

Class C	National Squib	Squib logo on an orange background
Class E	Yorkshire One Design	IC flag E
Class B	Cruiser Class	IC flag B
Class D	Contessa 26	IC flag D
Class F	BHS Class	IC flag F
Class R	Dinghies	IC flag R

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 Racing will take place in Bridlington Bay, Admiralty Chart No 1882, and adjacent coastal waters Admiralty charts 121 and 129.
- 7.2 A RYYC Mark Chart (2008 Revision) is available on the web site and a copy will be sent to entrants in the competitors' pack,
- 7.3 Every effort is made to maintain the racing marks on station and avoid printing errors but the information on the RYYC Mark Chart (2008 Revision) is for guidance only and mistakes will not be eligible for redress. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the actual position of the racing marks and the course bearings given on the course charts.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 The courses consist of either:

- 8.1.1 BAY RACE – A race adopting one or more of the courses designated on the RYYC Course Chart (2010 Revision) starting from the Pier End. The course to be sailed shall be indicated by a letter on a white background (“tiles”) signalled from the appropriate class course board, which will refer to a course detailed on the RYYC Course Chart (2010 Revision) Each course shall end with No 1. (Note: In the event that No 1 is missing or is a long way off station, No 2 or No 9 may be used as a finishing mark and in that event the sequence would then end with 2 or 9). Each time a yacht completes the sequence shall be a “round”. The highest tile represents the first course (round) to be sailed, with each following course (round) being indicated on the tile below.

Class course boards are identified at the top by a coloured tile representing the Class flag, several class tiles may be shown on a single board, however if all classes are to sail the same course a tile indicating Class F will be shown.

In the event that the race control is unmanned for whatever reason;

An appropriate course will be determined, in sufficient advance of the race start that all competitors will be aware, which will apply to all classes. Normal pier-head rules will apply, except that class course boards and signalling flags may not be in use. A boat will be nominated to operate the start procedure and will sound the appropriate signals, and also determine and action course shortening if appropriate.

Competitors must start their own stopwatch at the race start signal, and must record their elapsed time when crossing the finish line. Times to be given to the duty boat as soon as possible after the last boat finishes. Communication by VHF on channel M1 for the purpose of operating the un-manned race control procedure is permitted in this case alone.

- 8.1.2 COASTAL RACE – A race adopting one of the Coastal Courses (2012 Revision) starting from the Pier End. Coastal Courses may be displayed by way of a red or a green numeral tile. The colour of the numeral is of no relevance to the course to be sailed. A Coastal Race may include a Bay Course after the Coastal Course in which case the bay course letter will be displayed below the coastal course numeral, and the bay course shall be commenced from No 1 at the end of the coastal course, irrespective of the start line denoted on the RYYC Course Chart (2010 Revision).

The course for Class A/B shall apply to all classes that do not have course tiles displayed from their appropriate hoist at the warning signal.

In the event of there being only one boat entering a coastal from any particular class, such boat may compete in B class under BHS .

- 8.1.3 COMMITTEE BOAT RACE – A race starting from a committee boat, where it is intended when circumstances permit that the first leg of each round shall be sailed to windward. The courses and sequence of rounding and number of rounds will be signalled from the Committee Boat (a description of which will be posted on the RYYC official notice board). The Committee Boat will exhibit on a board the course marks, including the Windward Mark (WM) the Leeward/Starting Mark (LM) , utilising marks designated on the RYYC Mark Chart (2008 Revision), moveable marks T and X, and Coastal Marks Filey Brigg, Hornsea Sewer and Canada Wreck Buoys. The approximate magnetic bearing of the WM may be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal. When Committee Boat starts apply, for the avoidance of doubt, a round is completed each time a yacht passes between the designated LW mark and the Committee Boat.

8.2 SIDE OF ROUNDING

- 8.2.1 BAY RACE - A mark will be rounded to port if the mark on the RYYC Course Chart (2010 Revision) is shown in red, or starboard if the mark is shown in green.
- 8.2.2 COASTAL RACE – A mark will be rounded in the direction defined in the Coastal Courses (2012 Revision)
- 8.2.3 COMMITTEE BOAT RACE – All Bay and Coastal Marks/Buoys are to be left to port.

9. MARKS

Marks 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,0,U,A,B,C&D will be cylindrical yellow buoys numbered accordingly.

Marks T and X, will be Orange / Yellow moveable marks, marked accordingly

Bay Mark 7 – Sewer Outfall Buoy

Bay Mark G – SW Smithic Cardinal Buoy

Bay Mark W – South Landing Outfall Buoy

Coastal Mark – Filey Brigg Cardinal Buoy

Coastal Mark – Hornsea Sewer Outfall Buoy

Coastal Mark – Canada & Giorgios Wreck Buoy

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The North Pier shall be an obstruction to sea room.

10.2 The salmon nets in the South Bay shall be an obstruction to sea room, and yachts must pass to seaward of outer limit marks.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 STARTING PROCEDURE

11.2.1 IC flag F displayed from the Starting Station Flag Hoist denotes all classes will start together, though not necessarily sail the same course if these are indicated separately on the individual class course boards. If the classes are to be started individually the first warning signal will be for Class(s) A/B, and the starting procedure will be as follows:

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	MINUTES BEFORE STARTING SIGNAL
Warning signal for first class to start	Class Flag & 1 sound	5
Preparatory	IC Flag P & 1 sound	4
	IC Flag P removed & 1 sound	1
Starting	Class Flag removed & 1 sound	0

The warning signal for subsequent classes will be the Starting signal of the previous class start, in the sequence A/B, C, E and D

11.3 STARTING LINE

11.3.1 PIER END – The starting line is defined as the line between the mast at the starting station (with a round shaped orange coloured top mark) and the starting mark (1, 2 or 9) designated on the RYYC Course Chart (2008 Revision).

The Starting Station will fly a blue ensign when manned

11.3.2 COMMITTEE BOAT - The starting line is defined as the line between the mast of a Committee Boat (a description of which will be posted on the RYYC official notice board) which will fly an **Orange Flag** and the Leeward/Starting Mark (LM) which will be either moveable mark T, X, or any one of the fixed RYYC marks 0-9, A,B,C,D,G,U,W. Yachts will start leaving the **Committee Boat to port** and the **Leeward/Starting Mark (LM) to starboard**.

11.3.3 Should the Committee Boat put to sea but not be able to arrange a Committee Boat start, the Committee Boat will hoist the signal “N over **Orange Flag**” whereupon the start and courses will be in accordance with paragraphs (8.1.1, 8.1.2 and 11.3.1) as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter. Competitors must immediately make their way to the vicinity of the Starting Station on the Pier Head and watch the flag hoists for their signals. Notice may be given via VHF as well.

11.3.4 Recalled classes will restart, in order of recall, at the end of the start time sequence shown in the relevant RYYC Sailing Programme. RRS 29.2 will apply in its entirety to the General Recalls only when there is a single class remaining to start. In all other cases no sound signal will be made with the lowering of 1st substitute (which will be approximately 4 minutes after the recalled start) and new warning and then preparatory signals will be made when appropriate. (Where possible integrated on the end of the rolling five minute sequence)

11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area, likewise after finishing they must keep clear of the finishing line. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

11.5 A yacht starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF COURSE

12.1 PIER END – The starting station cannot change the next leg of a race, it can only shorten it as per RRS.

12.2 COMMITTEE BOAT – The Race Officer may increase or decrease the length of any leg of the course at any time.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 PIER END – The finishing line is between Mark No 1 and the mast with the round orange shape at the Starting Station, and yachts finish by passing through this line leaving Mark No 1 on the required side.
- 13.2.1 COMMITTEE BOAT - The Finishing Line (except for a race utilising coastal marks/buoys) shall be defined as the line between the mast of the Committee Boat, displaying an **orange flag** and the designated Leeward/Starting Mark (LM). Yachts must cross the finishing line leaving the **Committee Boat to starboard** and **the Leeward/Starting Mark to port**.
- 13.2.2 Any race utilising coastal marks/buoys will finish on the line between Mark No 1 and the mast with the round orange shape at the Starting Station on the pier head, and yachts finish by passing through this line leaving Mark No 1 on the defined side. If the pier end starting station is closed (no Blue Ensign flying), all boats must record their own time and that of the boat behind them, if possible they should also record the time of the boat ahead of them.
- 13.2.3 At the discretion of the Race Officer, the Committee Boat may finish the race at any mark of the course, by flying an **Orange Flag** from the main mast and signalling with ‘**IC Flag S**’ and the **relevant class flag** or flags accompanied by two sounds as the leading yacht approaches a mark. The yacht will then pass this mark leaving it to **port** and the Committee Boat to **starboard** and otherwise finish in accordance with paragraph (13.2.1).

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 shall apply, except in the Yorkshire One Design Class and Contessa 26 Class, where it is altered to a 360° penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Bay Races: 3½ hours after the start of the relevant class (2 hours if two or more races are scheduled for a particular class)
Coastal Races: 2000 hours
- If a yacht completes the race within the time limit, the time limit shall be extended by one hour (1/2 hour if two or more races are scheduled for a particular class).
- For Bay Races, in the event that no boat completes the race within the time limit, results shall be calculated from the last round completed within the time limit by at least one yacht.

16. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION

- 16.1 PROTESTS - Protests must be made in accordance with RRS 60 and delivered to the Race Officer not later than two hours after the last boat in its class has finished the race. Protests occurring on days when multiple races are held may be notified 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race, and when racing is over low water the Sailing Group shall extend this time limit, to be reasonable in the circumstances. A deposit of £20 must accompany all protests and will not be returnable unless the Protest Committee decides otherwise.
- 16.2.1 ARBITRATION - Arbitration may be requested by the agreement of all parties. If agreed the arbitrator's decision will be final and may not be subject to protest or appeal. The penalty for any yacht deemed to be at fault by the arbitrator will be a 40% scoring penalty rounded up to the nearest whole number. (eg 8 boats in a race, 40% of 8 = 3.2, therefore penalty = 4 places)

17 SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1 The RYA scoring system (RRS Appendix A Section 4.1 Low Point System) will apply. A result of DNS, DNF, RAF, OCS, BFD will score number of starters in the race plus one. A result of DSQ will score number of starters in the race plus 2. A result of DNC will score number of starters in the series plus one. The number of entrants in a series will be deemed to be equal to the number of individual boats which came to the starting area in that series.
- 17.2 Sail-overs are allowed

18 THE SCORING SYSTEM FOR THE OVERALL TROPHIES

- 18.1 In each race each yacht finishing shall score 3 points plus 1 additional point for each yacht that started the race but did not obtain a better result. Any yacht disqualified or failing to answer a recall shall score nil points for that race. Ties will be broken in favour of the yacht that had the most number of first places and then second places etc.
- 18.2 Boats shall be eligible for 1 discard after each 4 races which are sailed within a series. Races which are not started, or which are abandoned after the start and for which no result is obtained, shall not count towards these 4 races. (Therefore 1 discard after 4 races, 2 discards after 8 races, etc)

19 BRIDLINGTON HANDICAP SYSTEM

- 19.1 Races scheduled for Class A, B, D and F shall take place under the Bridlington Handicap System. Time Correction Factors will be at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

20 RETIREMENT

- 20.1 When a yacht retires an ensign must be flown and/or the Committee Boat/Pier Head staff informed at the earliest opportunity.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except for safety reasons or in an emergency. The course, countdown, premature starters and other information may be communicated to the fleet on Channel 37 (M1). This is for information purposes only and errors given in information provided by VHF will not be grounds for redress or protest under any circumstances.

Appendix Rule 1 – Officer Of the Day

Any boat representative acting as Race Officer Of the Day (OOD) shall score '2 points' for any race in which they would have normally been eligible to race in. If however the boat enters racing and betters that score (i.e. comes first) then that better score shall count.

Appendix Rule 2 – Missing Marks

In the event that critical marks are substantially displaced or missing [e.g. 1/2/9 and 6 which appears in 2/3rds of courses] which compromise the setting of a suitable course from the RYYC Courses list, the race officer **in consultation with** a Flag Officer may set a course using the alphanumeric buoy designations. It should be made clear to the fleet that action is being applied, with reasonable notice prior to commencement of starting sequence.

Appendix Rule 3 -- RYYC Long Distance Races

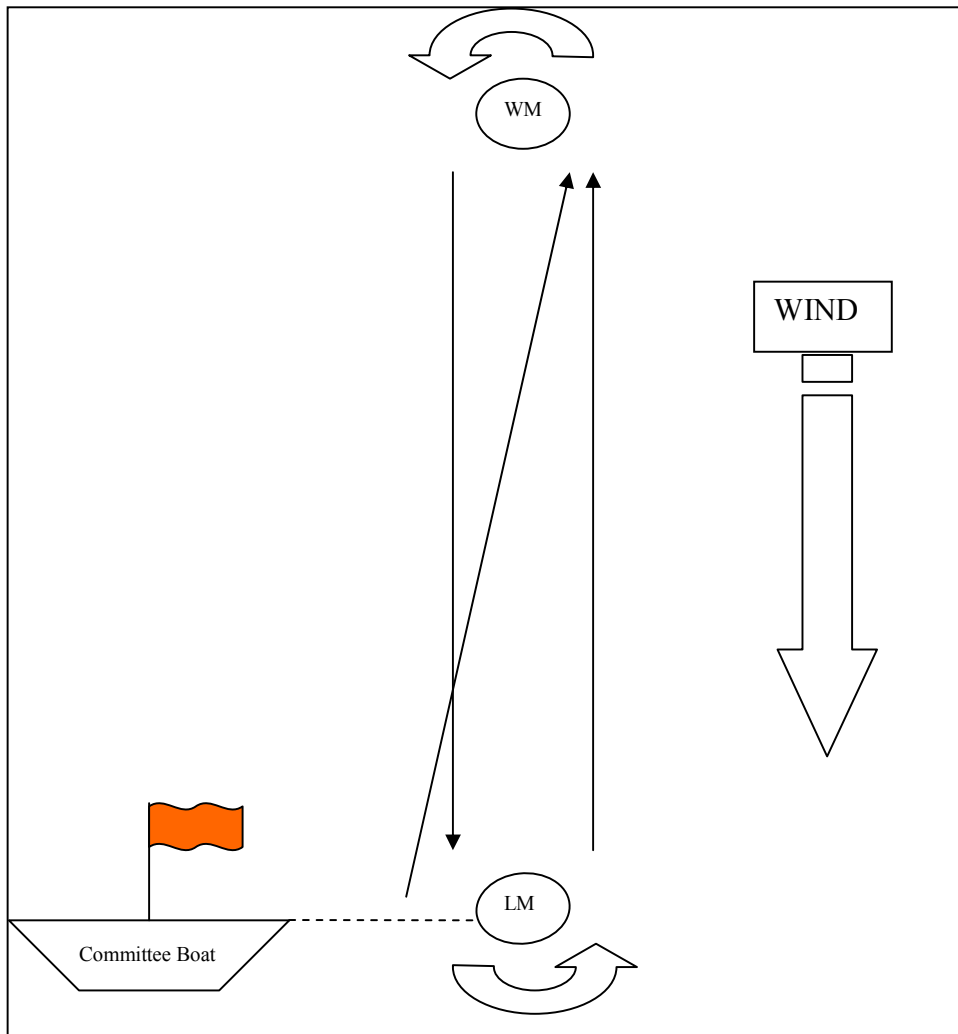
Boats competing in RYYC Long Distance races [Aimee and Dowsing races] consequently being unable to participate in scheduled RYYC series races will be credited with 2 points in those races missed. This excludes any weekend mini-series' and does not count as a second place in the event of the results being used in a tie-break situation for awards.

Appendix Rule 3/2012 -- RYYC Long Distance Races [2012 addendum]

Boats competing in WYC Vernon Dawson Race as a feeder to RYYC Aimee Race starting in Whitby, consequently being unable to participate in scheduled RYYC series races will be credited with 2 points in those races missed. This excludes any weekend mini-series' and does not count as a second place in the event of the results being used in a tie-break situation for awards.

SI Drawing 1

Committee Boat Races
First and Subsequent Rounds



The example shown is for a Windward/Leeward Course but is applicable to Courses where additional marks would be designated between WM and LM, and the coastal course where additional marks would be specified between WM and the finish at the pier head

SI Drawing 2

Starting Station
As Viewed from the East

Starting Line with Orange Round Shape
And Starting Signal Flag Hoists

