



Port Edgar Yacht Club

2017 Geckotech Solutions 707 National Championship

Thursday 29th June – Sunday 2nd July 2017

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. All races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the 707 Class Association Rules.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.
- 1.3. The following racing rules will be changed;
 - RRS 35 and A4 & A5: Refer to SI 15.3
 - RRS 44.1: Refer to SI 14
 - RRS 60.1(a): Refer to SI 16.6
 - RRS 62.1(a): refer to SI 11.4 & SI 15.1
 - RRS 62.2: Refer to SI 16.7
 - RRS A4 & A5: Refer to SI 11.3 & SI 15.3

- 2. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. This will be located within PEYC Clubhouse

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at before 0900 on the day it will effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore and/or in the harbour by the Committee Boat, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Number of Races	Time of First Warning Signal	Time of Last Warning Signal
29 th June	4	11:55 hrs	Not after 16:00 hrs
30 th June	4	10:55 hrs	Not after 16:00 hrs
1 st July	4	10:55 hrs	Not after 16:00 hrs

1 st July	'3 Bridges Race'	After the end of the last series race of the day.	(Note: This race does not count towards a series score)
2 nd July	2	10:25 hrs	Not after 14:00 hrs

- 6.1. One extra race may be sailed if deemed necessary by the Race Committee
- 6.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange flag will be displayed on the Committee vessel with one sound signal five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 6.3. A briefing for Skippers will be held in PEYC Clubhouse on Thursday 29 June at 10:00 hours.
- 6.4. A radio briefing will be broadcast on Channel 77 at 09:30 hours on each subsequent day of the Championship.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The warning signal shall be numeral pennant 7



8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The course area is on the River Forth Estuary. It may be east or west of Port Edgar and competitors should note that the committee vessel may be situated as far as 2 miles from the marina.
- 8.2. Yachts are required to observe Forth Ports Authority regulations regarding distances to be kept from Hound Point Terminal (50m).
- 8.3. Ships have right of way as per Forth Navigation Bylaws. Particular attention must be paid to the designated shipping channels, especially between the Forth Bridges where ships change course about 40 degrees.
- 8.4. 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.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the Committee Boat will display on a board the number of rounds for that race.
- 9.3. The course diagram for the '3 Bridges Race' is shown in Attachment B.
It is expected that **all boats** will take part in, and finish, this race.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Marks will be as described in Attachment A and Attachment B
- 10.2. Start Line – Yellow; Windward – Orange / Green; Spreader – yellow; Gate- Orange.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The Start Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and a yellow buoy.
- 11.3. Any boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4. When at the starting signal any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number and/or hull number after the starting signal on VHF channel 77. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request or redress. This changes 62.1(a).

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and an orange buoy.

13. SHORTENING THE COURSE

13.1. When a Race Committee vessel at the windward mark displays the "S" flag then boats must complete that round to the Finish Line.

13.2. When a Race Committee vessel at the Windward mark displays the "S" flag **AND a blue flag** the boats must finish by passing between the mark and the Race Committee vessel.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows;

15.2. Race Target/Duration will be approximately 50 minutes.

15.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored for the finishing place equal to the number of boats that finished plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protest forms will be available in the PEYC clubhouse.

16.2. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the time limit.

16.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.

16.4. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, beginning at the time stated on the Notice.

16.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.6. Breaches of SIs 11.4, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

17.1. When 5 races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.2. When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.3. When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18. RETIRALS

18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee. [DP]

19.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. Equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1. Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the organising authority.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

23. RUBBISH DISPOSAL

23.1. Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

24.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. [DP]

25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

25.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. [DP]

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION

26.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

26.2. The Race Committee may make announcements to competitors on VHF Channel 77.

27. PRIZES

27.1. There will be daily and overall prizes presented.

28. RISK STATEMENT

28.1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states that: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'

28.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk by taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

28.3. 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;

28.4. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

28.5. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

28.6. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

28.7. The provision of a race management team, race committee boats, etc, does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

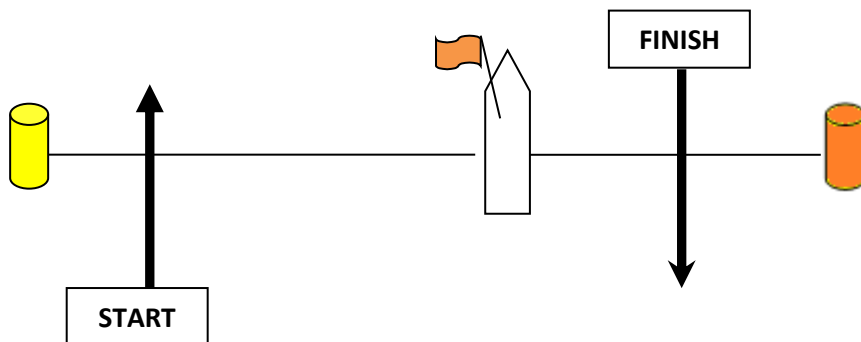
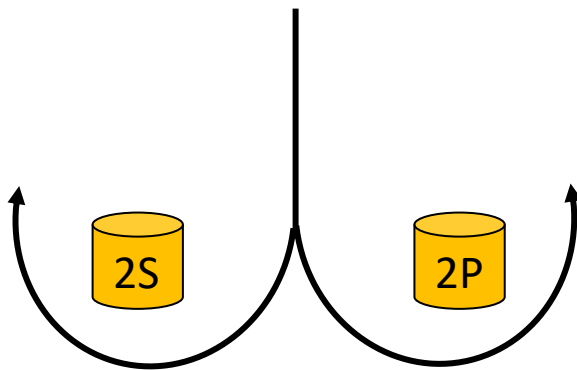
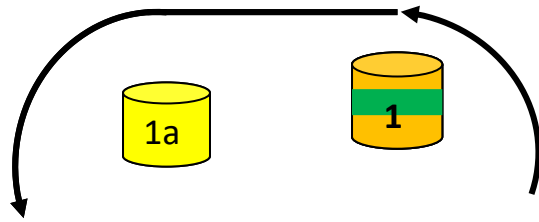
28.8. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

29. INSURANCE

29.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2000000 or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A

Course -Windward/leeward with Leeward finish



1 Round	START	1	1a	FINISH						
2 Rounds	START	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	FINISH			
3 Rounds	START	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	FINISH
ETC.										

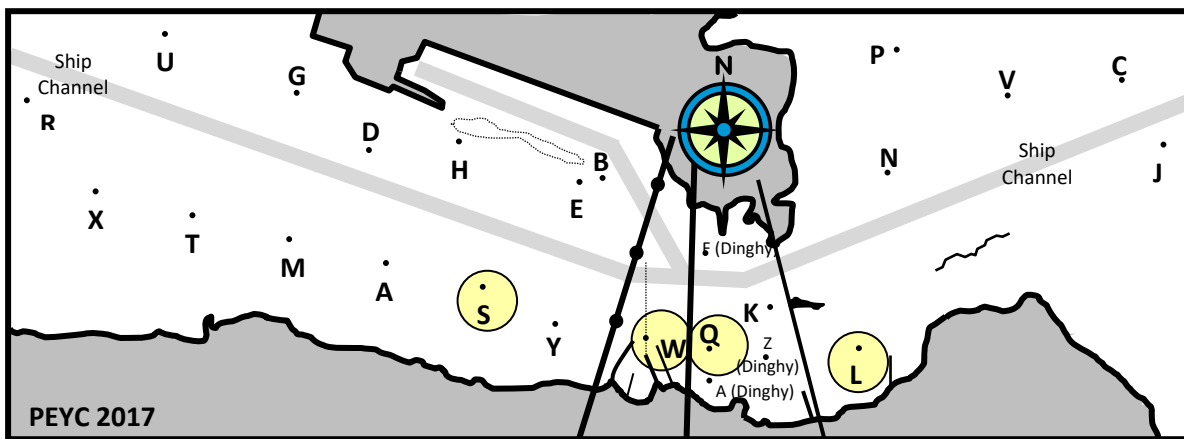
ATTACHMENT B

3 Bridges Race Saturday 1st July

Course:

Start – Mark 1 - L (stb) - W - S - Q (Finish Line)

All marks to be left to port except for L. The Race Committee will endeavour to place a vessel flying a pink flag at marks L, S, W and Q to identify the relevant marks



Name	Description	Latitude	Longitude
L	PEYC red race mark	55° 59.79'N	3° 22.72'W
S	PEYC red race mark	56° 00.18'N	3° 26.22'W
W	PEYC red conical race mark	55° 59.89'N	3° 24.66'W
Q	PEYC red race mark	55° 59.80'N	3° 23.94'W