

**Port Edgar
Watersports**



Port Edgar Watersports Sprints Slam

25th/26th September 2021



Port Edgar Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Organising Authority

The event will be organised by Port Edgar Yacht Club

2. RULES

2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RSS) and the prescriptions of the RYA, including the Racing Charter and the Hunter 707 Class Association.

2.2 The series will be held in Hunter 707's.

2.3 The following rules will be changed;

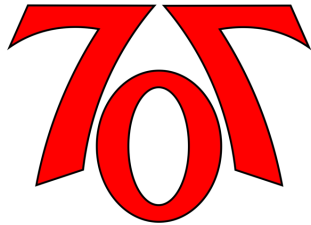
RRS 26 – Refer to SI 12.1

RRS 33 – Refer to SI 10.3

RRS 35 – Refer to SI 15.2

RRS 44.1 – Refer to SI 14.1

RRS A4 & A5 – Refer to SI 12.4 and 15.2



3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Port Edgar Yacht Club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on Saturday 25th September.

Any on the water changes shall be announced over the VHF radio – the channel will be 77.

IC Code 'L' will be displayed in both circumstances.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flagpole at PEYC.

5.2 When IC flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, racing will commence not less than 30 minutes after it is removed. This changes RRS Race signal 'AP'.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Each day's racing will be outlined at the radio briefing on channel 77 at 0930.

6.2 Warning signal for the first race each day will be at 1027.

6.3 The following races shall be run as soon as possible after the previous race.

6.4 At the end of the first race each day the orange flag on the mast of the committee boat will be removed. To alert boats to the start of the next race the orange flag will be displayed with 2 sound signals 2 minutes before the next warning signal is made. This will apply to all subsequent races.

6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1600 on Saturday and 1500 on Sunday.

7. TIDES (BST)

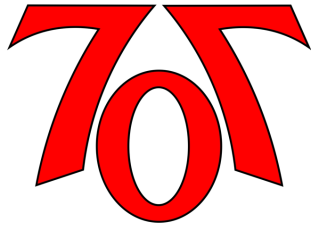
Saturday 15th:

Low – 1122, 1.1m High – 1803, 5.3m

Sunday 16th:

Low – 1155, 1.4m High – 1837, 5.1m

8. FLAGS



Class flag will be number 7 pennant.

9. RACING AREAS

9.1 The racing area will be the Firth of Forth, east or west of Port Edgar Marina.

9.2 Yachts are required to observe FPA regulations regarding distances to be kept from Rosyth Dockyard (150m).

9.3 YACHTS OBSTRUCTING SHIPPING MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.

9.4 Ships have right of way as per Forth Navigation Bylaws. Particular attention must be paid to the designated shipping channels, especially between the Queensferry Crossing and the Forth Bridge where ships change course about 40 degrees. Yachts are advised to keep at least 100m from a ship as it passes.

10. THE COURSE

10.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course.

10.2 A board displaying a number on each side of the committee boat before the warning signal for each race will indicate the number of rounds to be sailed in that race.

10.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

10.4 Boats must pass mark 1 to port but can choose to pass either 2p to port or 2s to starboard.

10.5 When one of the gate marks is missing, the mark remaining must be left to port.

10.6 Multiple windward marks may be layed. An official boat will be stationed adjacent to the windward mark to be used for that race. Any additional windward mark will not constitute a mark on the course.

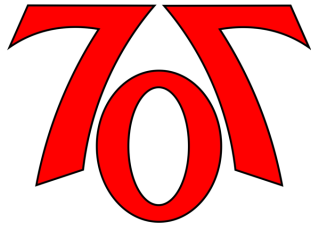
11. MARKS

All marks are given in Addendum A.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal. The preparatory signal will be made 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

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



12.3 An announcement of any boats deemed OCS at the start may be notified via VHF.

12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

13.THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.

13.2 The course may be shortened by displaying IC Code 'S' as boats round mark 1. Boats shall then then proceed through the finishing line.

13.3 Alternative finishing line: In exceptional circumstances a race may be finished at mark 1 by a vessel flying a blue flag and displaying IC Code 'S' accompanied by 2 sound signals. The finishing line shall be between the finishing vessel and the nearby mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 Any yacht taking a penalty will be required to make one turn, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.

14.2 When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

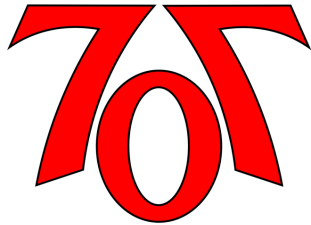
15.TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 Each race shall have a target completion time of 20 minutes

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, unless W Flag is flown, as stated in 15.4. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15.3 If all boats have completed more than one lap when the time limit is reached, and there are no finishers, the result may, be taken from the last lap all boats completed.

15.4 At the discretion of the committee, or if the time limit is reached (15.2), the Race Committee may display Flag W to notify any boats still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water. In this event, an official boat will pass up the course and boats will be scored in the place as recorded by the official vessel. This changes rule RRS 28.1, A4.2. When this alternative procedure is in operation the Race Committee will extend the Time Limit after the first boat finishes until all boats still racing have a recorded place.



16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at PEYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 Protest forms must be handed directly to the Race Officer.

16.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to shore after that day's racing.

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, located at PEYC, at a time agreed by all parties and the protest committee.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

16.6.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

16.6.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

17. SCORING

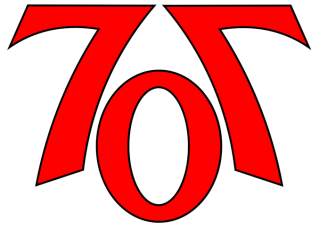
17.1 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.2 Discards be allowed at races 5, 11, 16, 21 and 26 races. E.g. 1 discard after 5 races, 2 discards after 10 etc.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

18.2 Personal Buoyancy for all crew members must be worn or carried on board boats. Competitors must wear a correctly fitted lifejacket or personal buoyancy aid complying with the relevant EN standard if International Code (IC) flag Y is displayed before the Warning Signal, indicating that RRS 40 is in operation. At other times the RYA recommends that, you wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid unless you are sure you do not need to.



19.OFFICIAL BOATS

All official boats/vessels shall fly a pink flag.

20.RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 The channel to be used will be 77.

20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 the regatta.

21.2 The crew of the boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

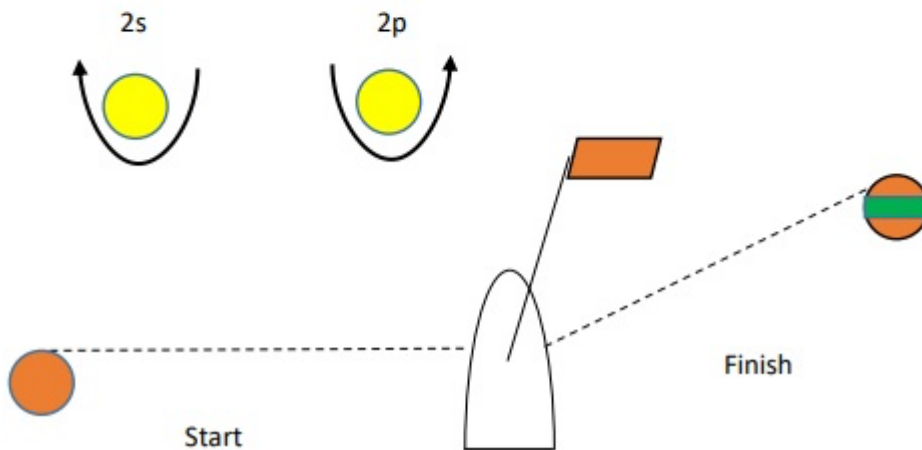
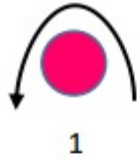
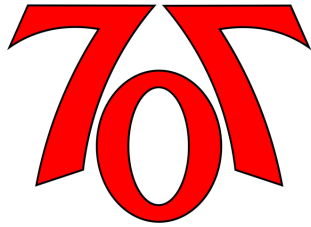
21.3 It is for the Skipper to decide whether they are fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the Skipper confirms that they are fit for those conditions and their crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

21.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and centre.

21.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

21.INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.



Addendum: Course

A two lap course: Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

A three lap course: Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

NB: There may be more than one pink mark at the windward end of the course. An official vessel will be stationed next to the windward mark to be rounded for that race.