

ROYAL FORTH YACHT CLUB

FESTIVAL SERIES – 30th JULY to 1st AUGUST 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association will apply.

1.3 HANDICAPS

Keelboats: As per the Forth Yacht Clubs Association Handicap List. Any boat without a FYCA Handicap will be allocated a temporary handicap by the Race Committee. Boats entering under a “white sail” classification (i.e. boats must not fly spinnakers, cruising chutes or more than one headsail at any one time. Headsails may be poled out) must indicate this on the entry form and will be allocated a “white sail” handicap allowance of 4% by the Race Committee.

Dinghies: The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme numbers (2013) as listed on the RYA website will be used. Boats without a Portsmouth Number will be allocated a Number by the Race Committee. Portsmouth numbers will not be adjusted during the series.

1.4 The following racing rules will be changed;

Part 4 preamble;	Refer to Instruction 4.3
Rule 35 and A4;	Refer to Instruction 14.2
Rule 44.1 and 44.2;	Refer to Instruction 13.1
Rule 60.1;	Refer to Instruction 15.5
Rule 61.3;	Refer to Instruction 15.2
Rule 62.2;	Refer to Instruction 15.2
Rule 66;	Refer to Instruction 15.6
Rule A4;	Refer to Instruction 10.4

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in Mickery Portacabin of Royal Forth Yacht Club.

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3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1800 hours on the day it will effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 hours on the day before it will take effect.

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4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main mast of Royal Forth Yacht Club.

4.2

When flag AP is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

4.3

When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

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SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Dates of racing are Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July, and Friday 1 August 2014.

5.2

One race each day is scheduled.

5.3

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class in the start sequence each day is 1855 hours.

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CLASS FLAGS

6.1

Class flags will be as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
General Keelboat Handicap	Numeral Pennant 1
General Dinghy Handicap	Numeral Pennant 4

(Although for the purposes of the results there will be Fast & Slow Keelboat Classes, they will share the same start and Class Flag)

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RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing will take place in Wardie Bay if possible, or within a 3 mile radius of Granton harbour according to weather conditions.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The following table and diagram show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

Order of Rounding	Keelboats	Dinghies
1	K1(Port)	D1 (Port)
2	Spreader mark (Port)	Gate
3	Gate	

Laps All classes continue lapping u n t i l **f l a g S** is di s p l a y e d (see paragraph 12.1 below)

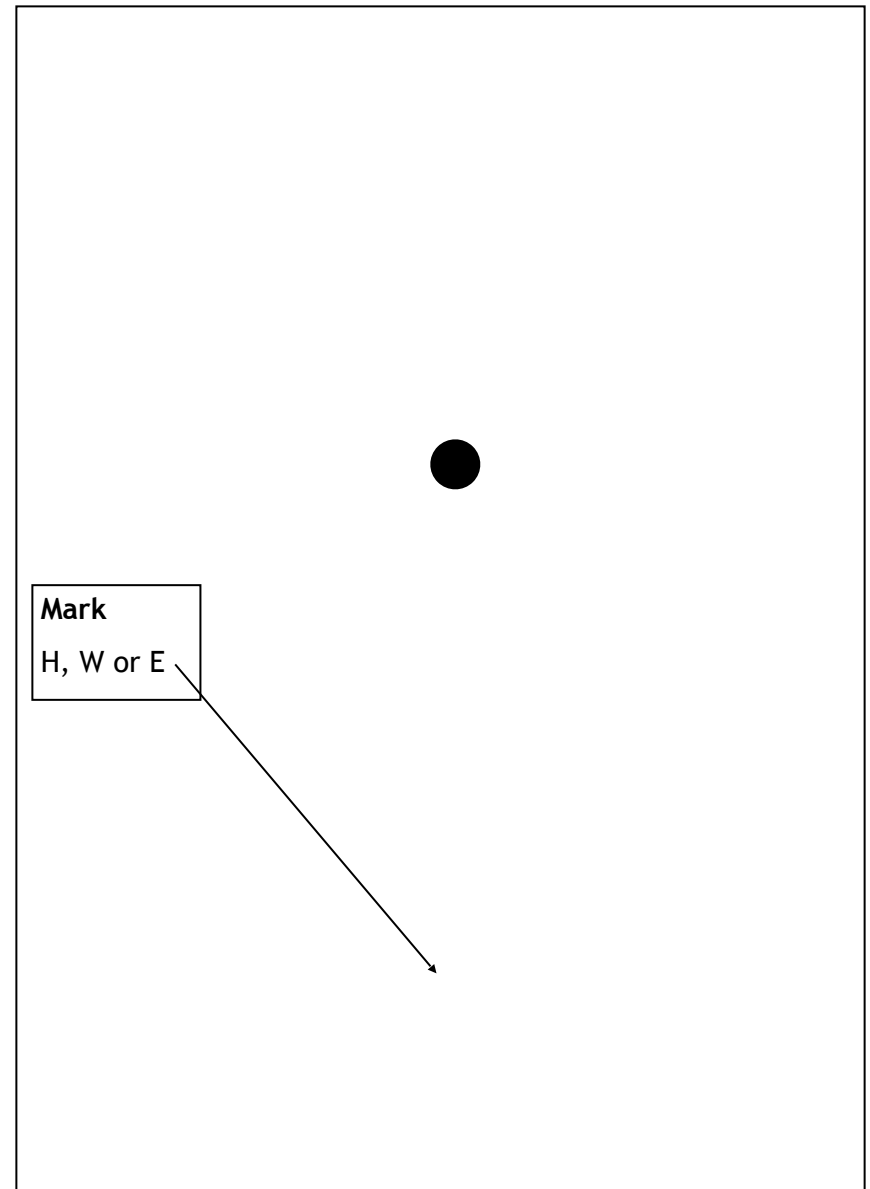
Marks

K1 – Inflatable yellow buoy

D1 – Inflatable black buoy

Gate - red buoy

Spreader – red buoy



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9 MARKS

- 9.1 K1: Yellow inflatable buoy
D1: Black inflatable buoy

10 THE START, GATE AND FINISH LINES

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

- 10.2 Starts at Mark E: The start line, gate and finish line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on a buoy and mark E.

Starts at Mark H: The start line, gate and finish line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on a buoy and mark H.

Starts at Mark W: The start line, gate and finish line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on a buoy and mark W.

- 10.3 **Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.**

- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11 LENGTH OF RACE

- 11.1 Each race is expected to take the leading boat around 45 minutes. The number of laps to be sailed will not be pre-determined, and racing will continue until finished in accordance with the procedure stated below [The Finish].

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing procedure will be as follows:

Shortly before the finish, flag S will be displayed with two sound signals. Boats will finish the race when they next pass through the gate at the end of their current lap. Finishing positions will take account of the number of laps actually sailed, and will be calculated on an 'average lap time' basis.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for each race is 60 minutes from actual start of race with a 15 minute extension.

- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit or the extension (if applicable) will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the RFYC office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race. [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 rules 61.3 and 62.2.]

- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RFYC office. The time of any protest hearing will be posted on the notice board.

- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5 Breaches of instructions 10.3 and 17.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

- 15.6 On Friday 1 August 2014, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

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- 16 SCORING**
16.1 2 or more races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**
17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**
18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 19 PRIZES**
19.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
Class not exceeding 3 boats: 1st prize overall
Class with 4 to 6 boats: 1st and 2nd
Class with 7 or more boats: 1st 2nd & 3rd overall
Each race: 1st prize each Class overall
- 20 RISK STATEMENT**
20.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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:
-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;
-They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
-They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
-Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
-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;

-The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
-The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

- 21 INSURANCE**
21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2Million or the equivalent.
- 22 VHF**
22.1 Announcements from the committee boat will be made on channel M1/37