

# Port Edgar Yacht Club

## Annual Yacht Regatta 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August 2016

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1) 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. In the event of any conflict with the Notice of Race for this event these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

#### 2) HANDICAPS

- a) Handicaps will be as per the FYCA 2016 handicap list or Race Committee decision.

#### 3) RESERVATIONS

##### a) 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.

#### 4) SAFETY

##### a) Minimum Safety Equipment

- i) Personal Buoyancy for all crew members must be worn or carried on boats. Competitors must wear a correctly fitted lifejacket or buoyancy aid, complying with the relevant EN standard if IC Flag 'Y' is displayed before the class start indicating that RRS 40 is in operation.
  - ii) All Div 1-3 yachts must carry safety equipment in accordance with FYCA Category 4 for the race on Saturday.
  - iii) All Div 4 yachts must carry safety equipment in accordance with FYCA Category 4R.
  - iv) All yachts must carry an engine and sufficient fuel to reach and return from its race area which may be up to 5 miles from the Marina.
  - v) All yachts shall carry a suitable main anchor and ground tackle, and a working VHF transceiver which can receive all Primary Intership Working Channels.
- b) Failure to accept inspection or to rectify shortcomings identified by inspection will be assessed by the Race Committee which may protest the boat under the RRS. This does not reduce the responsibilities of the owner/skipper.

#### 5) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Race Office caravan situated adjacent to PEYC clubhouse.

##### b) Briefings

- i) A Race Briefing to all divisions will be delivered on VHF Channel 77 at 10:00 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August and 09:00 on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August.

- ii) The Race Officer may use the appropriate channel to inform the fleets of any boats OCS at a start and also to pass on warnings of shipping passing through the race areas.

## 6) DIVISIONS

Divisions	Handicap	Class Flag
Div 1	FYCA <900	Red
Div 2	FYCA 901 - 974	Yellow
Div 3	FYCA 975 - 1150	Dark Green
Div 4	Cruiser (Restricted Sail)	Light Blue

## 7) RESTRICTED SAIL DEFINITION & CONDITIONS

- a) 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.
- b) Divisions 1 – 3
- Div 1 -3 Yachts may request to use a Restricted set of 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.
  - Requests for racing with Restricted Sail must be made to the Race Committee by 09:30 on each day of racing justifying the request. It is at the absolute discretion of the Race Committee whether to accept and approve an RS request or not on any particular day.
  - A yacht permitted to use the RS provision shall display a white pennant or flag on the backstay or other prominent position, from its class warning signal until it finishes.
  - 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.

## 8) THE SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS SIGNALS

- a) **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August**
- All Divisions:
    - A longer race in the Forth Estuary east of Port Edgar.
- b) **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**
- All races will have Committee Boat Starts to the west of Port Edgar.
  - Div 4: A passage race to and from the entrance to the Forth / Clyde Canal.
  - Div 1, 2 & 3: Three Round the Cans races using PEYC race marks. Courses will be displayed on a board on the Committee Boat. An Olympic or W/L course may be set using PEYC race marks indicated on a board situated on the side of the Committee Boat.

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August

HW Rosyth 11:30 BST 4.5m LW Rosyth 16:44 BST 2.2m

MAIN PIER START		
	Flag	Race 1
<b>RADIO BRIEFING</b>		<b>10:00</b>
First Warning Signal		10:55
Div 1(FYCA <900)	Red	11:00
Div 2 (FYCA 901 - 974)	Yellow	11:05

Div 3 (FYCA 975 – 1150)	Dark Green	11:10
Div 4 Cruiser (Restricted Sail)	Light Blue	11:15
<b>Time Limit for all divisions is 6 hrs</b>		

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August**  
**HW Rosyth 12:39 BST 4.7m LW Rosyth 18:31 BST 2.0m**

<b>Division 4</b>		
<b>Committee Boat Start West of Port Edgar</b>		
	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Race 1</b>
<b>First Warning Signal</b>	Light Blue	09:55
<b>Starting Signal</b>		10:00
<b>Note: Time Limit is 6 hrs</b>		

<b>Divisions 1-3</b>			
<b>Committee Boat Start West of Port Edgar</b>			
	<b>Flag</b>	<b>Race 1</b>	<b>Races 2 &amp; 3</b>
<b>First Warning Signal</b>		10:25	As soon as possible after the end of the preceding race
Div 1 (FYCA <900)	Red	10:30	
Div 2 (FYCA 901 - 974)	Yellow	10:35	
Div 3 (FYCA 975 – 1150)	Dark Green	10:40	
<b>Note 1: Time Limit is 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in each division</b>			
<b>Note 2: The orange flag on the committee boat at the start line will be removed at the end of each race and displayed with 2 sound signals 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the next race</b>			

## 9) COURSE AREA

- a) The course area is on the River Forth estuary east and west of Port Edgar, but competitors should note that the committee vessel may be situated as far as 5 miles from the marina. (Admiralty charts numbers 735, 736 & 737 shows the relevant waters.)
- b) Yachts are required to observe FPA regulations regarding distances to be kept from Rosyth Dockyard (150m) and Hound Point Terminal (50m).
- c) **YACHTS OBSTRUCTING SHIPPING MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- d) Ships have right of way as per Forth Navigation Bylaws. Particular attention must be paid to the designated shipping channels, especially between the ‘Beamer’ and the Forth Bridges where ships change course about 40 degrees.
- e) Due to the construction of the new Forth Crossing a number of exclusion zones are in operation and there is an increase in the number of barges and tugs moving in the area outside Port Edgar Marina. Yachts are advised to keep at least 100m from a ship as it passes.

## 10) THE COURSE

- a) The Course Diagrams, Definition of Marks and order of Rounding Marks will be as shown on Appendices A, B, C & D.
  - i) **Saturday:** The *number* of the course to be raced will be displayed on the Main Pier of Port Edgar Marina below the Division’s colour.
  - ii) **Sunday:** ALL Divisions; the *number* of the course to be raced will be displayed on the Committee Boat to the right of the divisional colour.
  - iii) **If an Olympic or W/L course is to be sailed an announcement will be made on the VHF radio and a board indicating the course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat. Yachts should repeat the displayed course until signalled to**

**finish. The Finish line shall be the same as the Start line in this instance. All yachts must pass through the Finish Line at the end of each round.**

**11) THE START LINE & FINISH LINE**

**a) Main Pier Starts & Finishes**

- i) **Signals** will be displayed at the PEYC Race Box flagstaff and course references will be displayed on the frame at the end of the Main Pier of Port Edgar Marina below the associated division's colour.
- ii) **Starting Line** is the Transit Line from the Race Box flagstaff through the transit pole on the main Pier. The outer distance limit for yachts is the transit line defined by the Yellow Buoys at the SW & SE corners of the Central Tower Exclusion Zone of the new bridge.
- iii) **The Finish Line** is between the Race Box flagstaff, and mark W.

**b) Committee Boat Starts & Finishes**

- i) **The Start Line** will be between an orange cylindrical outer distance mark and a PEYC Race Mark. Once the warning flag is displayed any boat passing between the end of the Start line closest to the committee boat and the committee boat must round the committee boat and will not be counted as started until they have properly crossed the Start line.
- ii) **The Finish**
  - (1) The Finish Line for **Divisions 1-3** shall be between the mast of a Committee Boat flying a blue flag and an orange cylindrical buoy. That Finish Line Committee Boat will be situated in the proximity of the Starting area.
  - (2) The Finish Line for **Division 4** will be between a Committee Boat flying a blue Flag and Mark (FCC) H.

**c) Starting Procedure as laid out in RRS 26 (all races)**

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag and Sound</b>	<b>Minutes before starting signal</b>
Warning	Class Flag ; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P or a penalty flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory / Penalty flag removed; 1 sound	1
Start	Class Flag removed; 1 sound	0

- d) Succeeding classes will be started at five minute intervals by displaying the Warning Signal with the Starting Signal of the preceding class.
- e) Individual and General Recalls shall follow procedures as laid out in RRS 29.
- f) No yacht shall start later than 10 minutes after her starting signal.

**12) SHORTENING COURSE**

- a) The signal for shortening course shall be the displaying of code flag S under a blue flag, accompanied by two sound signals. When this is displayed by a Committee boat, at or near a mark of the course, all classes must finish between that mark and the mast or staff of the boat displaying that signal. If the course is to be shortened for certain classes only, then the class flags for those classes will be displayed also.

**13) TIME LIMITS**

- a) The Time limits for each Division's races are shown in the schedule of races.

#### **14) PROTESTS**

- a) Boats intending to protest should draw the attention of the race officer to their protest flag by hail or on its designated VHF channel. Protests must be lodged in writing at the Race Office within 60 minutes of the committee vessel returning to harbour on Saturday but within 30 minutes on Sunday. This time will be displayed on the official notice board.
- b) The time and place of hearings will be displayed as soon as possible on the official notice board. It is the responsibility of all competitors to check on their involvement with protests and to appear at the appointed time.
- c) Parties involved in a protest may agree to use the RYA Arbitration Procedure. After submitting a written protest, one representative from each boat will meet with a RYA qualified arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by the arbitrator will be forwarded to a Protest Committee. A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that it broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive a Scoring Penalty of 40% as calculated in RRS 44.3c, but not less than 3 places, provided that this does not exceed DNF points. The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress or be appealed.

#### **15) SCORING SYSTEM**

- a) The event will be scored using Appendix A of the RRS.
- b) For Divisions 1, 2, & 3 there will be no discards.
- c) For Division 4 each race will be scored individually. There is no series for this Division.

#### **16) ABANDONED RACES**

- a) If no boat finishes within the time limit the race shall be abandoned. However a result may be obtained using times taken at a rounding / passing mark. The choice of which mark to be used is at the sole discretion of Race Committee. This alters RRS 32.

#### **17) ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

- a) **Late Starting**
  - i) A boat arriving late in the vicinity of the start line may remain under power or tow after her Preparatory signal and until, but not after, she starts provided that, after stopping her engine / paddling or casting off her tow, she carries out two full 360° turns (720°) in the same direction (including two tacks and two gybes) on the pre-start side of the line or its extensions. Such a boat shall keep clear of all other boats until she has completed her turns and has started. No boat in the vicinity of the Start Line shall use her engine / paddle or accept a tow after her Preparatory signal. Any boat doing so may be subject to protest. This amends RRS 42
- b) **Avoiding shipping**
  - i) As a last resort to avoid obstructing ships, a boat may use her engine or any other means of propulsion, without retiring but must report such use to the Race Officer immediately after finishing. A Protest Committee will review the details and may impose a penalty if advantage is deemed to have been gained. This amends RRS 42 Propulsion.

#### **18) RETIRALS**

- a) Boats retiring must communicate this to the Race Officer as soon as possible.

#### **19) RESPONSIBILITY AND INSURANCE**

- a) The safety of a boat and its entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/skipper.
- b) 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."
- c) Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- d) 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;
- e) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- f) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

- g) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, including racing risks, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims;
- i) The fact that the race committee may conduct inspections of boats does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the Sailing Instructions.
- j) The committee of Port Edgar Sailing Club Regatta shall not be liable for any loss, damage or death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the Series.

**20) REGATTA OFFICE**

- a) The Regatta Office and Official Notice Board will be situated at the caravan located adjacent to PEYC Clubhouse in Port Edgar Marina.

**21) RESULTS**

- a) Results will be posted at the Race Office as soon as possible after Racing.

**22) PRIZES**

- a) Prizes will be awarded in the PEYC Clubhouse as soon as possible after the close of racing on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August.