

# Sailing Instructions

## Devon Yawl National Championships 2022

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022

The Organising Authority is Brixham Yacht Club in conjunction with the Devon Yawl Association

Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) the Equipment Rules of Sailing to the extent that they apply and the current class rules of the Devon Yawl Association. Competitors should note that Brixham Yacht Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that when entering competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found in the yellow pages at the front of the RYA rule book after 'Definitions'
- 1.2. Appendix P of RRS will not apply.
- 1.3. RRS 21.1, 29.1, 30 and 44.2 are changed. For the purposes of those rules (but not any other rules) the term "hull" includes a boat's bowsprit in its normal position.
- 1.4. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 The following Racing Rules will be changed:
  - Preamble to part 4, Rules 27.1 and 40 No display of flag Y, boats are required to wear adequate personal buoyancy except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing at all times while afloat
  - RRS28, 32.1, 32.2, 35, 62.1 and Appendix A additional definition for a shortened course and sweep back finish system
  - RRS 33 Change of the next leg of the course
  - RRS 35 additional time limits for races,
  - RRS60.1(a), 62.1 and 62.2 limitations on grounds for redress
  - RRS 63.1, appendix A4 and A5, scores determined by the Race Committee
  - RRS 63.2 notice to protest and redress hearings
  - RRS 64.1 discretionary penalties less than disqualification
  - RRS 66 Time limits for requesting redress on last day of regatta
  - RRS Appendix A2, number of discards in a series
  - Race Signals : Meaning of AP, K & W
- 1.6 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.  
See SI 17.10. This procedure is available on the RYA website and will be posted on the Notice Board.

### 2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at the Brixham Yacht Club which is located in the window of the Regatta Office which is an outside office on the harbour side of the club called the 'Holman Room', near the top of the steps from the main club house to the dinghy compound.

### **3 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted at least 60 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 4.3) on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 20.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect. The changes will be numbered sequentially and indicated by flying flag L together with the appropriate numeral pennant.

### **4 Signals made Ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flag staff in the dinghy compound adjacent to Oxen Cove slipway.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 45 minutes. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3 Boats are not permitted to set sail to the race course until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed sooner than 45 minutes after flag D is displayed.

### **5 Schedule of Races (all times are in BST)**

- 5.1 Registration will be at Brixham Yacht Club between 0900 and 1015 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022
- 5.2 Competitor Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 1030 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in the main clubhouse at Brixham Yacht Club.
- 5.3 6 Championship points races are scheduled as set out in NOR 4.1
- 5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022
- 5.5 After a long postponement or for second race-run back to back, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with a series of 5 horn sounds at least four minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.6 The race schedule may be amended if the series falls behind schedule or if predicted conditions warrant it necessary, but no racing will be brought forward of the published 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Any changes to the sailing program will be posted by 20.00hrs on the preceding day.

### **6 Class Flag**

- 6.1 The class flag will be International Code Flag "T" (red, white and blue vertical stripes)

## 7 Race Area

- 7.1 The racing area will be in Torbay, Admiralty Chart 26 and will usually be located within the area indicated in Appendix 1, which is the Southern part of Torbay.

## 8 The Courses

- 8.1 The diagrams in Appendix 2 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal the Committee Boat (CB) shall display the course and number of laps to be sailed and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 9 Marks

- 9.1 Mark 1 will be a 1.5m Yellow Dumpy inflatable buoys, Marks 2 and, 3 will be 1m yellow spherical buoys.
- 9.2 The start marks for a line start will be:
- 9.2.1 The CB at the starboard end displaying an orange flag.
- 9.2.2 A dan buoy or a boat at the port end displaying an orange flag
- 9.3 The finishing marks will be:
- 9.3.1 The CB displaying a blue flag
- 9.3.2 A dan buoy displaying a blue flag
- 9.4 The change windward mark as provided in SI 13 will be an Orange 1.3m high mark.

## 10 Areas which are Obstructions

- 10.1.1 The entirety of mussel beds bearing 280° at a range of 0.7nm from the outer end of Brixham breakwater and approximately 0.25nm from the shore, including the beds marker buoy and including the entire sea area between the mussel beds and the shore are an obstruction. A diagram of the mussel beds will be displayed on the ONB.
- 10.1.2 The entirety of the Scallop Nursery beds, forming an imaginary box including the yellow beds marker buoys (flashing Y.2.5s) approximately 0.5nm south of Thatcher Rock, are an obstruction. This obstruction can be passed on any side. A diagram of the scallop nursery will be displayed on the ONB.  
The coordinates that make up the corners of the bed are
- |             |            |             |           |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 50°26.7'N   | 3°29.690'W | 50°26.865'N | 3°29.69'W |
| 50°26.865'N | 3°29.17'W  | 50°26.700'N | 3°29.17'W |
- 10.2 All competitors should be aware that Brixham is a commercial working port and regard should be given to commercial craft including ferries and fishing vessels. It is strongly advised to avoid the main channel in the harbour and the port and starboard navigational marks near the outer end of Brixham Breakwater

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26. (ie 5 minute, 4 minute ,1 minute, Start.)
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the start marks as defined in SI 9.2.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **12 Starting Penalties**

- 12.1 The sail numbers of boats penalized under rules 30.3 and 30.4 may be displayed on a board on a patrol boat stationed at the windward mark on the first leg.
- 12.2 For races started under rule 30.4, in the event of a general recall the sail numbers of the identified BFD boats will be displayed on the stern of the CB and pin end starting boat for a minimum of 3 minutes after a long sound signal.
- 12.3 Boats whose sail number has been displayed as per SI 12.1 or 12.2 shall not continue racing. Boats that continue racing despite being aware of their penalty will be scored DNE. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

## **13 Change of the Next leg of the Course**

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee (RC) will lay a new mark or move the finishing 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.
- 13.2 Minor mark movements of up to approximately 100m may be made without signalling a change of course. This changes rule 33.

## **14 The Finish**

- 14.1 The Finishing Line will be between the finish marks defined in SI 9.3.
- 14.2 The course may be shortened by the RC at the Finishing Line. In this event the CB shall display flag S with two sound signals prior to the lead boat approaching mark 4; in addition a RC boat may be positioned adjacent to mark 4 displaying K flag. All boats shall then complete the lap they are sailing and after passing mark 4 left to port proceed to the Finishing Line where they will be deemed to have finished. This applies to ALL boats regardless of whether they are on the same lap as the leading boat. This changes and is additional to RRS 32.2. Boats not on the same lap as the leading boat will be scored in the order they cross the finish line behind all boats on the same lap as the first boat to finish. This changes RRS 28, 32.2, 35, Appendix A and is an addition to Race signals.
- 14.3 After some boats have finished, but not after the 'Finish window' as described in SI 16.3 has expired, the RC may record other boats as deemed to have finished before they cross the finish line to save time whether or not they were expected to complete the course within the time limit or time limit extensions. A RC boat displaying flag W will proceed from the finish line towards the previous mark, make a sound signal and verbally hail the boat that they have been recorded as deemed to have finished. The RC may record boats as deemed as finishing as per this instruction at more than one leg of the course and will if necessary continue the back sweep around the course until all

boats are recorded. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which had previously finished and in the sequential order in the direction from the finish line. If another race is scheduled boats that have been hailed as per this instruction are required to proceed immediately to the starting area. This changes RRS 28, 32.1, 32.2, 35 and Appendix A. This action will be at the absolute discretion of the RO and this decision shall be final and shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1a.

## **15 Retirement**

15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat as soon as possible.

## **16 Target Times and Time Limits**

16.1 The target time for the finish of the lead boat in a race is 45 minutes. Failure to meet this target time is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1a.

16.2 The Time Limit for each race will be 90 minutes

16.3 Unless SI 14.3 is applied after the first boat has finished, all boats failing to finish within a 'Finish Window' of 30 minutes after the first boat finishes in their fleet will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

16.4 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 in any race within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

## **17 Protests and Requests for Redress**

17.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office.

17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore from sailing the last race of the day.

17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Regatta Office beginning at the time posted.

17.5 Notices of protests by the RC or protest committee (PC) will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.6 Breaches of instructions 4.3, 15, 19 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation of a discretionary penalty will be DPI, this changes RRS 64.1.

17.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- 17.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.9 Notices of Protests and redress hearings posted on the ONB shall be considered sufficient notice to all parties and witnesses. It is the responsibility of Parties to consult the ONB at or before notice expiry time before leaving the venue for the day. This changes RRS 63.2.
- 17.10 The Post Race Penalty (Exoneration Penalty) & RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The Post Race Penalty (DPI) will be a 30% scoring penalty, but not less than 2 places and not more than DNF. The Arbitration Penalty will be the same as the Exoneration Penalty. Scores of other boats will not be adjusted. This changes 63.1, A4 & A5. This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rules 30.3 or 30.4. It is not available for a breach of rule 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under rule 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach

## **18 Scoring**

- 18.1 See NOR 9

## **19 Safety Regulations**

- 19.1.1 Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment by all competitors. Neither a wetsuit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation. This amends and adds to the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS and RRS 27.1 and 40.
- 19.1.2 It is recommended that the 'Personal Flotation Device' (PFD) is worn outside all other clothing as this can assist rescue crews in the event of a competitor requiring assistance to be retrieved from the water. This amends and adds to the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS, and RRS 27.1 and 40.
- 19.2.1 There will be a mandatory Tally System in place.
- 19.2.2 A Tally Number will be allocated at Registration, and is allocated to the boat. This number will also be attached to the boats launching trolley for boats that are dry sailed.
- 19.2.3 Competitors shall collect and wear their tally wrist bands before going afloat.
- 19.2.4 The Beachmaster will be in charge of the Tally Board adjacent to the Yacht Club steps.  
Competitors shall follow instructions issued by the Beachmaster or his assistants, in the event of conflict of instructions any instructions issued by the beachmaster shall prevail.
- 19.2.5 Tally bands shall be returned to their correct hook on the Tally Board as soon as competitors return to the shore. The penalty for failure to tally-out and/or tally may result in a discretionary penalty (DP), subsequent failures may result in disqualification. This adds to exceptions within RRS 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

- 19.3 Any injuries to competitors should be reported to a Race Committee or Patrol boat or the beach master as soon as possible. Any injury must be logged in the BYC accident book.

## **20 Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 20.1 See NOR

## **21 Outside Help**

- 21.1 Any boat that receives outside help, whether permitted by RRS 41 or not, shall report the facts to the RC within the time period for protests.

## **22 Official Boats**

- 22.1 A written description of Official boats will be posted on the ONB  
22.2 All official boats shall display a numbered flag for identification.

## **23 Trash disposal**

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Breaches of RRS 55 may incur a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC.

## **24 Radio Communications & Electronic Equipment**

- 24.1 See NOR

## **25 Risk Statement**

- 25.1 Boats are reminded of their responsibilities issued in the Risk Statement in NOR 14  
INSPECTIONS  
The fact the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor in the Notice of Race

## **26 Insurance**

- 26.1 See NOR

## **27 Media Rights**

- 27.1 See NOR

## **28 Data Protection**

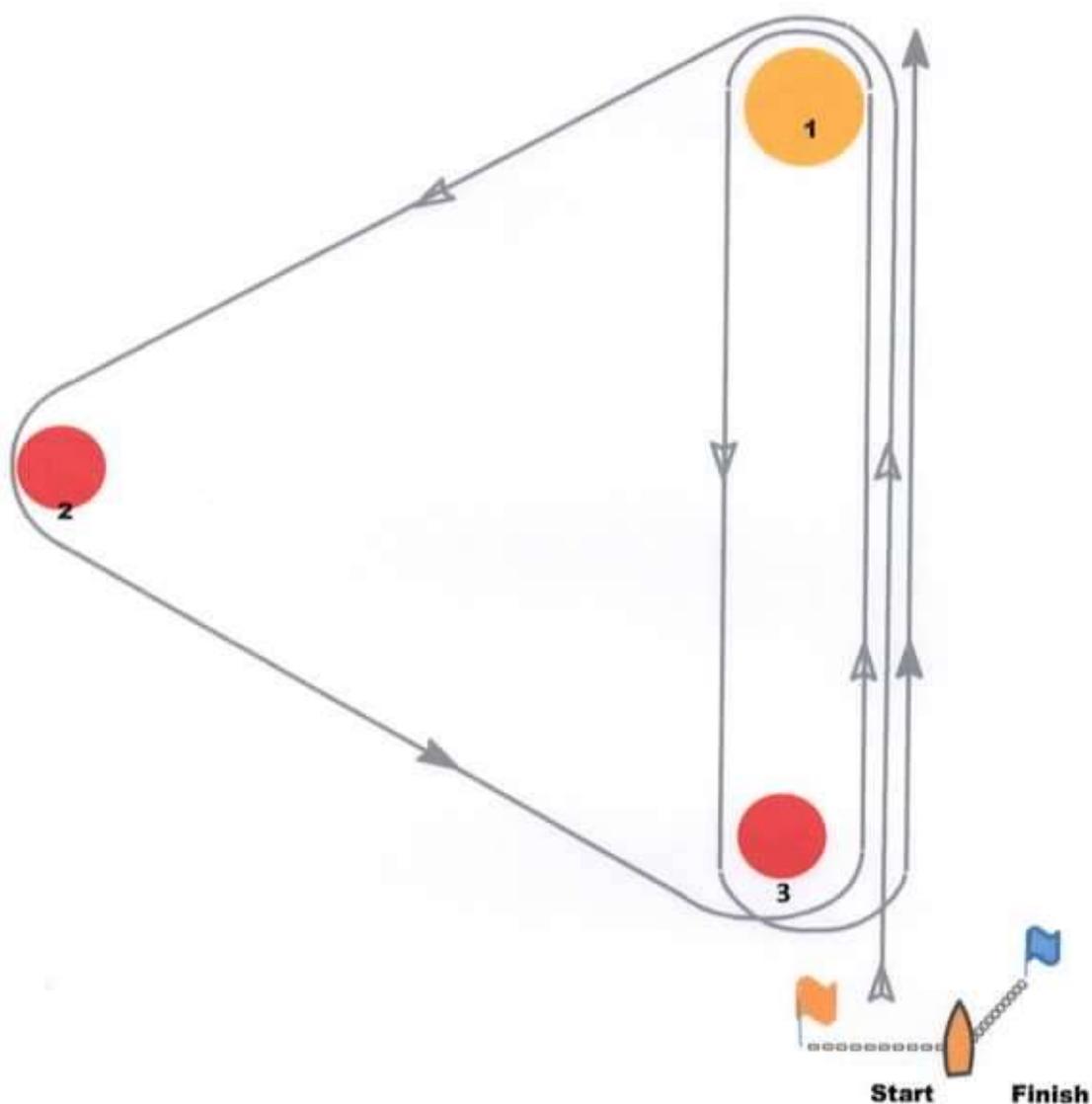
- 28.1 See NOR

## **29 Prizes**

- 29.1 See NOR

Appendix 2

<b>TRIANGLE / SAUSAGE</b>	<b>COURSE : TRIANGLE / WINDWARD / LEEWARD with finish leeward</b>
	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>2 Laps</b>	<b>Start – 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish</b>
<b>3 Laps</b>	<b>Start – 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish</b>
<b>4 Laps</b>	<b>Start – 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish</b>



**All course marks are to be left to port.**

**Internal angles of reaches approximately 60 degrees**

**(Note Mark 3 is not a mark of the course on the first leg and may not be laid at the start)**

**On the final lap, or if 'Shortened Course' is signalled on the Committee Boat, on leaving Mark 3 to port, proceed to finishing line.**

