

**GENERAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
707 CLASS ASSOCIATION FORTH REGATTAS 2019**



These Sailing Instructions apply to the following Regattas/Championships;

Dates	Regatta/Championship	Organising Authority	Class Rule 9 applies (yes/no)
13 & 14 April	Edinburgh Cup	Port Edgar Yacht Club (PEYC)	No
8 & 9 June	June Regatta	PEYC	No
21 & 22 September	Port Edgar Watersports Sprint Regatta	Port Edgar Watersports (PEW) & PEYC	No
19 & 20 October	Scottish Championship	PEYC	Yes

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.

1 RULES

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#) and the [Hunter 707 Class Rules](#).

1.2 [The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.](#)

1.3 The following racing rules are changed;

- RRS 35 and A4 & A5: Refer to SI 15.2
- RRS 44.1: Refer to SI 14
- RRS 60.1(a): Refer to SI 16.5
- RRS 61.3: Refer to SI 16.2
- RRS 62.1(a): refer to SI 11.4 & SI 15.1
- RRS 62.2: Refer to SI 16.6
- RRS A4 & A5: Refer to SI 11.3 & SI 15.2

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted:

- Port Edgar venue: on the official notice board located within PEYC clubhouse

2.2 A VHF radio briefing, Channel 88, will be broadcast at approx. 0930 hours on each day.

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CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at before 0900 on the day it will effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

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4.1

SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at PEYC clubhouse flagpole (**Sprint Regatta**: PEW flagpole)

4.2

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.

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SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates of racing are stated in the table at the beginning of these Sailing Instructions.

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The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each day of racing is 1025 hours (**Sprint Regatta** = 1027 hours).

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No warning signal will be made after 1600 hours on Saturdays and 1500 hours on Sundays. (**Sprint Regatta**: 1500 hours on Saturday, 1430 hours on Sunday)

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Scheduled number of races are:

- Saturdays: 4 races scheduled (Sprint Regatta = unlimited)
- Sundays: 3 races scheduled (Sprint Regatta = unlimited)

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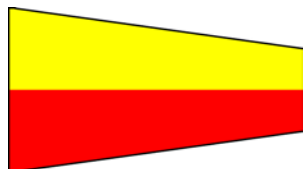
To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made. (Sprint Regatta only: at least 2 minutes before a warning signal is made)

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6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 International Code Signal Flag 7



6.2 **Sprint Regatta Only:**

The warning signal will be a flag of a single colour corresponding to the colour of mark 1, green, yellow or red, described in SI 9.1.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The course area is on the River Forth Estuary. It may be east or west of Port Edgar. The committee vessel may be situated as far as 3 miles from the marina

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the Course Signal (as Attachment A).

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are described as:

		(Sprint Regatta Only)
Start Mark	Yellow	Yellow
Mark 1	Orange	Green or
		Yellow or
		Red
Mark 1a	Yellow	Not used
Marks 2S/2P	Orange	Orange
Finishing Mark	Orange and green	Orange and green

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Areas designated as obstructions;
Hound Point Terminal, 50 metres distance: Boats are required to observe Forth Ports Authority regulations regarding distances to be kept from Hound Point Terminal.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

Sprint Regatta Only:

Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 3 minutes before the starting signal and the preparatory signal given 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.3 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at the Starting Signal and she is identified, the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number and/or boat name on VHF channel 88. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 SHORTENING AFTER THE START & CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 If the race committee signals a shortened course by displaying flag S with flag C and two sound signals at Mark 1, after boats round Mark 1a, they are to proceed directly to the finish line (**sprint regatta only**: boats will round Mark 1 and proceed directly to the finish line).

12.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds. RRS 33(a) & (b) is deleted.

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13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the port-end and the starboard-end finishing mark.

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 Target time for a race is 50 minutes (**Sprint Regatta only 20 minutes**).

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing or retiring. [DP]

16.2 Protest forms are available from PEYC clubhouse.

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

16.2 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. This changes RRS 61.3.

16.3 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 at the location stated on the Notice.

16.4 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).

16.5 Breaches of SIs 11.4, 19.1, 19.2, 20.1, 21 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.

16.6 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 To constitute a series, 3 races or more are required to be completed.

17.2 (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores*

(b) When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score*

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

* not applicable to Edinburgh Cup.

For the Edinburgh Cup Regatta, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18 RETIRALS

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

19 CREW LIMITS

19.1 Hunter 707 Class Rule Part B9.1 & 9.3 applies to the Scottish Championship. [DP]

19.2 Competitors of age 14 and under on the first scheduled day of racing in each regatta/championship are exempt from any crew limit. [DP]



20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
20.1 Equipment may be inspected at any time during the regatta/championship for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. [DP]

21 EVENT ADVERTISING & BOW NUMBERS
21.1 Boats may be required to display event advertising and/or bow numbers supplied by the organising authority. [DP]

22 RUBBISH DISPOSAL
22.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION
23.1 The Race Committee may make announcements to competitors on VHF Channel 88.

24 PRIZES
Prizes will be given as follows:
not exceeding 5 boats: 1st prize overall
from 6 to 15 boats: 1st and 2nd overall
exceeding 15 boats: 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall

The following trophies will be awarded to the first placed overall boat in the appropriate Regatta/Championship:

- Edinburgh Cup:
- Scottish Championship Trophy

Other trophies and prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY & RISK STATEMENT
The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race.

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”.

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 acknowledge that:

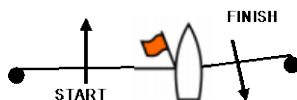
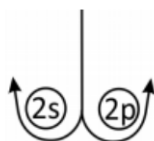
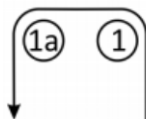
- a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires, and other officials and volunteers by the organising authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) it is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to the host venue or the 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.

26 INSURANCE
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3Million per incident or the equivalent.

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ATTACHMENT A:



Windward/leeward with Leeward finish	
Course Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – Finish
2	Start – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – 2s/2p – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) - Finish
3	Start – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – 2s/2p – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – 2s/2p – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – Finish
4	Start – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – 2s/2p – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – 2s/2p – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – 2s/2p – 1 (p) – 1a* (p) – Finish

In the event that a Gate Mark is not in place, boats shall round the remaining laid mark to port.

* Sprint Regatta only: Mark 1a not used