

BALLYHOLME YACHT CLUB ICEBREAKER SERIES 2016/2017

Organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club

2nd October 2016 to 18th December 2016 and

5th February 2017 to 9th April 2017



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rules 25, 26, 29.2, 40, 61.3, 62.2, 63.1, A4 and Race Signals will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the individual classes will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the front door of Ballyholme Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1400 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole at Ballyholme Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 The series will be run in two parts
Part One will run from Sunday 2nd Oct 2016 to Sunday 18th Dec 2016 with 12 Races scheduled
Part Two will run from Sun 5th Feb 2017 to Sunday 9th April 2017 with 10 races scheduled.
- 5.2 One race will be run on each day.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1424.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class	Flag	Start Time
Small PY Dinghies		
Laser 4.7.	J	1430
Topper 4.2	O	1430
Topper 5.3	T	1430
Larger Dinghy Fleet	V	1433
Multihull Fleet	F	1436
Laser Standard & Radial	R	1439

The Small Dinghy Fleet including Topper 5.3, Topper 4.2, Laser 4.7 - will start together on Flag T.

7 THE COURSE

- 7.1 The Course will be set using the BYC Dinghy Marks in Ballyholme Bay. There will normally be a committee boat start. Courses are described on the course cards available in the foyer of BYC and will be indicated for the first boat in each fleet by a numbered board displayed on the front of the battery. For the Small Dinghy Fleet (except Laser 4.7s) marks 7 and 11 are replaced by small red marks placed to the south of the black marks 7 and 11.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 Marks 7, 8 and 11 are black inflatables. the Turning Mark TM is a green inflatable, the finish mark is a black inflatable. For Small Dinghy Fleet (except Laser 4.7) Marks 7 and 11 will be small red inflatables.

9 THE START

- 9.1** RRS 26 shall not apply and signals will be made at three minute intervals. After the first start, the display of the Class Flag shall be the Preparatory Signal for that Fleet and the Warning Signal for the next Fleet to start.
- 9.2** The starting line will be between a mast on a committee boat (RIB) displaying an orange flag and one of the marks 7, 8, 11, TM mark or Finish Mark.
- 9.3** If flag B is flown at the Club flagstaff the starting line will be between a striped board on the front of the battery and the green TM mark.
- 9.4** In the case of a general recall the warning and preparatory signals for that class start may be displayed at the same time.
- 9.5** A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 9.6** Boats whose preparatory signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting area.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1** The finishing line will be between a striped board on the front of the battery and the black finishing mark F located to the north of the Turning Mark TM.
- 10.2** The Finishing Mark shall not rank as a mark of the course on the first leg of a course started from the battery line.
- 10.3** The Finishing Signal shall be flag S displayed on its own if all fleets are to finish or together with the class flags detailed in SI 6 if only fleets designated by those flags are to finish.
- 10.4** In amendment of RRS 25 and Race Signals no sound signal will be made when displaying a finishing signal.
- 10.5** After starting correctly the Finishing Line shall rank as an obstruction on all legs of the course, except the first in the case of a battery start, and when completing a round. In amendment of RRS 63.1 a boat contravening SI 10.5 shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 10.6** After finishing boats are requested to **keep clear of the Finishing Line** and the sight lines from the battery to those boats approaching the finish line.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1** The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 12.1** Protest forms are available at the battery at BYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit which is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

13 SCORING

- 13.1** Five races in each part of the series are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3** When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13.4** When from 8 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 13.5** When 11 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 13.6** The two parts of the series will be scored as separate events. There will also be an Overall Series. Results for the Overall Series will be calculated by adding the net points of each "Part" together.
- 13.7** In amendment of A4.2 boats who are scored DNS, OCS, BFD, DNF, RAF or DSQ will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of starters in that race. Boats scored DNC will be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of starters in that race.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1** Competitors shall wear adequate buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.
- 14.2** Each boat shall have an adequate towing warp of at least three metres in length which does not form any part of the sheets, lines or rigging. The warp must be secured to a strong point at all times when afloat.
- 14.3** Competitors shall enter each individual race by recording their names, class, and sail number clearly and legibly on the sheet provided for that purpose in the foyer of the Club **before going afloat**. In amendment of RRS 63.1 a boat contravening SI 14.3 shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 14.4** Lasers must clearly designate whether they are racing as a Laser or a Laser Radial on the signing out sheet.

15 SAIL NUMBERS

- 15.1** Boats shall display a clearly visible sail number on their mainsails. In any one race of the series, no two or more boats of the same fleet shall display numerically identical sail numbers. A breach of this SI shall result in all boats involved being scored DSQ without a hearing. This SI shall rank as "Warning" for the purposes of RRS 77 and Appendix G4. The Race Officer shall not have the power to waive this SI under any circumstances.
- 15.2** A boat may temporarily use a mainsail carrying a different number from her allotted number provided notice of this intention is given to the Race Committee for each individual race of the series before going afloat. Recording a sail number as for example **"16081 using number 702"** on the signing out sheet referred to in SI 14.3 above is acceptable written notice for the purpose of this SI.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1** 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.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1** Each Fleet will have their own separate series and prizes will be awarded for both parts of the series. The Part One Prize giving will be held at the Icebreaker dinner after racing on 18th December 2016. The Overall and Part Two Prize giving will be held after racing on 9th April 2017.
- 17.2** The Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets for Laser Standards will be determined after 6 races of Part 1, splitting the fleet into 3 equal sections. If uneven, the bigger section will be the Gold fleet, Silver fleet and so on.

18 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing by its nature is 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 or omissions;
- (d) 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.00 Sterling or the equivalent.