



Sailing Instructions

13th July 2017 to 16th July 2017

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England,
Plym Yacht Club, Saltash Sailing Club, RNSA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Competitors and their families are invited by the Flag Officers of The Royal Western Yacht Club to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of the regatta and to have full use of the bar, catering and other facilities of the Club.

Sailing instructions for the Single handed class are dealt with separately on the website – [CLICK HERE](#)

1 RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

- 1.2 Where boats are racing within the boundaries of the Port of Plymouth they are referred to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, a copy of which is displayed on the website <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1999/2029/contents/made> and Local Notices to Mariners. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Misconduct.

- 1.3 Under rule 87, rule(s) IRC Rule 22.4.2 of the IRC class rules is replaced with:

“The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the crew number printed on the certificate plus two. There is no weight limit.”

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 For the purposes of this series the Plymouth Regatta website shall be the Official Notice Board. To view this website *Click here*.

- 2.2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before it will take effect. However, a change to the schedule of racing shall be made no later than 2100 the day before.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC flagstaff, for all classes.

- 3.2 The failure to receive any Race Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

- 3.3 Where flag AP is flown ashore, ‘I minute’ is replaced by ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of Flag AP in the RRS.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 The registration form can be downloaded from the regatta website at <http://yacht-regatta.ppsa.org.uk/regatta-registration/> Entrants must supply a shore-based emergency contact name and telephone number.

Registration is mandatory for all classes in the following way.

Cruisers and White Sail: Registration will be with Plym Yacht Club.

All other classes can register at the Regatta Office (Dolphin Room at RWYC) at the following times:

Competitors must bring the Registration Form to the Regatta Office to verify a shore contact telephone number of a person who must have contact details for all crew members. We also need to verify handicap ratings if appropriate.

IRC/ORC, Sportsboat and Squib classes at 1400 – 1900 Thursday 13th July or 0800 -1000 Friday 14th July and Saturday 15th July.

J24 and Seascope 18 at 1400 – 1900 Thursday 13th July or 0800 – 1000 Friday 14th July.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACING

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday 14 th July	0930	J24 & Seascapes Briefing
	1125	Warning signal for first race J24's and Seascapes.
	1825	Warning signal for Cruiser class.
Saturday 15 th July	1055	Warning signal 1 st race of the day for all other classes.
	1115 - 1145	Start line open for White Sail Event
Sunday 16 th July	1025	Warning signal 1 st race of the day for all other classes
	1045 - 1115	Start line open for White Sail Event

Number of races	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
IRC/ORC	0	3	2
J24	4	4	2
Seascapes	4	4	3
Sportsboats and Squibs	0	3	2
Cruisers	1	3	2
White Sail	0	1	1

One extra race may be sailed in any one day, providing that the series, for any class, does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

Class starts may be amalgamated where numbers require. Details will be given at the briefing.

6 COURSES

6.1 Windward/leeward courses will be run for all courses other than cruisers, white sail and single-handed – see Appendix 1.

6.2 Cruisers and White Sail will use fixed navigation marks – see Appendix 2 and Regatta website.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class	Pennant	Class	Pennant
IRC	1	Sportsboats	0
J24	J FLAG	Squibs	NN9
Seascapes	9	White Sail	W
Cruisers	4	ORC	1

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 Racing for Squibs, Seascape 18's and Sportsboats will take place north of Plymouth Breakwater. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches.
- 8.2 Racing north of Plymouth breakwater will be around 'laid marks' for these classes.
- 8.3 Cruiser and White Sail courses will be around harbour marks starting and finishing at the Plym Yacht Club line at the end of Mountbatten Breakwater. Standard courses are available on the website.
- 8.4 IRC, ORC and J24 racing will take place South the breakwater. The Race Committee reserve the right to set a course inside the harbour if weather conditions require it.

9 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

- 9.1 Cruisers and White Sail - Harbour marks, as per chartlet in Appendix 2.
- 9.2 IRC, ORC and J24's will use Yellow Pillar marks.
- 9.3 Squibs and Sportsboats will use black dumpy marks.
- 9.4 Outer distance marks will be orange or yellow pillars.
- 9.5 Alternate windward marks will have a coloured band around the usual colour mark.
- 9.6 Finish marks will be a dahn buoy carrying a blue flag.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start line for all classes (except Cruisers and White Sail) will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel and the outer distance mark.
- 10.2 All boats shall pass close to the Committee vessel on the side opposite to the start line, or pass close to PYC Race Control, before the start of the first race of each day with mainsails hoisted for identification.
- 10.3 The start line for Cruisers will be from the PYC flagstaff and an orange transit pole, situated at the end of Mount Batten Breakwater – the ODM will be notified by VHF on the day.
- 10.4 The start line for the White sail will be between the PYC flagstaff and the RPCYC flagstaff.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 In addition to the procedures in Rule 29.1, the Race Committee may announce on vhf that one or more boats were over the line. Competitors are reminded that it their responsibility to ensure that they have started correctly. Failure to make or receive such transmissions is not grounds for redress.

This changes rule 29.1

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark, as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

This changes Rule 33

The above only applies to Windward/Leeward courses. There will be no changes to legs on courses using fixed navigation marks.

13 SHORTENED COURSE

Competitors are reminded that the course may be shortened at any mark, however the committee vessel may be either the start boat, or another race committee vessel (eg a rib).

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 For Windward/Leeward courses, the finish line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag, on the committee boat and a dahn buoy displaying a blue flag.
- 14.2 For Cruisers, the finish will be between the PYC flagstaff and the last mark of the course.
- 14.3 The White Sail finish line will be the same as the start line.

15 THE PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the below website for details.

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/Pages/rules-disputes-process.aspx>

- 15.2 For all classes, the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

This changes rule RRS 44.1

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office in the Royal Western Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the regatta office within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat of that class has finished the last race of that day or 90 minutes after the time that the race committee signals that racing is abandoned for the day.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted on the official Regatta notice board no later than 30 minutes after that class protest time limit ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. All parties to a hearing must assemble at the appointed time.
- 16.4 Notice of a hearing posted on the Regatta noticeboard will be adequate notice to competitors. This changes RRS 63.2
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)

17 RETIREMENT AND TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Race Committee as soon as possible but no later than 60 minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 17.2 Retirements shall be reported via VHF to the relevant course Committee Boat (or PYC Race Control), or by telephone to RWYC telephone: 01752 660077
- 17.3 Time limits for the windward/leeward courses will be 75 minutes for the first boat. Boats failing to finish within 25% of the elapsed time of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 17.4 The time limit for Cruisers will be 90 minutes for the first boat. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 17.5 The time limit for White Sail will be 3 hours.
This changes RRS35, A4 and A5.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Two races are required to constitute a series, other than White Sail, which is one race.
- 18.2 Discards - one result may be discarded once each fleet has completed the following number of races.
 - 4 – IRC, ORC, Squibs and Sportsboats
 - 5 – Cruisers
 - 8 – J24's
 - 9 – SeascapesNo discard is available for the White Sail class.

19 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 19.2 Dispensation from SI 19.1 is applicable to all boats dry sailed during the Regatta due to possible berthing restrictions.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 All yachts shall carry and operate a VHF radio and monitor Race committee broadcasts.

20.2 The Regatta Committee will use the following VHF Channels.

Committee Boat	Callsign	VHF Channel
Betsy	Betsy	10
Prima	Prima	77
Cruisers/White sail	PYC	72

20.3 The failure to receive any Regatta Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

20.4 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.

21 PRIZES

Daily prizes will be awarded to all classes. Overall class prizes/trophies will be awarded to each class.

22 RISK STATEMENT

22.1 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”.

22.2 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:

- (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 other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

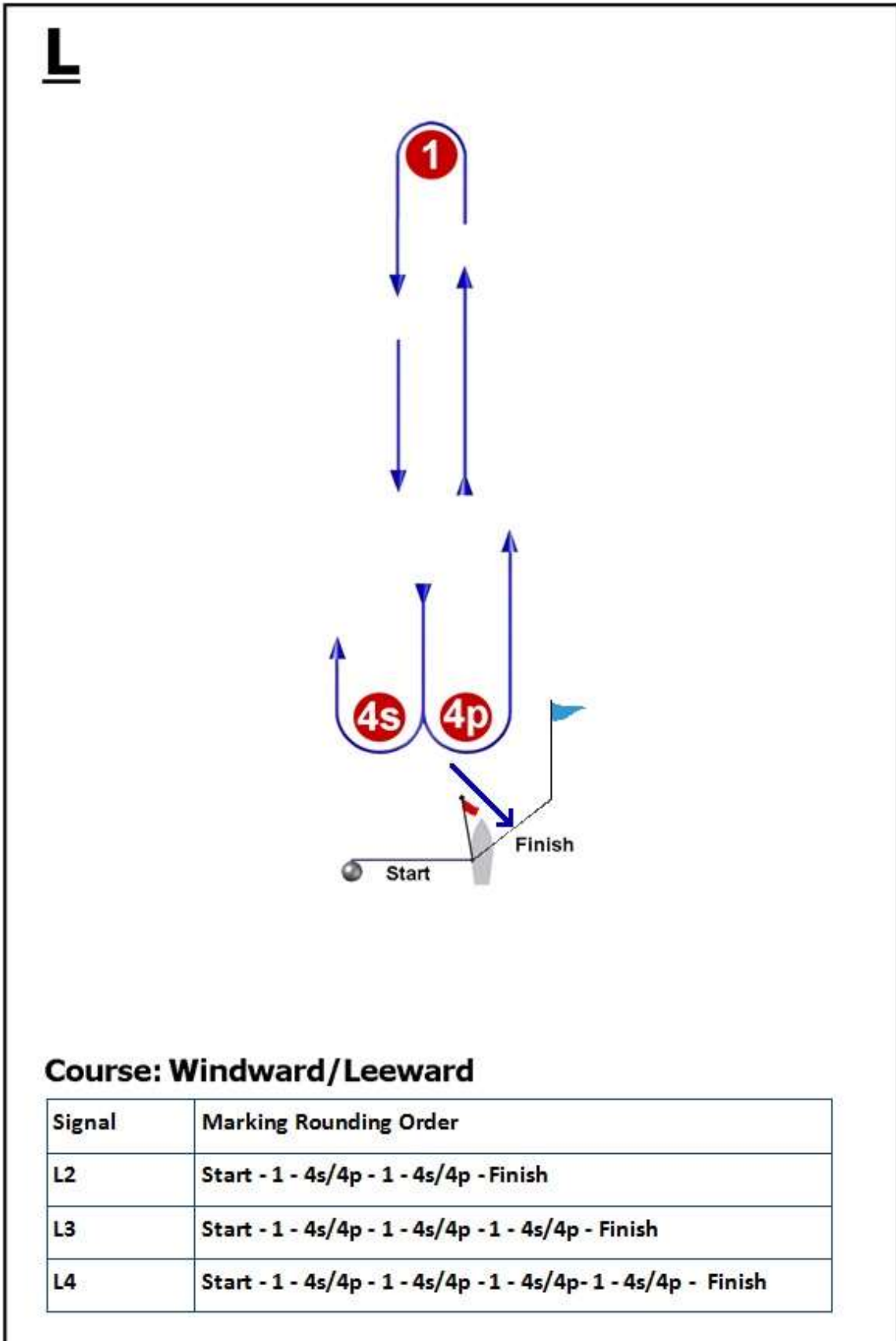
22.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in these Sailing Instructions.

23 INSURANCE

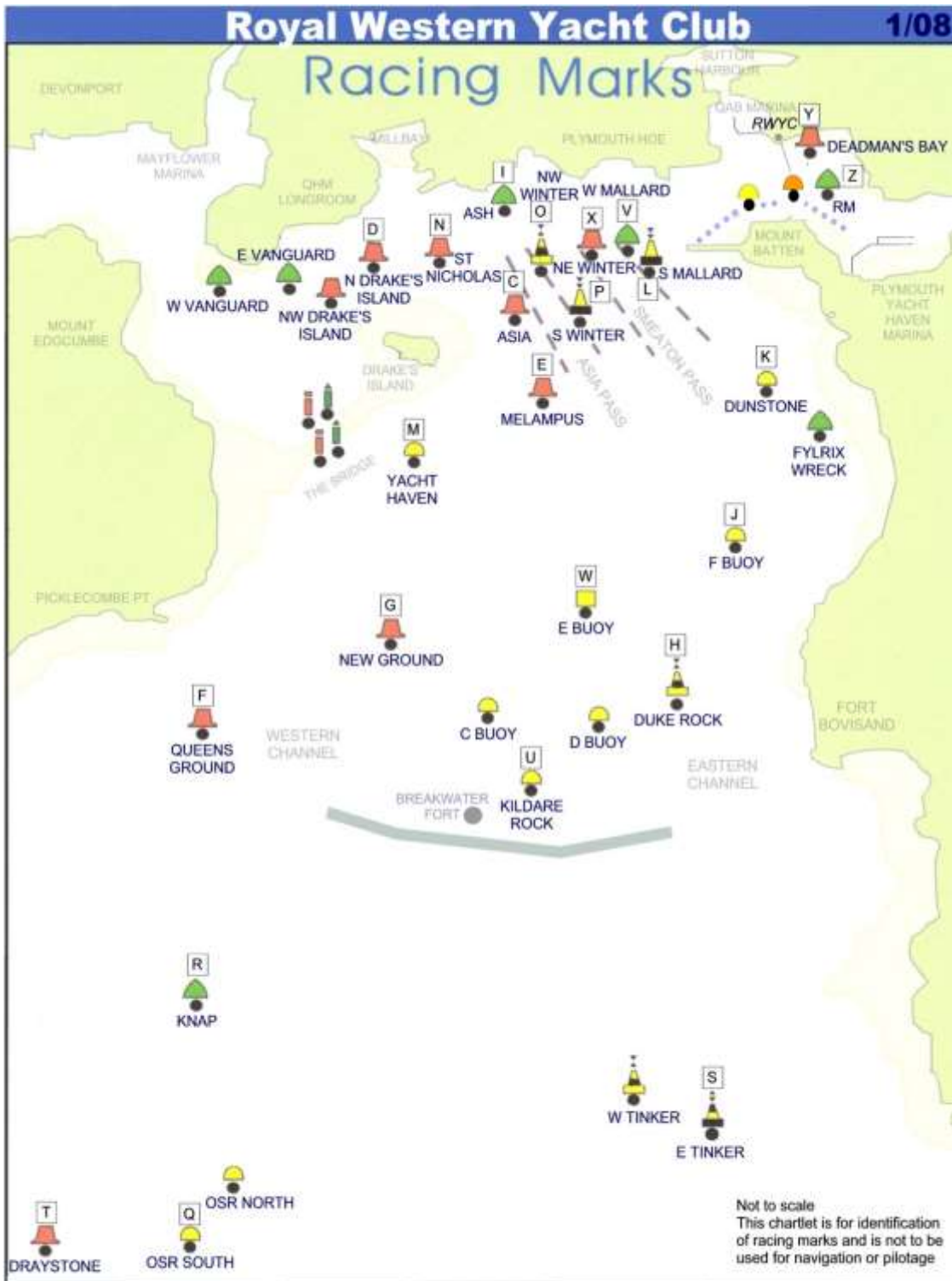
Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third-party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

APPENDIX 1 – WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSE

Note : 4S is only used on courses South of the Breakwater



APPENDIX 2



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| A LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (WINDWARD) | G NEW GROUND | N ST NICHOLAS | U KILDARE ROCK |
| A+ LAID INFL BUOY (WINDWARD SPREADER) | H DUKE ROCK | O NW WINTER | V WEST MALLARD |
| B LAID INFLATABLE BUOY (LEEWARD) | I ASH | P SOUTH WINTER | W E MOORING BUOY |
| C ASIA | J F MOORING BUOY | Q OSR SOUTH | X NE WINTER |
| D NORTH DRAKE'S ISLAND | K DUNSTONE | R KNAP | Y DEADMAN'S BAY |
| E MELAMPUS | L SOUTH MALLARD | S EAST TINKER | Z ROYAL MARINE |
| F QUEENS GROUND | M YACHT HAVEN | T DRAYSTONE | |