be made to the Race Committee by 09:30 on Saturday 13th August
- d) Restricted Sail Definition
 - i) No spinnakers shall be allowed, and any headsail flown shall comply with the RYA prescription to Rule 50.4. Additionally all headsails shall be attached to a permanent forestay (or forestays in the case of a cutter) along the whole luff. Sails flown loose luffed are not permitted. Only one headsail may be flown at any one time from any forestay, except when changing sail so long as both headsails are on the same stay and are hoisted together for the shortest possible time consistent with changing sail whilst racing.
- e) Entry forms will be available on the PEYC website from **1st August 2016**
- f) Any entries made after 09:00 on Saturday 13th August will only be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion.

4) Fees

- a) The entry fee will be £30 per yacht for Divisions 1, 2, & 3 and £15 for each yacht in Divisions 4.

5) Reservations

The Committee reserves the right:

- i) To reject or rescind any entry in accordance with RRS 76.1.
- ii) To cancel, combine or alter Divisions / Classes at their discretion.
- iii) To make any alteration to the schedule and Sailing Instructions they consider necessary. Such alterations will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Office at Port Edgar Yacht Club at least 2 hours before the start of the first race of the day. Flag 'L' will be flown from the flagpole outside the clubhouse to signify an alteration has been made. Flag 'L' will also be displayed by the Committee Boat / Race Box in the appropriate race area and announced by VHF on Channel 77.

- iv) To take appropriate disciplinary action, which may include disqualification from the race or the series, against owner / skipper /crew which causes damage ashore or afloat, which by bad behaviour brings discredit on PEYC Regatta, or otherwise incurs the censure of the Protest Committee in terms of RRS 69.1, all of which the Committee shall be the sole judge. This alters RRS 69.1.

6) The Planned Schedule of Races

a) Saturday 13th August

- i) All Divisions:
 - (1) A longer distance race down the river and return. **11:00 Start**
- ii) Division 1-3 yachts must conform to FYCA Cat 4 Equipment and construction Standards and Division 4 yachts must conform to FYCA Cat 4R Equipment and Construction Standards.

b) Sunday 14th August

- i) Div 4 : ; Committee Boat Start and a passage race to and from the entrance to the Forth / Clyde Canal **10:00 Start**
- ii) Div 1-3: Three races with a Committee Boat Start. **10:30 Start**

7) Scoring System

- a) For Divisions 1–3 the event will be scored using Appendix A of the RRS. Four races are scheduled. There will be no discards.
- b) For Division 4 each race will be scored individually. There is no series for this division.

8) Sailing Instructions

- a) The Sailing instructions will be posted on the PEYC web site www.peyc.org.uk from Monday 8th August

9) Arbitration

- a) Parties involved in a protest may agree to use the RYA Arbitration Procedure.

10) Race Briefing

- a) This will be delivered on VHF Channel 77 at 10:00 on Saturday 13th August.
- b) Any Radio Communication will be on channel 77 and the Race Officer may use this channel to inform the fleet of any boats OCS at a start and also to pass on warnings of shipping passing through the race areas.

11) RaceQs

- a) All boats are encouraged to use the smart phone app RaceQs which will enable participants to watch replays of the races afterwards on the web and in the clubhouse.

12) Risk Statement

- a) 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.”*
- b) Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - (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 to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (2) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (3) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (4) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (5) 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.

- (6) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (7) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

13) Insurance

- a) Each owner must ensure that their boat is adequately insured, including racing risks, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.