



CROUCH YACHT CLUB 2017



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The Series will be governed by the rules as defined in:

The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 ("RRS") and the Crouch Yacht Club ("CYC") Sailing Instructions ("SIs"), IR2017 Rules ("IRC"), except that IRC Rule 22.4.2 will not apply, There will be no limitations on crew number or weight except as required for boats rated as one designs, which shall comply with IRC Rule 22.4.1. and Crouch Harbour Bylaws will apply. RRS 52 is reinstated.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors which will include changes to Sailing Instructions and/or courses will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the top of the stairs leading to the back door of the CYC by 09:30 on the date of effect. Flag board L will be displayed.

3 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 Competitors shall submit an Entry Form and Entry Fee to the Race Officer before racing.

3.2 Race Officers may not include a boat in the results if that boat has not complied with SI 3.1.f

3.3 A yacht must have a valid IRC rating to compete in the IRC class. A competitor with an IRC rating pending with RORC may race in a series on the understanding that a rating will be received before the conclusion of the series. The results will be amended accordingly. If the valid rating is not received by the concluding race, the boat will be removed from the results.

4 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
IRC	Numeral Pennant One
Local handicap	Numeral Pennant Three

5 THE COURSES

5.1 Courses will be selected from the *CYC 2017 Course Card*. The rhumb line between marks may not be navigable.

5.2 No later than the warning signal of each class, the Race Box will display the course to be sailed from the window to the East of the Race Box. When Course 'S' is displayed, courses will be announced on VHF Channel 37 (M1) prior to the Warning Signal.

5.3 When a committee boat is used the course will be announced on the VHF Channel 72 prior to the Warning Signal.

6 SIGNALS

6.1 Signals made ashore will be Flag Boards and Course Letters displayed in the windows east of the Race Box.

6.2 Signals made afloat - The Committee Boat will fly a *CYC Burgee*. Signal flags will be flown, with courses transmitted on VHF Channel 72. The Call Sign for the Committee Boat will be "Crouch One" and/or as advised.

7 THE START

7.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

Signal	Flag displayed	Sound	Mins before starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag displayed and	1 sound	5 minutes
Preparatory	Flag P displayed	1 sound	4 minutes
One Minute	Flag P removed	1 long sound	1 minute
Starting	Class Flag removed	1 sound	0

7.2 The starting line at the *CYC* is defined as between a triangle on the South shore and a triangle on the Race Box. The starting line from a Committee Boat will be announced on VHF 72 prior to the race.

7.3 In the event of a General Recall the Race Committee shall display the First Substitute with two sounds. The Warning Signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed with one sound. The starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

7.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

7.5 A boat starting later than sixty minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finishing line at the CYC is defined as between a triangle on the South shore and a triangle on the Race Box. The finishing line at a Committee Boat will be defined in the SIs or will be announced on VHF 72 prior to the race.

9 SHORTEN COURSE

9.1 In addition to RRS 32 when Flag 'H', with two sounds, is displayed from a Committee Boat at a mark of the course, its meaning is "The course is shortened and this is the last mark of the course - pass between the mark and the Committee Boat and sail to the finish line".

9.2 In addition to RRS 32.2(b) the finishing line may be defined as a line that boats may be required to cross during the race.

10 GOING AGROUND

With reference to Rule 42.3(h) any boat that goes aground and cannot clear themselves without the use of their engine, their engine can be used to get clear. The penalty shall be 1% of elapsed time or one place, whichever is the greater for each time the boat goes aground and their engine is used. Boats that are accepting a penalty/ies will fly a yellow flag from the backstay and inform the Race Officer of the nature of the penalty/ies.

11 EXONERATION PENALTY

For boats that infringe a rule of RRS Part 2, Rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty will apply except that Rule 44.3 (c) is changed so that the penalty shall be 2% of elapsed

time or two places, whichever is the greater. The boat shall display a yellow flag and inform the Race Officer when finishing.

12 ADVISORY HEARING

When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, Protest Committee or Race Committee may request an advisory hearing with the Race Office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An Advisor will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the Race Office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

13 RYA ARBITRATION

13.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the Protest Committee or the Race Committee may offer it.

13.2 If the parties and a member of the Protest or Race Committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an Arbitrator (who may be that member of the Protest Committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that Rule 64.1 will not apply. Instead, when the Arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the Arbitration Hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing Rule 63.1.

13.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the Protest Committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a Protest Hearing and receive its protection from further penalisation. She may also retire.

13.4 When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the Protest Committee or Race Committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a Protest Committee.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 The Time Limit is Start Time plus four hours. If any boat in class finishes within the time limit the race is valid for all competitors in class but boats finishing after start time plus six hours must time themselves in and "post" their time in the Race Box within two hours of finishing.

14.2 If no boat has passed the first mark of the course within two hours the race will be abandoned.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1(a).

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office located at the CYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The Race Officer shall be notified of the intention to protest on finishing by VHF and the Protest Form shall be delivered to the Race Box within 90 minutes of finishing. Competitors who believe that they may be a party to a protest should also report to the Race Officer.

15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held upstairs in the Race Box at the time posted.

15.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b). The Race Committee should also advise the boat verbally.

15.5 Breaches of instructions 7.4 and 18.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

16 SCORING

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

Competing boats shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5, plus a Marine VHF Radio capable of receiving VHF Channels 37 and 72. The four features races (to Bradwell and back and River Orwell and back) out of river will be Category 4 except OSR 3.09 Cockpits.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the sailing instructions.

18.2 For the Autumn Series, Nutcracker Series and Christmas Grand Prix cushions may be removed.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 The Race Officers (call sign "Crouch Line") may use VHF radio for communications with the competitors on the water to give instructions or to provide information. VHF Channel 37 (M1) will be used.

19.2 Committee Boats (call sign "Crouch One" and/or as advised) may use VHF radio for communications with the competitors on the water to give instructions or to provide information. VHF Channel 72 will be used.

18.3 Except in an emergency a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 RETIREMENT

A boat which retires shall advise the Race Officer by VHF radio as soon as practicably possible.

21 RUBBISH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

24 MOORED, NON-RACING VESSELS & NAVIGATION MARKS

24.1 A competing boat that collides with or fends off a moored or anchored vessel, its mooring or any dinghy or tender tied to it, shall retire and the Race Officer shall be notified of the details.

24.2 Any collisions with moored or anchored vessels, non-racing vessels and/or navigation marks whether or not there is damage and all injuries to crews or helm shall be reported to the Crouch Harbour Authority