



# PEYC Notice of Race - Club Racing Apr 2021

1. Port Edgar Yacht Club is the Organising Authority for its Club racing on the River Forth for the 2021 season. The PEYC 2021 Race Programme and other relevant documents, modified in response to Covid-19, are on the PEYC Internet website: [www.peyc.org.uk](http://www.peyc.org.uk). Paper copies available on request.
2. PEYC shall comply with Scottish Government regulations and RYA (Scotland) guidance to minimise the risks posed by Covid-19. Competitors & race officials shall comply with Covid-19 guidelines and social distancing ashore, including travelling to & from Port Edgar, and should be aware of the advice in 'Boating Guidance for Scotland' on the RYA(S) website. Persons shall not compete if they have, or have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the previous 14 days.
3. Racing will be governed by the PEYC 2021 Sailing Instructions and the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24. RRS Rules 26, 29.1, 29.2 & 32.2 are altered when the Main Pier light signals are in use.
4. Dinghies will race in a single class using either RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) or PEYC Rolling Handicaps (RH) as specified.
5. Yachts will race in divisions or a single class, using either FYCA Baseline PY Handicaps or PEYC Rolling Handicaps (RH) as specified. Div-1 <975 PY; Div-2 707 one-design class; Div-3 >=975 PY. The elapsed times for Div-1 & Div-3 will be combined to calculate an overall result.
6. In order to race, boats must have valid insurance of not less than £2,000,000 and shall register before each race. Once Covid-19 restrictions permit, boats must enter for each race on the sign-in sheet at the Clubhouse but, until then, boats must register on-line, via the PEYC website.
7. Race marks and courses are specified in the PEYC 2021 Marks List and PEYC 2021 Course Lists for dinghies & yachts. Note para 1.7(b) in the PEYC 2021 Sailing Instructions dealing with the obstruction of shipping in the River Forth.
8. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A with discards and average points for race officer & rescue duties as defined in the PEYC 2021 Sailing Instructions.
9. By entering PEYC club racing, members who are boat owners undertake to perform the race officer and/or rescue duties over the season as allocated by the Sailing Committee.
10. PEYC subscribes to the RYA Racing Charter, as per the RYA edition of the RRS 2021-24, and Club members are expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter objectives are:
  - To provide the framework for everyone to enjoy the sport of sailboat racing in whatever capacity and to whatever level the individual desires.
  - To ensure that the sport of sailboat racing welcomes all people and treats them equally.
  - To ensure that those who experience sailboat racing are encouraged to continue.
11. **Risk Statement:** Rule 3 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 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;
  - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by PEYC does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

By entering and participating in races organised by PEYC, boat owners or their representatives agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern these races. They also confirm that they have read the PEYC Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that their boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race throughout such events.

*Jim Scott - PEYC Sailing Secretary - 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2021*