Ballyholme Yacht Club

Boxing Day Regatta 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

As per NoR 1

2 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

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

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the battery in the North Park or in the case of cancellation before starting time at the main flagpole.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

As per NoR 9

7 CLASS FLAGS

Start Times, Class flags and Course designations.

Class		**Class Flag**	**Start Time**	**Course**	**Start on Flag**
ILCA 6 & ILCA 7		R	1300	Short	R
Slow Dinghy	Topper	T	1303	Topper	T
	Topper 4.2	Q			
	ILCA 4	J			
	RS Feva and other dinghies	G			
Fast Dinghy PN≤1140		V	1306	Short	V

Multihull	F	1309	Med	F

8 RACING AREA

As per NoR 12.

9 COURSES

9.1 Each class will sail the course as indicated in the diagrams attached.

9.2 The course number to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the Committee Boat and subsequently by a board displayed on the south side of the battery in the North dinghy park. When this course board is displayed and accompanied by a board with the letter "R", the course to be sailed will be that as indicated but in "reverse".

9.3 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, as the leading boats in a class approach the Finishing Line at the end of the preceding round.

9.4 Instead of Marks 11, 10, 7 and 8 the Slow Dinghy Handicap class will use the smaller red marks placed to the south of marks 11, 10 and 7 and to the west of mark 8.

9.5 After starting the multihull class, instead of rounding mark 10 or 11, will round mark 9, approximately 200 metres north of mark 11. Instead of mark 7, the multihull class will round mark 6, approximately 200 metres north of mark 7.

10 MARKS

Marks 7, 8 and 11 are black inflatables with yellow banding. Marks 6, 9 and 10 are red inflatables. Mark TM is a green inflatable. Mark F is a black inflatable.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 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, completing a round or when sailing on a designated reverse course. Boats contravening this SI will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, and A5.

11.2 Official boats, including a safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty, are designated as an obstruction.

12 THE START

12.1 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.

12.2 The starting line will be between a mast on a committee boat (RIB) displaying an orange flag and one of the marks 7, 8, 10, 11 or Finish Mark.

12.3 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

12.4 In the case of a general recall the warning and preparatory signals for that class start may be displayed at the same time.

12.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

12.6 **[DP]** Boats whose preparatory signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting area.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Does not apply

14 THE FINISH

14.1 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, this includes when the course sailed is done so in reverse.

14.2 The finishing signal shall be Flag S displayed on its own if all classes are to finish or with class flags (or boards) 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.

14.3 In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may award a 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 score under this Sailing Instruction will be the score she would have received had 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.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

As per NoR 14

16 TIME LIMITS

There will be no start after 1500 hrs.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 60.3(b) and 62.2.

17.2 Protest forms shall include the email address and contact telephone number of the protestor and, when possible, the protestee.

17.3 Hearing Request forms are available at the club office or battery.

17.4 Notices will be posted within 48 hours of protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

18 SCORING

As per NoR 15

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 Competitors shall enter the Regatta race by entering their name, class of boat, and sail number on the sheet provided in the foyer of the club **before going afloat.** In amendment of RRS 63.1 a boat contravening SI 19.2 shall be scored DSQ without a hearing.

19.2 [DP] [NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19.3 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.
She sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place.

19.4 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.

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As per NoR 14

TIME LIMITS

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21 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

21.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

21.2 [DP] [NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[NP] A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

23 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

24 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Ballyholme Yacht Club patrol vessels are RIBs normally orange or grey in colour.

25 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16

26 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

27 BERTHING

[DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

28 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

29 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

30 PRIZES

As per NoR 24

24 RISK STATEMENT

As per NoR 22.

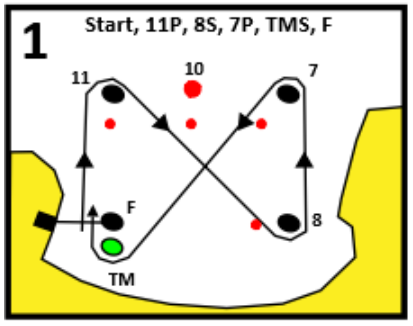
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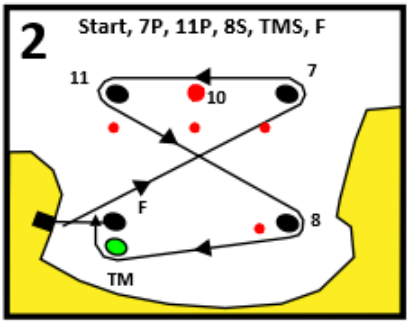
Icebreaker Series - Course Card

Slow handicap class will use small red marks - See SI 9.4

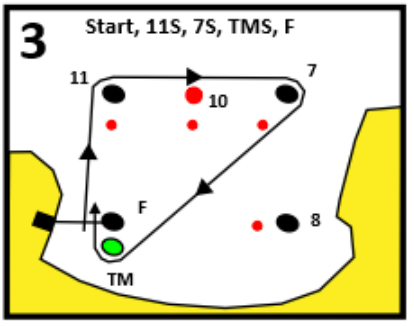
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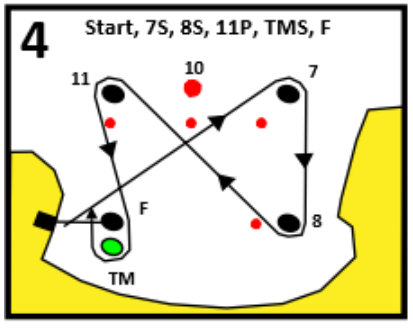
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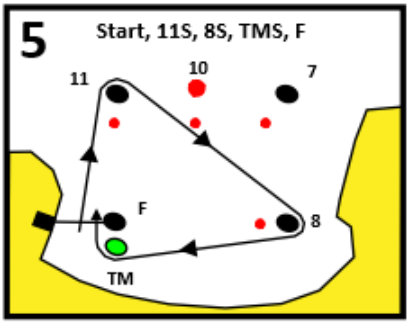
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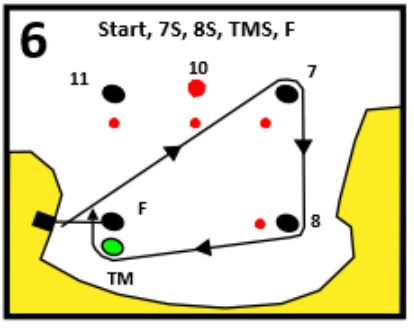
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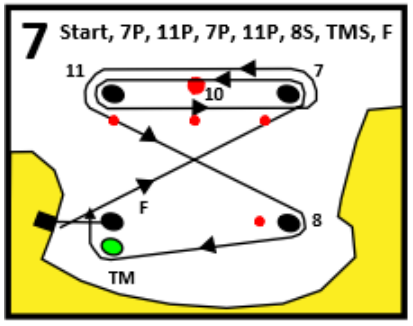
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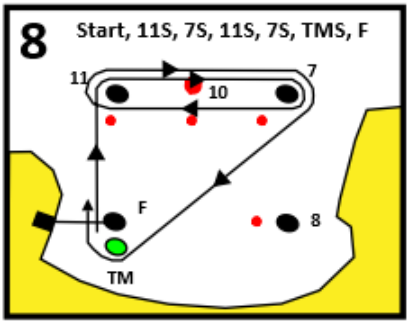
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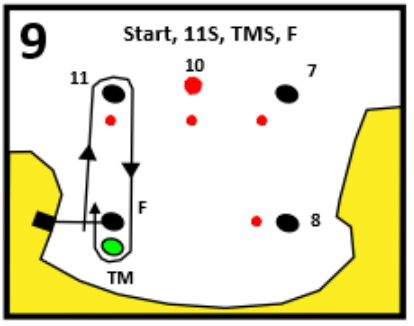
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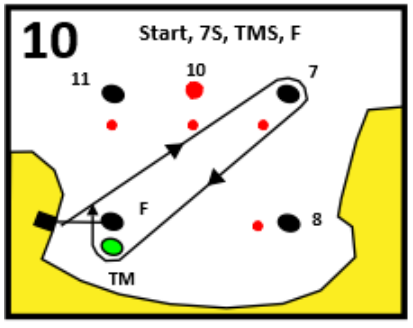
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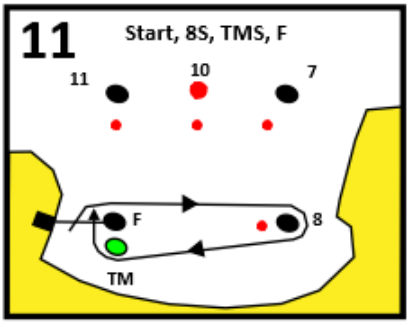
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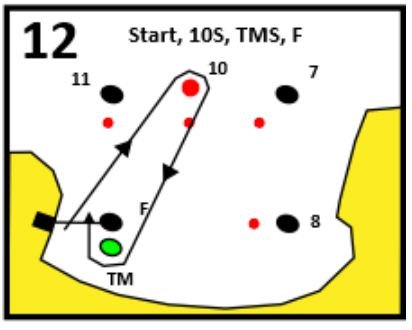
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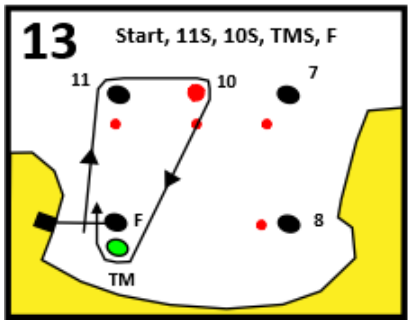
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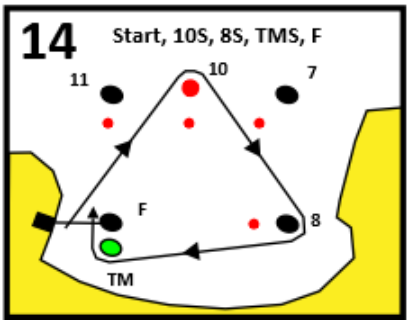
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For all courses
P = Round to Port
S = Round to Starboard

Mark 10 is only a mark of the course on Courses 12, 13 & 14