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**THE EDINBURGH GIN REGATTA**  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 Organising Authority**

The Organising Authority for the Regatta will be a Joint Regatta Committee from Royal Forth Yacht Club and Forth Corinthian Yacht Club.

**2 Rules**

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in current edition of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Regatta Office which is the Mickery office in the RFYC courtyard.

A competitor briefing will take place in the RFYC clubhouse at 08:30 on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**4 Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

**5 Signals Made Ashore and Afloat**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in the RFYC courtyard.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5.2 Signals may be made afloat from any committee boats (including Royal Forth for Fleet 1, a cruising yacht for Fleet 2, and RIBs). For race management matters the committee boat for Fleet 1 will be using **VHF CH37 (M1)** and the committee boat for Fleet 2 will be using **VHF CH 77**.

**6 Schedule of Races**

Date	Fleet	Race	Scheduled warning signal for first race
Saturday	1	3 races off Granton	10:30
	2	2 races in Wardie Bay	10:30
Sunday	1	3 races off Granton	11:00
	2	2 races starting in Wardie Bay	11:00

On each day, the second and subsequent races will be started as soon as practicable after the preceding race has finished.

## 7 Classes and Class Flags

7.1	FLEET	CLASS	DESCRIPTION	Class Flag	
	1	1	YACHTS HANDICAP 920 and BELOW	Numeral 1	
		2	SPORTS BOATS / DAY BOATS	Numeral 2	
		3	YACHTS HANDICAP 921 and ABOVE	Numeral 3	
	2	4	CRUISERS HANDICAP 1125 and BELOW	Numeral 4	Restricted Sails
		5	CRUISERS HANDICAP 1126 and ABOVE	Numeral 5	Restricted Sails

7.2 Depending on the number of entries received in each class, the race committee reserves the right to cancel, combine, divide or otherwise alter the classes at its discretion. Such a change will be posted as an alteration to sailing instructions.

## 8 Handicaps

8.1 Race results shall be calculated using the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) system. The PY Ratings allocated by the FYCA will be used. A boat entering the Regatta without a handicap rating may be allocated one by the Race Committee.

8.2 Boats may apply for a "Reduced Sail" handicap allowance, if notice is provided to the race committee before the entry deadline. In this case, boats are not permitted to use spinnakers or cruising chutes and may only set one headsail at any time. A "boomed-out" headsail is permitted.

## 9 Racing Areas

SI Appendix C shows the racing area, which is broadly within three miles of the Granton and Newhaven shoreline.

## 10 The Courses

10.1 The courses for Fleet 1 are shown in SI Appendix A.

10.2 The courses for Fleet 2 are shown in SI Appendix B.

## 11 Marks (see indicative chart in SI Appendix C)

11.1 The marks for Fleet 1 are described in SI Appendix A.

11.2 The marks for Fleet 2 are described in SI Appendix B.

## 12 The Start

12.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line for Fleet 1 is defined in SI Appendix A.

12.3 The starting line for Fleet 2 is defined in SI Appendix B.

12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

12.5 For Fleet 1, a boat not started within 15 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 13 Recalls

General recalls will be signaled in accordance with rule 29.2 except that for Fleet 1 the warning signal for a new start for the 1<sup>st</sup> recalled class shall be made with or after the starting signal for the last scheduled class. The new warning signal for a new start for a 2<sup>nd</sup> recalled class will be made with or after the starting signal for the 1<sup>st</sup> recalled class and so on. (i.e. "go to the back of the queue"). This alters Rule 29.2. If the last class in a starting sequence is recalled, then rule 29.2 will apply as normal.

## **14 The Finish**

- 14.1 The finishing line for Fleet 1 is defined in SI Appendix A.
- 14.2 The finishing line for Fleet 2 is defined in SI Appendix B.

## **15 Penalty System**

The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures may be available.

## **16 Time Limits**

The time limit for each race is 1½ hours apart from Race Type 3 for Fleet 2, where the time limit is 2½ hours. If one boat in a class finishes within the time limit, then the time limit for other boats in the class will be extended by 30 minutes. This alters Rule 35.

## **17 Protests**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit, which is 1 hour after the committee boat docks. The protest time limit shall be displayed at the race office.
- 17.2 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. On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision. This alters rule 66.

## **18 Scoring System**

- 18.1 The Low Points system of RRS Appendix A (rule A4) will apply.
- 18.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 For Fleet 1, when fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This alters rule A2.
- 18.4 For Fleet 2, when fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores. When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This alters rule A2.

## **19 Retirals**

- 19.1 Boats retiring MUST communicate this to the Race Committee as soon as possible.

## **20 Restricted Area**

**Boats must not pass between Leith Approach Buoy (F.I.R.3s) and the entrance to Leith Harbour or enter the dredged channel between the Leith Approach Buoy and the entrance to Leith Harbour. Any boats doing so shall be subject to protest by the Race Committee.**

## 21 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each race and the overall winners in each class for the Regatta. The Britannia trophy will be awarded to the yacht which, in the opinion of the Regatta Committee, has given the best performance of all the competitors in the Regatta.

## 22 Safety and Risk statement

22.1 All boats shall comply with FYCA Safety Regulations Category 4R. Full copies of these regulations are available online at [www.fyca.org.uk](http://www.fyca.org.uk). Competing yachts may be inspected at any time.

22.2 Attention is drawn to Rules 1.1, 1.2, and 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Rule 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature 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, race committee boats (including RIBs), and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

## 23 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

## 24 Tide times (BST)

		BST	Height
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	LW	06:40	1.9m
	HW	13:10	4.6m
	LW	19:00	1.7m
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	LW	07:20	1.6m
	HW	14:00	4.8m
	LW	19:40	1.5m

## SI Appendix A – Courses for Fleet 1

### A.1 Marks

The marks of the course will be selected from the RFYC “Circle” Black Pillar buoys north-west of Granton Harbour, (charted approximately in Appendix C), and a Yellow inflatable buoy, which will be designated Mark “X”. The RFYC Circle is approx. 1nm in diameter, centred approx. at mark I.

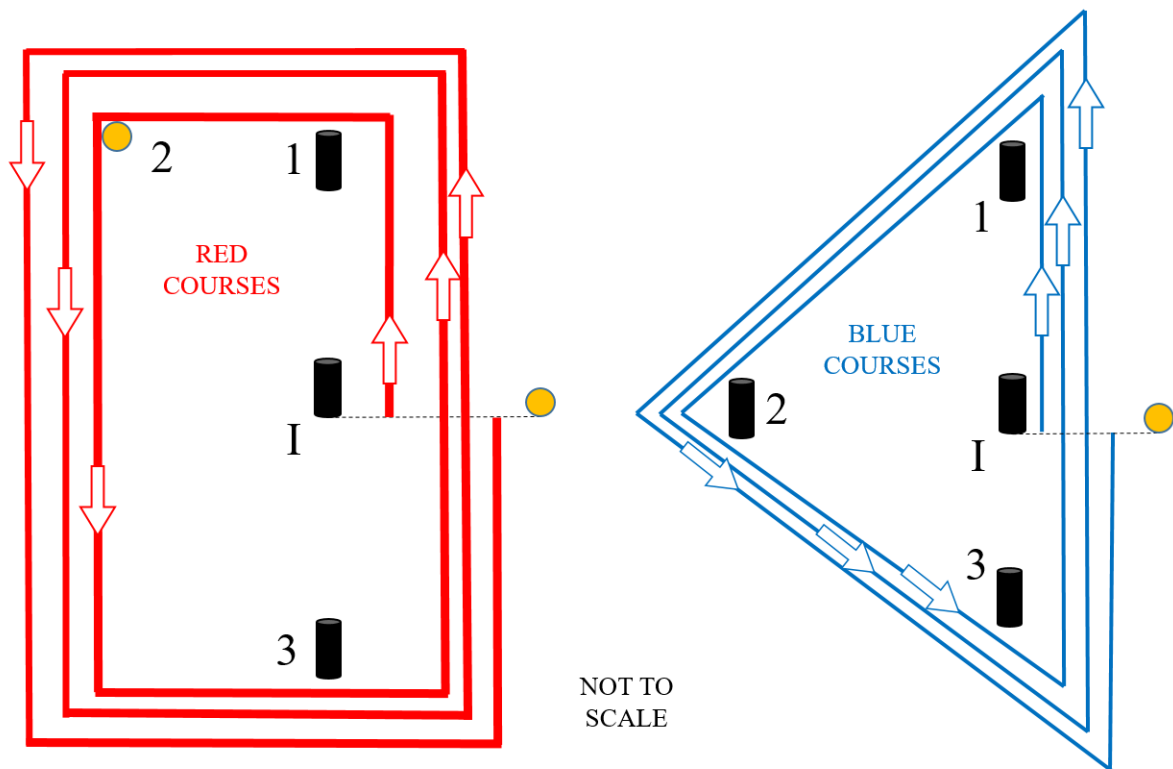
### A.2 Starting Line and Finishing Line

The start and finish line will be between a Yellow inflatable buoy and mark I. The committee boat will be on station on an extension of this line, but may not be at anchor.

### A.3 Courses

In the windows of the committee boat, boards will show the type of course (Red or Blue) and the number of rounds to be sailed. Course boards attached to the guard rails of the committee boat will show the letters corresponding to the racing marks to be used.

Courses (as indicated in the diagrams below): Start, 1, 2, 3, I, 1, 2, 3, etc until Finish. All marks are to be left to port. Boats shall pass through the start/finish line “gate” on upwind legs, and shall NOT pass through it on downwind legs.



#### A.3.1 Red Course – WINDWARD / LEEWARD

Order of rounding	Description	Mark
1	Windward	As displayed on committee boat
2	Spreader	Mark X (Yellow buoy approximately 100 metres from Mark 1).
3	Leeward	As displayed on committee boat

#### A.3.2 Blue Course – TRIANGLE

Order of rounding	Description	Mark
1	Windward	As displayed on committee boat
2	Gybe	As displayed on committee boat
3	Leeward	As displayed on committee boat

## **SI Appendix B – Courses for Fleet 2**

The course board on the Committee Boat will show the type of race to be sailed.

Type 1 – "Round the cans" race

Type 2 – 1 hour Stern Chase

Type 3 – 2 hour Stern Chase

### **B.1 Type 1 – Round the cans race**

#### **B.1.1 Starting Line**

The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and a mark of the course.

#### **B.1.2 Starting procedure**

In accordance with Racing Rules.

A boat which has not started within 5 minutes of its scheduled start will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

#### **B.1.3 Marks**

The marks to be used will be the RFYC marks in Wardie Bay– See SI Appendix C).

#### **B.1.4 Course**

The course will be a triangle formed by race marks H, S & W. All marks should be left to Port.

#### **B.1.5 Finishing Line**

The finish line will be between the main mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and a mark of the course.

### **B.2 Type 2 – 1 hour Stern Chase Race**

#### **B.2.1 Starting Line**

The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the first mark of the course.

#### **B.2.2 Starting procedure**

A schedule of starts will be calculated in advance and made available to each boat in the Race Office and on the notice board by 08:30h on the first day of racing. Each boat will be given a pre-calculated start time, based on a one-hour race, rounded up or down to the nearest minute.

The first scheduled start (i.e. for the slowest boat) will coincide with the normal Starting signal. The class flag shall be re-hoisted and flown until the next scheduled start which shall be signalled by the lowering of the class flag together with one sound signal, and so on until all the schedule is complete.

A boat which has not started within 5 minutes of its scheduled start will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

#### **B.2.3 Marks**

The marks to be used will be the RFYC marks in Wardie Bay plus– See SI Appendix C.

#### **B.2.4 Course**

The course will be - H, S, L, W, H, S, L, W, H, Z, H. All marks should be left to Port.

#### **B.2.5 Finishing Line**

The finish line will be between the main mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and a mark of

the course.

### **B.2.6 Finishing Procedure**

Shortly before the finish, flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. Boats will finish the race when they next pass through the finish line. Finishing positions will take account of the elapsed time based on the individual boat's scheduled start time.

## **B.3 Type 3 – 2 hour Stern Chase Race**

### **B.3.1 Overview**

The 2 hour stern chase will follow the same sailing instructions as the 1 hour stern chase (B.2 above), except that a separate schedule of starts will be published based on a 2 hour race, and two additional marks. The Time limit defined in Rule 16 will be extended by one hour for Type 3 races only.

### **B.3.2 Marks**

The marks to be used will be the RFYC marks in Wardie Bay, FPA West Gunnet (Mark G) plus a Yellow Inflatable buoy (Mark Y) laid approximately mid-way between Inchmickery Island and mark G. See SI Appendix C.

### **B.3.3 Courses**

The course board on the committee boat will show the course to be used

Course A: W, Y, G, L, S, H, z, W

Course B: W, Y, L, S, H, z, W

Upper case marks to Starboard, Lower case marks to Port.

**Your attention is drawn to General Sailing Instruction 20.**

SI Appendix C

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