

*Dinghies@RYYC Club Racing
Season 2009
Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club
Bridlington Bay*

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 Dinghies@RYYC Club Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012.
- 1.2 Dinghies@RYYC Racing Programme for the current year will apply.
- 1.3 Rules 26, 27, 29, 32 will be changed as follows: Signals other than flags may be used.
Rule 33 will not be used.
Rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: The Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for multihull classes.
Rule 40 will be changed as follows. The reference to flag Y shall be removed.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Race Office.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions or to the schedule of races will be posted before signing in time on the day it will take effect.

4 Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Office flagstaff.
- 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 Flag Y will not be used. Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 See Dinghies@RYYC Racing Programme for the current year
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is no earlier than 1100 or 1130 for Bay Races.

6 Class Flags

- 6.1 All Classes start simultaneously. Class Flag D will be used if Method 1 is in force.

7 Racing Area

- 7.1 Bridlington Bay

8 The Courses

- 8.1 The blackboard in the Race Office will show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

9 Marks

- 9.1 Marks will be normally chosen from the fixed marks of the RYYC as shown on the web site and the Race Office notice board. Other temporary marks may be used whose appearance and location will be displayed or described at the Race Office.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be marks of the course and temporary spherical orange marks.

10 The Start

- 10.1 There will be three starting procedures. Committee Boat start, Patrol Boat start and Shore start. These are referred to below as *Method 1*, *Method 2* and *Method 3* respectively. The method to be used will be displayed on the course board at the Race Office. This changes rule 26.

10.2 Races will be started as follows:

	Minutes to start	Method 1	Method 2	Method 3
Warning	5	Raise Class Flag, 1 sound	Raise 1 oar, 1 sound	Hoist 1 flag or barrel
Preparatory	4	Raise P, I or Black Flag, 1 sound	Raise a 2nd oar, 1 sound	Hoist 2nd flag or barrel
	1	Lower P, I or Black Flag, 1 sound	Lower 1 oar, 1 sound	Lower 1 flag or barrel
Start	0	Lower Class Flag, 1 sound	Lower remaining oar, 1 sound	Lower remaining flag or barrel

- 10.3 The starting line is defined as the line between:
Method 1, a mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.
Method 2, the forward raised oar of the patrol boat and the starting mark.
Method 3, the flagpole outside the Blyth Park Race Office and RYYC Dinghy mark A.

10.4 Starting period: A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after the starting signal.

11 Recalls

11.1 Individual Recalls:

Method 1. Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.1.

Method 2. A single oar will be raised with one sound signal until all boats on the course side of the line at the starting signal have restarted correctly or 4 minutes have elapsed from the starting signal.

Method 3. A single flag or barrel will be hoisted and remain so until all boats on the course side of the line at the starting signal have restarted correctly or 4 minutes have elapsed from the starting signal.

11.2 General Recalls

Method 1. General recalls will be signalled in accordance with rule 29.2.

Method 2. Both oars will be raised with two sounds and both will be lowered with one sound 1 minute before the warning signal for a new start. This changes rule 29.2.

Method 3. Two flags or barrels will be hoisted and both will be lowered 1 minute before the warning signal for a new start. This changes rule 29.2.

12 The Finish

12.1 The finishing line is defined as the line between:

Method 1. The mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the nearby mark.

Method 2. A raised oar aboard the patrol boat and the nearby mark.

Method 3. The flagpole outside the Blyth Park Race Office and RYYC dinghy mark A.

12.2 Finishing Times

The patrol boat cannot guarantee to be on the finishing line.

As boats finish they should note the identity of the boats immediately ahead and astern. Handicap class boats should also note their finishing time.

12.3 Shorten Course

Method 1. Procedure in accordance with rule 32.

Method 2. An oar on the patrol boat will be raised to the accompaniment of two sound signals as the leading boat approaches. This changes rule 32.

Method 3. One flag or barrel will be hoisted as the leading boat nears the finishing line. This changes rule 32.

12.4 Abandonment

Method 1. Procedure in accordance with rule 32.

Method 2. Two oars will be raised with 3 sound signals. All boats should proceed ashore. This changes rule 32

Method 3. Three flags or barrels will be hoisted. All boats should proceed ashore. This changes rule 32.

13 Penalty System

13.1 For multihull classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 Time Limits

14.1 The time limit will be 2 hours except in the case of the Bay Races for which it will be 3 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

15 Protests and Requests for Redress

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16 Scoring

- 16.1 The Bonus Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 When 4 or more races of a series have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 Each entrant must fill in the entry sheet and sign off on their return. They should indicate their non-finishing status if applicable and estimate their finishing position.
- 17.2 Boats must carry a compass, a suitable anchor with warp, a paddle, knife and visible safety device

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: first in each series. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of Dinghies@RYYC.

20 Disclaimer of Liability

- 20.1 Competitors participate in club racing entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Royal Yorkshire Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after Club Racing.

21 Insurance

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3m.