

# Ballyholme Yacht Club



## NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### FOR CLUB POINTS RACING 2020

#### Including Amendment 3

(Deletions are shown in Strikethrough, Additions in Italics)

## OVERVIEW - RETURN TO RACING UNDER COVID-19

### Amendment 3 includes new shorter courses – not just for Toppers

It is the intention to run Club Points Racing, starting Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Racing will be for: Slow Handicap Dinghies, Fast Handicap Dinghies, Multihulls and Lasers only *Please* ensure social distancing, particularly on the slipway. Racing will be for single and double handed boats.

We will be running with the minimum number of race management volunteers and a slightly simpler flag system – so please read the Sailing Instructions. These instructions will be updated as the situation evolves and we can get back to full normal(ish) racing.

The Government is trusting people to continue to act responsibly and follow the guidance on what they should and should not do. Therefore, participants will have to make their own decisions on whether they can sail their dinghy, keelboat or yacht whilst maintaining adequate social distancing. Social distancing remains at 2 metres unless you use mitigating measures which will allow a reduction to 1 metre plus. On a boat, these mitigations could include (in addition to being outdoors) 1m separation marks on the deck, wearing gloves, using face coverings, avoiding face to face contact, cleaning procedures for equipment, following public health measures (e.g. hand washing hand sanitiser) and no shouting etc. The risk should be assessed case by case and with the correct mitigation in place, it may now be possible for people from different households to sail certain boats. Crews may be requested to advise what mitigating actions they have taken.

In any event, it is up to the participant to individually assess their own risk in taking part in Club Racing at present. It is the responsibility of the members concerned to ensure they adhere to social distancing measures when sailing together. Ballyholme Yacht Club encourages safe sailing but are not responsible for enforcing social distancing measures between members on the water sailing together in the same boat. We are very exposed to public view at Ballyholme so to avoid any negative feedback please use common sense when in the dinghy park and be Conservative and Considerate in your sailing. Hand sanitiser is available at various points in the dinghy park – please use it.

## NOTICE OF RACE

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is Ballyholme Yacht Club

#### 1 RULES

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- 1.3 Racing rules 26, 27.1, 28.1, 29.2, 32.2, 33, 40, 61.3, 62.2, A2 A4 and A5 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in the sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the various Class Associations will apply.

## **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**2.1** Club Points Racing is open to all members' boats that fall into one of the classes as defined in SI 5 below.

**2.2** There is no formal entry form – boats must be registered with the club.

## **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

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

## **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.**

Points Racing will be one series, dates as follows:

<b>Series</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Finish Date</b>	<b>Races</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Sunday Season	19 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> September	7	No Club racing on Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> August Members Regatta Weekend
Tuesday Series	4 <sup>th</sup> August	8 <sup>th</sup> September	6	

## **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions are attached to this document and are available on the Club Website at [www.ballyholme.com](http://www.ballyholme.com).

## **7 COURSES**

Courses will be around fixed marks.

## **8 SCORING**

Class Captains will be responsible for the production of results for their Class.

## **9 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats in their class.

## **10 PRIZES**

Each Fleet will have their own separate series and prizes will be awarded for each Series.

## **11 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone"

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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

## 12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 Sterling or the equivalent.

### END OF NOTICE OF RACE

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#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the battery in the north dinghy park.

#### 5 CLASSES AND FLAGS

Start Times, Class flags and Course designations

Class	Class Flag	Start Time Tuesdays	Start Time Sundays	Course	Start on Flag	
Slow Dinghy	Topper	1906	1430	Topper	T	
	Topper 4.2					Q
	Laser 4.7			J		Short
	RS Feva and other dinghies			G		
Fast Dinghy PN<1140	V	1909	1433	Short	V	
Multihull	F	1912	1436	Short	F	
Laser & Laser Radial	R	1915	1439	Short	R	

## 6 SAIL NUMBERS

Boats may sail with a sail number different from their allotted number, provided that notice of this intention is given to the Class Captain for each individual race of a series before going afloat. Failure to comply with this will result in the boat being scored DNC without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 A4 and A5

## 7 THE COURSE

Each Class will sail the course as indicated in the Diagrams for Short/Medium Courses at the end of these Sailing Instructions.

7.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the north side of the Summer Battery.

7.3 In amendment of RRS 27.1 and RRS 33 the course to be sailed may be displayed shortly after the preparatory signal or when a subsequent round is to be sailed, when the leading boats in a class approach the Finishing Line at the end of the preceding round.

7.4 Instead of Marks 11 and 7 and 8 the Topper and Topper 4.2 classes will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11 and 7 and to the west of mark 8.

## 8 MARKS

Marks 7, 8, 11 and F are black inflatables. Mark TM is a green inflatable.

## 9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

After starting correctly, the finish line between the orange pole on the summer battery and the black mark F shall rank as an obstruction except when finishing or completing a round. Boats contravening this SI will be scored as DSQ without hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between an orange mast on the Summer Battery and the course side of a black mark F.

10.2 RRS 26 shall not apply. Start times and signals will be made at three-minute intervals.

10.3 The Starting Sequence will be as follows:

<i>Time Tuesday</i>	<i>Time Sunday</i>	<i>Flag Displayed</i>	<i>Flag Removed</i>	<i>Description</i>
1900	1424	T		Warning Slow Handicap Fleet
1903	1427	P	T	Preparatory Slow Handicap
1906	1430	V	P	Start Slow Handicap, Preparatory Fast Handicap
1909	1433	F	V	Start Fast Handicap, Preparatory Multihulls
1912	1436	R	F	Start Multihulls, Preparatory Lasers/Radials
1915	1439		R	Start Lasers and Laser Radials

A sound signal will accompany each signal

10.4 A boat that does not start within 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.5 A boat whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

## 11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between an orange mast on the Summer Battery and the course side of a black mark F.

11.2 The finishing signal shall be Flag S displayed on its own if all classes are to finish or with class flags as per SI 5.1 if only the classes designated by those flags are to finish. No sound signal will be made. This changes RRS 32.2 and Race Signals.

11.3 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may award a

finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place.

- 11.4** In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may finish a boat when that boat has not completed the full complement of laps as completed by the first boat in that class. A finishing time under this Sailing Instruction will be calculated by the average lap method.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1** Protest forms are available in the battery. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished. 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 RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3** Protest forms shall include the email address and contact telephone number of the protestor and when possible the protestee.
- 13.4** Notices will be posted within 48 hours of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1** When fewer than five races in a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 14.2** In the slow and fast dinghy handicap class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Number.
- 14.3** In multihull handicap class, elapsed time will be calculated by applying an appropriate conversion factor based on the SCHRS.
- 14.4** All other classes will be considered to be 'One Design'.
- 14.5** Boats unable to race because their crew were on battery or rescue duty shall be awarded average points as per RRS A10(a)
- 14.6** A boat may be disqualified from a race, without a hearing, if any Club Member on board has failed to fulfil their Battery or Rescue duty without providing reasonable excuse or if their subscription or dinghy park fees are in arrears.

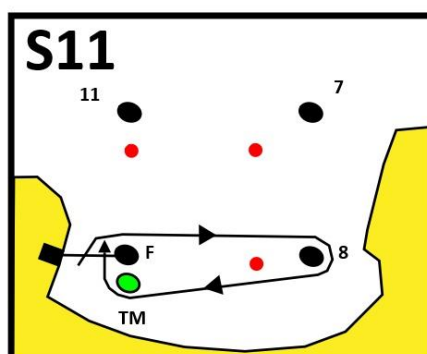
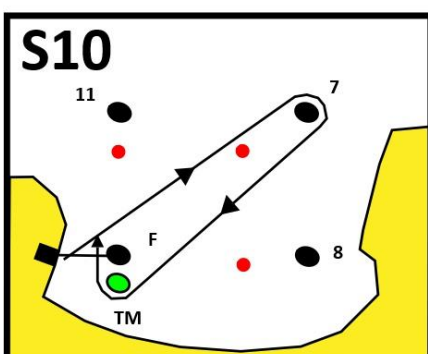
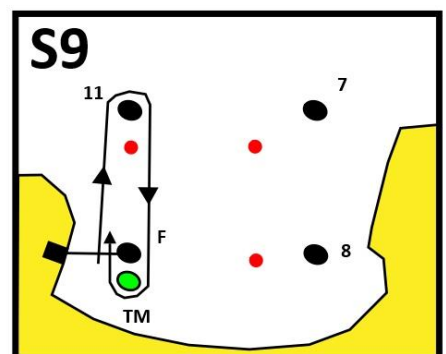
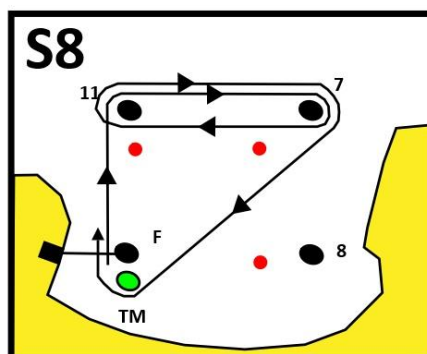
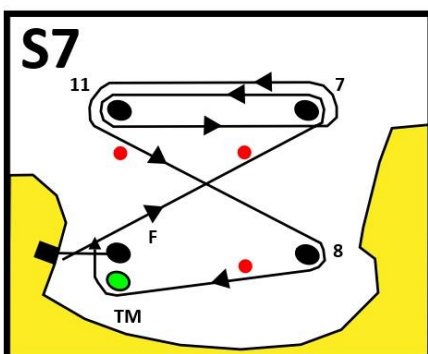
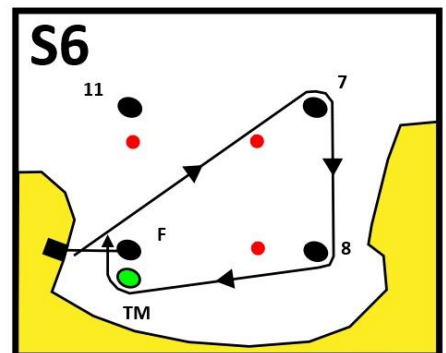
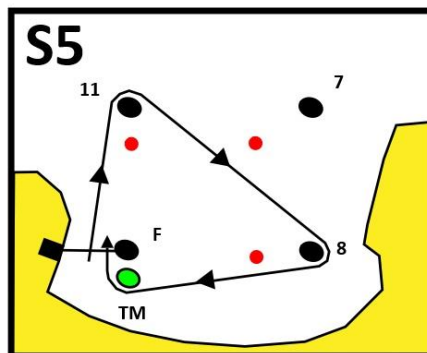
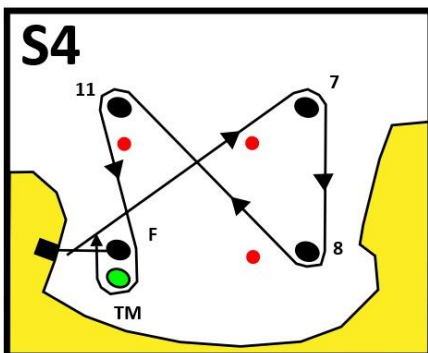
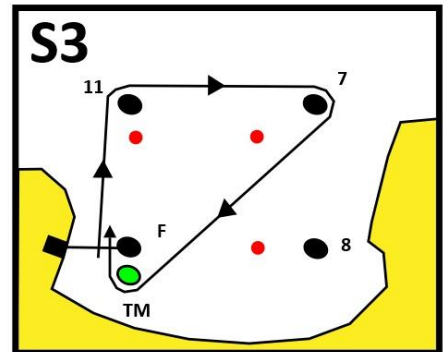
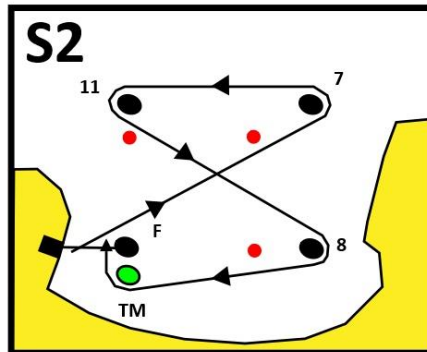
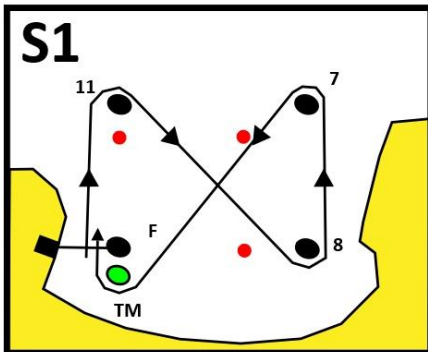
## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** Competitors in dinghy and multihull classes shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.
- 15.2** All dinghies and multihulls shall have a painter of at least 5 metres of suitable line which is separate from any other lines or sheets affixed to the boat.

**Short/Medium Courses - Lower Board - White lettering on Blue Background. See note below re Medium & Topper Courses**

Medium Courses have the same configuration as the short courses but marks 11 and 7 are replaced by large red marks 9 and 6.

Topper Courses have the same configuration as the Short Courses but Marks 11, 7 and 8 are replaced by small red spherical buoys positioned closer to the Club. If T is displayed with the course number then boats that normally sail a short course will use the red Topper marks instead of marks 11, 7 and 8



Red Mark 10 in the centre of the bay is not a mark of the course on the short or medium courses but may be used by boats completing one of the long courses.