

Royal Northumberland Yacht Club

Bass Rock Race 2015

Sailing Instructions



1 Rules and Responsibility

- 1.1 The Bass Rock Race 2015 will be governed by the racing rules of sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and rules of the Royal Northumberland Yacht club (RNYC), except as amended by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race. Neither the establishment of sailing instructions or rules, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of a yacht in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge.
- 1.3 Conditions of entry:
 - 1.3.1 All skippers must sign on in the RNYC race office (HY Tyne) by completing an entry form and crew list.
 - 1.3.2 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

2 Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board of the RNYC House Yacht Tyne. If any are posted then the committee boat will fly international code flag L. Competitors may approach the committee boat before the warning signal only for verbal communication of the notice but they do so at their own risk. Any allegation of incorrect information being received verbally will not be grounds for protest or redress under RRS part 5.
- 2.2 The race committee reserves the right to make any alteration to the sailing instructions they consider necessary. Any alterations will be posted on the notice board of House Yacht Tyne at least one hour before the start of the race.

3 Classes, Class Flags and Identification

3.1 Yachts shall sail in the following classes:

Class 1, Class 2, Class 4 (white sail)

Class 1 TCF 0.900 or over

Class 2 TCF under 0.900

Class 4 White sail

3.2 The warning signal for all classes will be numeral pennant 1.

3.3 Classes may be altered, amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the race committee.

4 Schedule of Race

Friday 24th June

Race	Class	Warning	Preparatory	1 Minute	Start
Bass Rock	All Classes	20.55	20.56	20.59	21.00

5 Course

5.1 This will be posted on the notice board of the House Yacht Tyne at least two hours before the start of the race.

5.2 Marks may be a combination of the Bass Rock, fixed marks and large Inflatable marks.

6 Starting Line

6.1 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and an outer distance mark.

6.2 An inner distance mark may be laid close to the committee boat. If such a mark is used competitors shall not pass between the committee boat and the inner distance mark.

7 Starting Races

7.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

7.2 Start time see section 4.

8 Starting Penalties and Premature Starter

8.1 Individual recalls. A boat that is OCS shall not return to try to correct her fault or restart; this changes RRS 29.1 Instead she shall be scored with a time penalty of 5% of the boats elapsed time rounded to the nearest second, unless the race committee decides that the boat has gained a significant advantage in the race, in which case she will be scored as OCS.

- 8.2 The race committee may announce sail numbers of boats that are OCS and failed to start correctly. Any failure to broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.3 General recalls shall follow RRS 29.2

9 Finishing

- 9.1 The finish line will be in the river Blyth fairway between a flag on the inner west pier and the green beacon on the east side of the fairway. The race officer will endeavor to finish all yachts but please note; competitors must take their own times (BST) on finishing and enter it onto a finishing time declaration sheet aboard HY Tyne.
- 9.2 Yachts retiring from the race should notify the race committee by VHF or by telephoning HY Tyne at the earliest opportunity.

10 Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

- 10.1 In the event of the race committee needing to shorten or abandon the race, competitors will be advised by radio on VHF channel 37. No acknowledgment to these announcements will be necessary.

11 Time Limit

- 11.1 The time limit for all classes will be 48 hours.

12 Protests

- 12.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS part 5. They shall be delivered in writing to the race office (HY Tyne) within one hour of the finishing yacht entering the harbour.
- 12.2 Protest forms are available at the race office.

13 Safety

- 13.1 All yachts must comply with current NESS regulations (offshore category 3). Any yacht found deficient in safety equipment will be considered to have infringed rule one of the RRS and maybe disqualified. Safety inspections are now part of racing - be warned.

14 General

- 14.1 Use of VHF radios by competitors will only be responded to by the race officer for matters concerning safety and retirements. A radio silence is requested during the starting sequence.
- 14.2 Whilst racing, boats shall neither send nor receive radio transmissions which are not available to all boats whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones where the content could be relevant to the race outcome.

14.3 Blyth Harbour is a working harbour. Yachts must not impede the passage of commercial vessels and yachts doing so maybe disqualified. Yachts must not proceed up river under sail further than is necessary to clear the round end of the inner west pier.

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Entry Form and Crew List

Please return to Sailing Sec RNYC

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Yacht Name:		Sail No:	TCF:
Names of all people on board:		Shore-side contact details:	
(Skipper)			
Skipper's signature:		Date:	

If more than 7 persons on board, please continue on another sheet