

Royal Northumberland Yacht Club Regatta

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules and Responsibility

- 1.1 RNYC Regatta 2013 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 series. 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 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 on the day the notice first appears, but not thereafter. 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.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 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 first race.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RNYC club ship mast.
- 4.2 An AP flag flown over an AP flag displayed on House Yacht Tyne with two sounds signals means yachts must remain at their berth.

5. Schedule of Races

Saturday 7th September. All classes will sail 2 races

Race	Class	Warning	Preparatory	1 minute	Start
1	Fast	12.00	12.01	12.04	12.05
	Medium	12.05	12.06	12.09	12.10
	White Sail	12.10	12.11	12.14	12.15

Races 2 as soon as practical after race 1.

Sunday 8th September. The White sail class will sail one long race **and will start first**. Fast/Medium classes will sail 2 races.

Race	Class	Warning	Preparatory	1 minute	Start
3	White Sail	10.55	10.56	10.59	11.00
	Fast	11.00	11.01	11.04	11.05
	Medium	11.05	11.06	11.09	11.10

For fast/Medium classes race 4 will be as soon as practical after race 3.

6. Classes, Class Flags and Identification

- 6.1 Yachts shall sail in the following classes:

Class	Warning Signal Pennant
Fast	One
Medium	Two
White Sail	Three

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

6.3 Fast/Medium Class split is 0.88

7. Courses

- 7.1 The intended course area is Blyth bay, with the exception of race 3 for the White Sail class which will start and finish in Blyth bay but include other areas .
- 7.2 See Appendix 1. Marks will be inflatable buoys or fixed marks as described. Courses for races 1, 2, 3 (Fast and Medium Classes) and 4 will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 7.3 For the white sail race 3, a course will be displayed on the RNYC HY Tyne notice board no later than 09:00 on Sunday.

8 Starting 8.1 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and a black outer distance mark. 8.2 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 8.3 All yachts shall keep clear the starting line until their preparatory signal has gone. 9 Starting Races 9.1 All races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. 9.2 Start times see section 5. 9.3 A yacht arriving late for the start may remain under power after the preparatory signal provided that after stopping her engine, she carries out two full continuous 360° turns on the pre start side of the starting line. A late arriving yacht must keep clear of other yachts until she has completed her turns and has started. 9.4 The race committee may announce starting sequences on VHF channel 37. 10 Recalls 10.1 Individual recalls will be made in accordance with the RRS 29.1. The race committee may announce sail numbers of premature starters on VHF channel 72. Recall numbers will not be displayed. 10.2 General recalls. Altering RRS 29.2, the normal starting sequence will not be interrupted by a general recall. The warning signal for the class which has had a general recall will be displayed at the starting signal of the last class to start correctly. If more than one class is subject to a general recall, the warning signal for the second of these classes will be displayed at the starting signal of the first and so on. If the last class to start is subject to a general recall, it will be restarted in accordance with RRS 29.2. 11 Finishing 11.1 The finish line will be between the main mast on the committee boat and the outer distance mark.	11.2 Every yacht when finishing shall ensure that her sail number is clearly visible to the committee boat. In case of doubt, immediately after finishing she should sail such a course that her sail number can be distinguished. Any yacht failing to do so may not be timed in. 12 Time limit 12.1 The time limit for races 1, 2, 3 (Fast and Medium Classes) and 4 shall be 120 minutes or 30 minutes after the first boat in your class has finished, whichever is later. 12.2 The time limit for race 3 (White Sail Class) 4 shall be 240 minutes or 30 minutes after the first boat in the class has finished, whichever is later. 13 Protests 13.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS part 5. They shall be delivered in writing to the race office (HY Tyne) within 30 minutes of the committee vessel entering the harbour, the time of which shall be displayed at the HY Tyne notice board. 13.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. 14 Scoring Systems 14.1 Shall be in accordance with RRS appendix A low point system. 14.2 The white sail class will have no discards. For Fast and Medium Classes, if 4 races are sailed there will be one discard. 15 General 15.1 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. 15.2 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. 16 Prize giving 16.1 Subject to protest there will be a prize giving on Sunday as soon as possible after racing.
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