

# Ballyholme Yacht Club

## ICEBREAKER SERIES 2020 2021

4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## RACING UNDER COVID-19

We will be running the Icebreaker Series 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 and the Covid guidelines change.

There will be no access to changing facilities at Ballyholme Yacht Club so please arrive ready to sail. There will be limited access to toilet facilities. The outside bar service will be available.

The Government is trusting people to continue to act responsibly and follow the guidance on what they should and should not do. In any event, it is up to the participant to individually assess their own risk in taking part in Racing at present. It is the responsibility of the members concerned to ensure they adhere to social distancing measures when sailing together. 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. We strongly advise the use of face masks for all support personnel, at all times, whilst on our premises. Hand sanitiser is available at various points in the dinghy park – please use it.

**Gatherings at a sporting event increases the risk of infection transmission. Social distancing is therefore essential to prevent further waves of the epidemic and everyone has a responsibility to ensure social distancing is adhered to. Failure to comply with Government Guidelines whilst attending this event could be considered Misconduct under the Racing Rules of Sailing.**

**By making a choice to come to the club and take part in the event, understand that you increase your risk, and therefore household risk, of exposure to COVID 19.**

- Are you or any of your household currently experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID-19 illness now or have experienced in the last 14 days? **If YES, stay home.**
- Have you been 'contact traced'? **If YES, stay home.**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The regatta will be organised by Ballyholme Yacht Club.

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.
- 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 these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 Rules of the various Class Associations will apply.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the battery in the north dinghy park and, in the case of abandonment or shore start line, at the main Club Flagpole in front of the Club.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 The series will be run in two parts.
- 7.2 Part One will run from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with 12 Races scheduled.
- 7.3 Part Two will run from Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with 9 races scheduled.
- 7.4 One race will be run on each day.
- 7.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day is 1424 except on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and March 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 when the first warning signal is 1324.

#### 6 CLASS FLAGS

Start Times, Class flags and Course designations

| Class               |                            | Class Flag | Start Time | Course | Start on Flag |
|---------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|--------|---------------|
| Slow Dinghy         | Topper                     | T          | 1430       | Topper | T             |
|                     | Topper 4.2                 | Q          |            |        |               |
|                     | ILCA 4                     | J          |            |        |               |
|                     | RS Feva and other dinghies | G          |            |        |               |
| Fast Dinghy PN≤1140 |                            | V          | 1433       | Short  | V             |
| Multihull           |                            | F          | 1436       | Short  | F             |
| ILCA 7 & ILCA 6     |                            | R          | 1439       | Short  | R             |

#### 7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in Ballyholme Bay.

#### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 Each Class will sail the course as indicated in the Diagrams for Short/Medium Courses at the end of these Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2 The course number to be sailed will be indicated by a board on Committee Boat and subsequently by a board displayed on the north side of the battery in the North dinghy park.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 Instead of Marks 11, 7 and 8 the Slow Dinghy Handicap class will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11 and 7 and to the west of mark 8.
- 8.5 If the letter T is displayed beside the number in SI 8.2, other classes will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11 and 7 and to the west of mark 8.

#### 9 MARKS

Marks 7, 8, 11 and F are black inflatables. Mark TM is a green inflatable. Topper course marks are small red inflatables.

#### 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

After starting correctly, the finish line between the orange pole at the battery in the North dinghy park 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.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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 or Finish Mark.
- 11.3 If flag B is flown at the Club flagstaff the starting line will be between an orange mast at the battery in the North dinghy park and the course side of a black mark F
- 11.4 In the case of a general recall the warning and preparatory signals for that class start may be displayed at the same time.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.
- 11.6 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting area. [DP]
- 11.7 The Starting Sequence will be as follows:

| Time | Flag Displayed | Flag Removed | Description                                     |
|------|----------------|--------------|---|
| 1424 | T              |              | Warning Slow Handicap Fleet                     |
| 1427 | P              |              | Preparatory Slow Handicap                       |
| 1430 | V              | T            | Start Slow Handicap, Preparatory Fast Handicap  |
| 1433 | F              | V            | Start Fast Handicap, Preparatory Multihulls     |
| 1436 | R & U          | F & P        | Start Multihulls, Preparatory ILCA 7 and ILCA 6 |
| 1439 |                | R            | Start ILCA 7 and ILCA 6                         |

A sound signal will accompany each signal

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Does not apply to this event.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between an orange mast at the battery in the North dinghy park and the course side of a black mark F.
- 13.2 The finishing signal shall be Flag S displayed on its own if all classes are to finish or with class flags as per SI 6 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a Protest Committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed. See Official Notice Board for details.
- 14.2 For the Multihull Class only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

## **15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

There are no time limits or target times set for this event.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the battery. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 Protest forms shall include the email address and contact telephone number of the protestor and when possible the protestee.
- 16.4 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.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 Five races in each part of the series are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than 5 races in either the series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When from 5 to 7 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 When from 8 to 10 races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.5 When 11 or more races in either series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 17.6 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.
- 17.7 Scoring for the Slow and Fast Handicap class will be calculated using the current Portsmouth Number.
- 17.8 Scoring for the Multihull class will be calculated using the current SHCRS number.
- 17.9 In amendment of A4.2 boats who are scored DNS, OCS, BFD, UFD, DNF, RET 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.
- 17.10 Competitors who volunteer to give up racing on any race day to help provide rescue cover will be scored average points for that part of the series.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all time afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 Competitors shall enter each individual race by attending at the south door of the Cadet Room and entering their name, class, and sail number, on the sheet provided, **before going afloat**. In amendment of RRS 63.1 a boat contravening SI 18.2 shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.
- 18.4 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.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Does not apply to this event.

**22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

The Committee boat will normally be an orange RIB.

**23 SUPPORT BOATS**

Does not apply to this event.

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

**25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply to this event.

**26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply to this event.

**27 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. [DP]

**23 PRIZES**

As per the Notice of Race.

**29 RISK STATEMENT**

Risk Statement is as published in the Notice of Race

**30 INSURANCE**

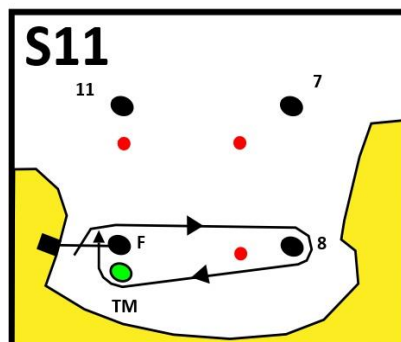
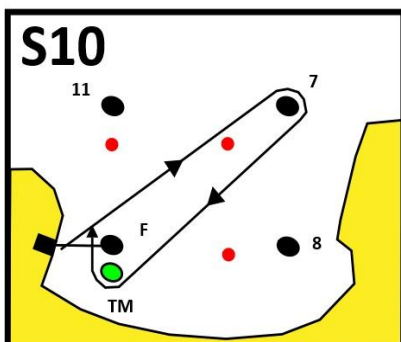
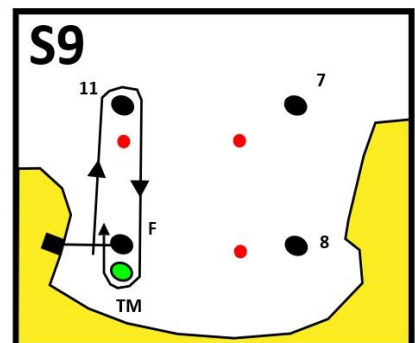
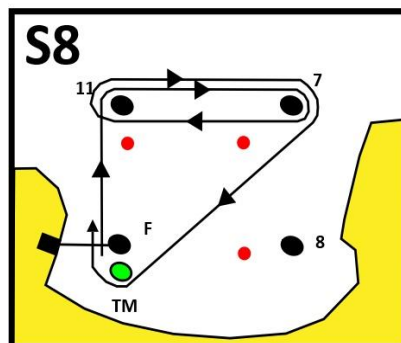
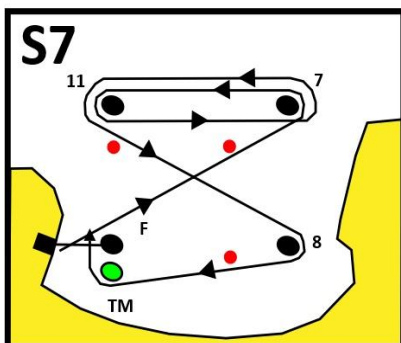
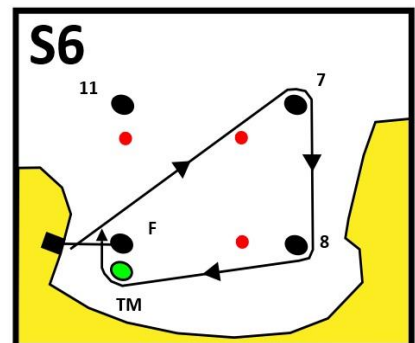
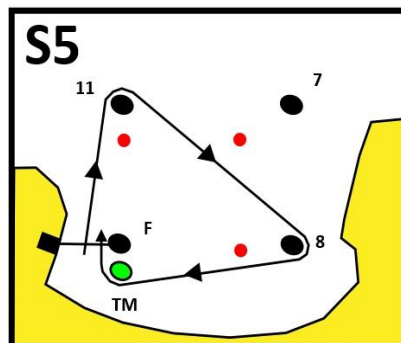
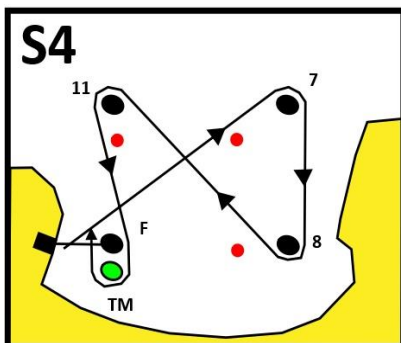
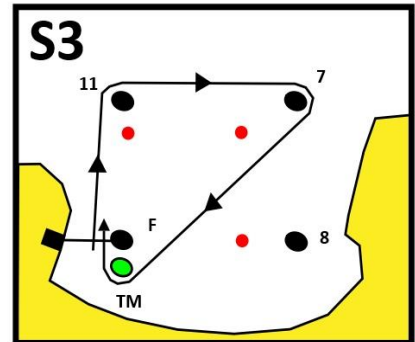
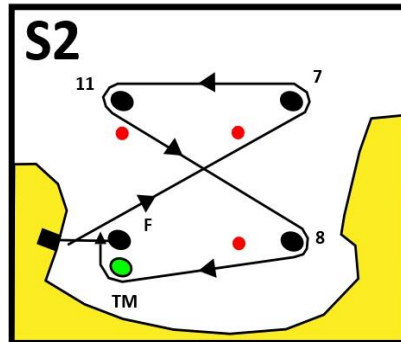
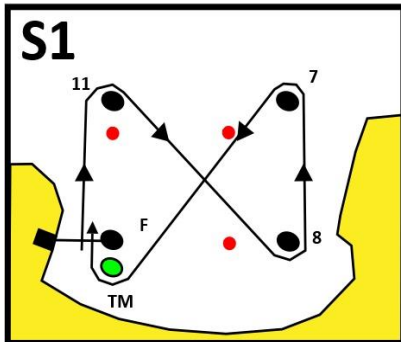
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

**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, 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.