

# Port Edgar Yacht Club Annual Regatta



## Sailing Instructions Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019



### 1) RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of the RYA, and these instructions. The Principles and Practices of the RYA Racing Charter will be followed.

2) **HANDICAPS** - Handicaps will be the current FYCA Baseline Values or Regatta Committee decision.

3) **RESERVATIONS** - See Notice of Race

### 4) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS.

a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the PEYC clubhouse 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 in the race area and announced by VHF on Channel 77.

b) Briefing for all Divisions will be on VHF Chan 77 at 09:30 on Sun 8th Sept.

c) The Race Officer may use VHF channel 77 to inform boats that are OCS at a start and to pass on warnings of shipping passing through the race areas.

5) **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE** - Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole at PEYC Clubhouse.

When IC flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, racing will commence not less than 45 minutes after it is removed. This changes RRS Race signal 'AP'.

### 6) THE SCHEDULE OF RACES

a) Division 4: One long race with Warning Signal at 10:20

b) Divisions 1-3: Three 'back to back' races with 1st Warning Signal at 10:25

### 7) CLASS FLAGS

Divisions	Handicap	Class Flag
Division 1	FYCA <900	Red
Division 2	FYCA 901 - 974	Green
Division 3	FYCA 975 - 1150	Yellow
Division 4	Cruiser	Blue

### 8) COURSES (See also Appendices A & B)

All starts will be within Inverkeithing Bay

#### a) Division 4

No later than the Warning Signal, the course number will be displayed.

#### b) Divisions 1-3:

No later than the Warning Signal, the course letter will be displayed indicating either Standard Olympic (Triangle / Sausage) or Windward-Leeward course to be sailed.

### 9) MARKS

A list of the marks that will be used, including descriptions will be included in the Appendices.

### 10) THE START

The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.

### 11) THE FINISH

#### a) Divisions 1-3

Finish line will be between a committee vessel, flying a blue flag and an 'S' Flag, at Mark 4

#### b) Division 4

Finish Line will be between the Race Box flagstaff and mark W off Port Edgar Marina.

### 12) TIME LIMITS

a) **Divisions 1-3** - The Time limit is 20 minutes from the first boat finishing in each division

b) **Division 4** - The Time limit is 14:45 with an extension of 75 minutes from the first boat finishing.

### **13) COURSE AREA**

- a) The Racing Area is on the River Forth Estuary east of Port Edgar. Boats must keep a minimum distance of 30m from the Hound Point & Braefoot Tanker Terminals and 100m from any tanker berthed there.
- b) Ships have right of way in the shipping channels, as per the Forth Ports byelaws, and boats racing must not obstruct them.
- c) As a last resort to avoid obstructing ships, a boat may use her engine or other means of propulsion, without retiring but must report such use to the Race Officer immediately after finishing. A Redress Committee may impose a penalty if advantage is deemed to have been gained. This amends RRS 42 Propulsion.

### **14) SHORTENING COURSE**

- a) For Div-4, the shorten course signal shall be code flag S displayed at the Race Box at Port Edgar or a committee boat displaying a blue flag and flag S, at or near a mark of the course.
- b) For Divs 1-3, a committee boat shall display a blue flag and flag S, at or near a mark of the course, and all classes must finish between that mark and the mast or staff of the boat displaying that signal. If the course is shortened for certain classes only, then their class flags will be displayed also.

### **15) SAFETY**

- a) 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.
- b) All yachts must carry safety equipment in accordance with FYCA Category 4R.
- c) All yachts must carry an engine and sufficient fuel to reach and return from the race area 2 miles from Port Edgar Marina.
- d) All yachts shall carry a suitable main anchor and ground tackle, and a working VHF transceiver which can receive all Primary Intership Working Channels.

### **16) RISK STATEMENT - See Notice of Race**

### **17) INSURANCE - See Notice of Race**

### **18) DIVISION 4 RESTRICTED SAIL CONDITIONS & DEFINITION**

- a) Division 4 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 60% or less of the yacht's full crew except that 2 crew are permitted on 3-crew designed yachts. 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 display a white pennant or flag on the backstay or other prominent position, from its class warning signal until it finishes, and shall receive a +4% handicap adjustment. Requests for Restricted Sail must be made to the Race Committee by VHF channel 77 by 10:15 on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- b) **Definition**  
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.

### **19) PROTESTS**

- a) Boats intending to protest should draw the attention of the race officer to their protest flag by hail or by VHF. Protests must be lodged in writing at the Race Office within 30 minutes of the committee vessel returning to harbour. 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.

**20) SCORING SYSTEM** - Divisions 1, 2, & 3 will be scored using Appendix A of the RRS, with no discards.

**21) ABANDONED RACES**

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 35.

**22) LATE STARTING PENALTY**

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-deg turns (720-deg) 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

**23) RETIRALS** - Boats retiring must communicate this to the Race Officer as soon as possible.

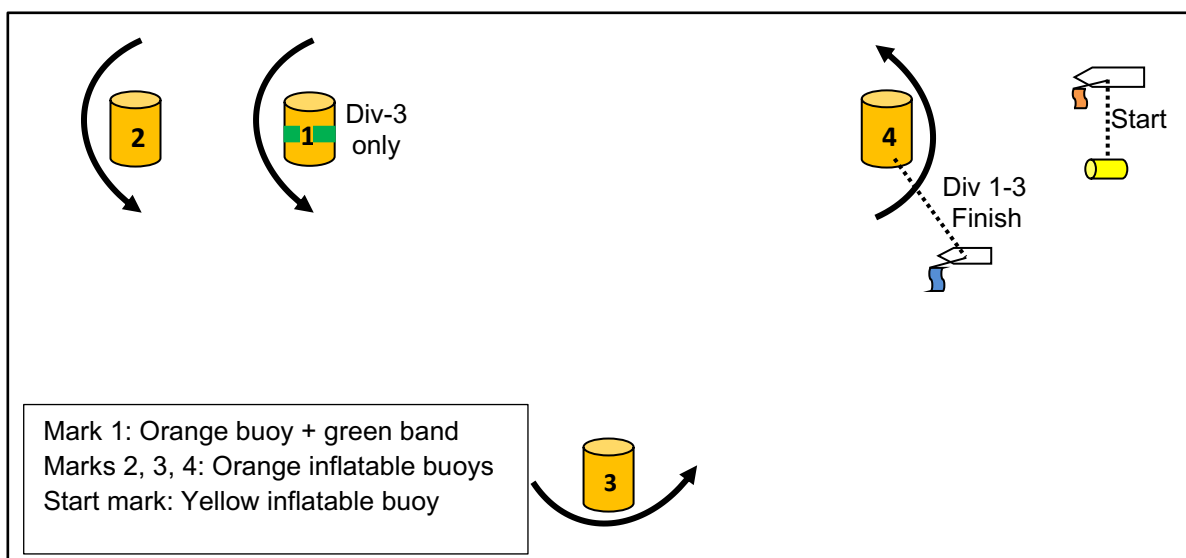
**24) REGATTA OFFICE** - The Regatta Office and Official Notice Board will be in the PEYC Clubhouse.

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

**26) PRIZES** - Prizes will be awarded in the PEYC Clubhouse at 17:00 hrs.

**Appendix A: Divisions 1-3**

Divisions	Flag	Start
Div 1(FYCA <900)	Red	10:30
Div 2 (FYCA 901 – 974)	Green	10:35
Div 3 (FYCA 975 – 1150)	Yellow	10:40
Note 1: Time Limit is 20 minutes after the first boat finishes in each division		
Note 2: Orange flag on the start line committee boat will be removed at the end of each race & displayed with 2 sound signals 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the next race.		



Courses	Order of rounding marks – All marks left to port							
<b>O</b>	Divisions 1 & 2	Start	2	3	4	2	4	Repeat until signalled to finish
<b>O</b>	Division 3	Start	1	3	4	1	4	Repeat until signalled to finish
<b>W</b>	Divisions 1 & 2	Start	2	4	Repeat until signalled to finish			
<b>W</b>	Division 3	Start	1	4	Repeat until signalled to finish			

## Appendix B: Division 4

Division	Flag	Start
Div 4	Blue	10:25
Note 1: Time Limit is 14:45 with 75 minutes extension after the first boat finishes		

### Courses

Ref.	Mark Rounding key: UPPER CASE TO PORT; lower case to starboard
1	1(To PORT) N j (c5) J w - j w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
2	1(To PORT) N j (c7) (leith ap) J w - n l w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
3	1(To PORT) N j (e gunnet) J w - n w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
4	1(To PORT) N j (c9) J w - n l w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
5	1(To PORT) N j (c11) J w - n w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
6	1(To PORT) N j (c13) J w - n w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
7	1(To PORT) N j (c15) J w - n l w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
8	1(To PORT) N j (c15) J w - l w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.
9	1(To PORT) N c j w - z w - <u>then l w repeated</u> - until Flag S is displayed.

### Marks (Nominal Positions)

Ref.	Description	Latitude	Longitude
1	Orange inflatable buoy with a green band	Located in Inverkeithing Bay	
J	No 16 red cat channel buoy	56 00.88	3 19.58
L	PEYC red race mark	55 59.79	3 22.72
N	No 19 green cone channel buoy	56 00.70	3 22.40
W	PEYC red conical race mark	56 00.00	3 24.66
Z	PEYC yellow race mark	55 59.78	3 23.40
C	No 17 green cone channel buoy	56 01.20	3 20.10
C5	No 5 green cat channel buoy	56 03.18	3 07.88
C7	No 7 green cone channel buoy	56 02.79	3 10.96
C9	No 9 green cat channel buoy	56 02.36	3 13.47
C11	No 11 green cat channel buoy	56 02.08	3 15.24
C13	No 13 green cat channel buoy	56 01.77	3 17.04
C15	No 15 green cat channel buoy	56 01.39	3 18.95
E Gunnet	East cardinal buoy	56 01.42	3 10.38
Leith AP	Leith approach red cat buoy	55 59.95	3 11.52