

Salcombe Yacht Club 2011 Sailing Instructions

SYC Regatta Week – sponsored by Henri Lloyd

1 RULES

All races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012, Salcombe Harbour byelaws, Local Notices to Mariners, International Rules for Prevention of the Collisions at Sea, rules of the classes racing and these Sailing Instructions, with the proviso that the Sailing Instructions amend certain Racing Rules of sailing as stated below.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) in the Yacht Club

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1 hour before the first start.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Watch House.

4.2 When flag Y is displayed ashore, Rule 40 is amended as follows: when Flag Y is displayed from the Watch House all competitors are to wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy.

The wearing of adequate personal buoyancy by all competitors at all times while afloat is strongly recommended. All competitors under the age of 18 years shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while afloat

5 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be: Flag O

6 RACING AREAS

As per Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card.

7 Fairway

The Harbour Authority has marked a Fairway in the vicinity of the Starting Line to provide a safe passage for the use of non-racing craft. The outer edge of this Fairway is defined by a line of yellow buoys from V0 (Marine Hotel) to V3 (Ferry Inn) laid parallel to the Salcombe shore of the estuary. The Prohibited Area is between the outer sides of the Fairway outer buoys and the Salcombe shore. The Salcombe Harbour Authority – Kingsbridge Estuary Local Notice to Mariners No 4 of 2010 refers.

After the Warning Signal for the first class of any sequence of starts competing boats shall not to enter the Prohibited Area whilst Flag 2nd Sub is displayed and yellow flashing lights are illuminated on either end of the Watch House. During this time the Fairway outer marks are a continuing obstruction.

Any competing boat identified by the Race Officer or the Salcombe Harbour Authority in or entering the Prohibited Area at any time during a start sequence will be disqualified from that start without a hearing, should any competing boat be involved in an avoidable incident with a non-competing craft within the Fairway at any time during a race they may be disqualified from that Race and any other subsequent race in that series. (This amends Rule 63.1). Boats whose moorings are within the Fairway or coming from Batson Boatpark will be permitted to sail out by their shortest course.

8 Courses.

Courses will be indicated by number / letter boards displayed at the Watch House before or at the warning signal for that class. When a Red number is displayed the mark shall be rounded to Port. When a Green number is displayed the mark shall be rounded to Starboard. The racing marks are numbered buoys except A,B,C,D,W,X,Y and Z.

In the absence of a listed rounding mark, it will be replaced by a buoy or boat flying Flag M.

Marks A,B,C,D will be laid as indicate on the Salcombe Yacht Club Course Card

Mark W shall be a temporary mark positioned south of Mark 1 (Blackstone). Mark X shall be a temporary mark positioned between Mark 1 (Blackstone) and Mark 3 (Crossways). Mark Y shall be a temporary mark positioned between Mark 3 (Crossways) and Mark 4 (Yalton). Mark Z shall be a temporary mark positioned between Mark 5 (Saltstone) and Mark 7 (Gerston). Marks W,X,Y and Z are large orange inflatable temporary marks.

9 Starting Line

The starting line is either:

- a) an imaginary line between the Flagstaff of the SYC Race Office and the orange transit marks on the Portlemouth shore.
- b) between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the SYC Safetboat and a nearby rounding mark (which may not necessarily be a mark of the course).
- c) between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the SYC Safety boat and a staff/buoy flying an orange flag

An alternative start line will be signalled at the Race Office by code flag `C` and the number/letter of the nearest racing mark.

When the Preparatory flag is flying for a race start, a boat competing in a later race shall not enter or sail within 10 boat lengths of the Start Line. Any boat breaking this rule may, at the sole discretion of the Race Officer, be scored DSQ for its race.

To rank as a starter, a boat shall cross the Start Line within 5 minutes of the Start.

10 Starting System

Races shall be started in accordance with Rule 26

As an additional aid a duplicated set of lights may be displayed at the Warning signal. One light will then be extinguished at one-minute intervals, and at 30 seconds before the start the remaining light will flash until extinguished at the starting signal.

11 General Recall

General Recall will be in accordance with rule 29.3 amended as follows: The new start will be 10 minutes after the last start scheduled.

12 Finishing Line

The Finishing Line is either

- (a) an imaginary line between the flagstaff of the Watch House and the orange transit marks on the Portlemouth shore, or
- (b) between a staff displaying code flag S on the SYC Safety boat and the nearby racing mark. This mark may not necessarily be a mark of the course.
- (c) Between a staff displaying code flag S on the SYC Safety boat and a staff / buoy flying an orange Flag.

13 Time Limit

The race time limit (rule 35) shall be two and a half hours for the first boat of a class. Any boat failing to finish within three hours of the starting time of its race will be scored DNF, this modifies rule 35.

14 Scoring System

The scoring system will be in accordance with Appendix A using the Low Point system.

If 4 races are sailed there will be 1 discard and if less than 4 races are sailed there will be no discard.

Should either race on a day be cancelled or abandoned its corresponding race will not count towards the series. Races will not be resailed.

Only one set of OOD average points may be claimed per series.

15 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

16.1 To change the course, the race committee will position a safety boat, flying Flag C for all classes or over the class flag for a specific class, at a mark of the course. The safety boat will sound a signal and display or verbally advise the new race course. This changes rule 28.1.

16.2 Except at the Watch House which will display Flag C for all classes or over the class flag for a specific class, sound a signal and the new race course. This changes rule 28.1.

16 PROTESTS, MEDIATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Salcombe Yacht Club.

Protests, mediation and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit as determined by the Sailing Committee.

For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes for the protest to be lodged with the Race Officer after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

Competitors will be advised of the protest time as soon as possible.

Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

Consideration is to be given to all users of Salcombe Estuary especially non racing boats as there are many pleasure and commercial craft afloat who do not understand the racing rules. Always sail safely. **If you are in a Collision with a non competing boat whether it be underway or moored you must report the incident to the Harbour Office and fill out the appropriate Form.** If you are seen to have a collision that is not reported with such a boat you will be disqualified from the Race.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

19 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in Salcombe Yacht Club racing entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 (£3 million) per event or the equivalent.