

**ROYAL YORKSHIRE YACHT CLUB**  
**Sailing Instructions – 2008 Revision**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA, its Racing Charter the RYYC Sailing Instructions 2008, and the relevant class rules will also apply, except in so far as they may be altered and supplemented by changes to these instructions.
- 1.3 The regatta shall be held under Category C advertising rules, as per the RRS.
- 1.4 In any race including a course sequence of 9-1-2 or 2-1-9, RRS 28.1 shall not apply to Mark 1.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the front entrance hall.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted for at least one hour before the first starting time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes will be signalled by flying IC flag L from the RYYC flag pole. Should there be more than one notice then an IC numeral flag will also be displayed, indicating the number of notices for that day.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 The RYYC flag pole from a point of race management will display only an L flag (and IC numeral flag if required) as per 3.1 and/or an Orange flag that will signal that Committee Boat starts are operating. All other flags or Ensigns flying should be disregarded.
- 4.2 All other signals will be displayed either at the Starting Station on the North Wall in the case of Pier End Starts, or from the Committee Boat.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The classes to race and order and times of starting signals, is as defined in the RYYC 2008 Sailing Programme and RYYC 2008 Regatta Week Programme.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 5 minutes before the published class start time.
- 5.3 When there has been a long postponement and/or when more than one race (or sequence of races) will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable, and where possible an indication of the time of the commencement of the starting sequence will be given over the VHF by the Race Officer.
- 5.4 Reserve days may be used if races are not completed as scheduled or if the Sailing Group considers it unlikely that races will be completed as scheduled.
- 5.5 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 5.6 Start times may vary and the races may be postponed, brought forward, abandoned, cancelled or shortened at the discretion of the Sailing Group or Race Officer.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

6.1	Class A	Cruiser Class	IC flag A
	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 (2008 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 (2008 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
- 8.1.2 **COASTAL RACE** – A race adopting one of the Coastal Courses (2008 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 (2008 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.
- 8.1.3 **COMMITTEE BOAT RACE** – A race starting from a committee boat, where it is intended when circumstances permit that the first leg 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 (2008 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 (2008 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 orange buoys numbered accordingly.

Marks T and X, will be Orange 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, where it is altered to a 360° penalty.

## 15 **TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 Bay Races: 3 ½ 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)

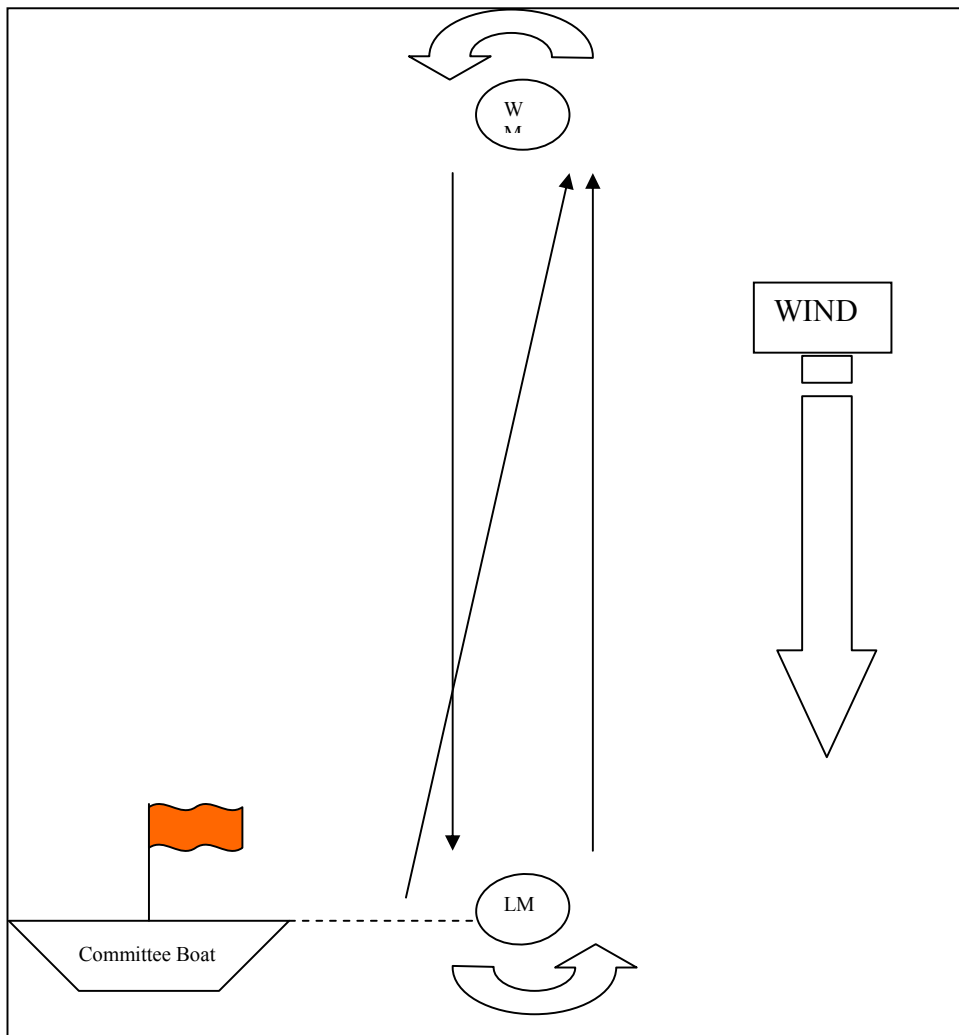
17. When a yacht retires an ensign must be flown and/or the Committee Boat/Pier Head staff informed at the earliest opportunity.

## 18 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1 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.

**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

**Starting Station**  
**As Viewed from the East**

**Starting Line with Orange Round Shape**  
And Starting Signal Flag Hoists

