



## **NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

for BYC pursuit Racing

Organised by

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### **General Information**

This is intended to be a fun race, encouraging boats that do not normally race to join in. The race is open to Yachts, keelboats and dinghies including members of the cruising section as well as the established racing fleet.

### **Pursuit Racing Sailing Instructions**

Racing will be controlled from Battery Point.

It is the object of a 'Pursuit Race' that the theoretical slowest boat starts first and the fastest boats start last. In theory all boats should finish simultaneously. The winner is the first yacht to cross the finish line. The race will be as close as possible to 75 or 90 minutes from the start time of the theoretical slowest boat, the anticipated duration of the race will be defined in the published list of start times for that race.

Handicaps for each boat will be issued by BYC using each boat's most recent NHC (National Handicap for cruisers) evolved from previous BYC races. Boats without an evolved NHC number will use an NHC base number

A list of start times for each boat will be published on the official notice board in the lower corridor of BYC by 20.00, the day before the event. This start time establishes the handicap for the entry.

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing. Competitors should note that Brixham Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book. Rule 45 does not apply. Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws. All entrants should be aware that Torbay harbours and especially Brixham harbour are commercial harbours and regard given to commercial vessels.

## **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 20.00 the night before the race. Code flag L will be displayed on the Clubhouse mast until the start of the first race affect.

### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

3.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

### **4. CLASS FLAGS**

4.1 The class flag will be NP1. Class flags are not required to be displayed on competing boats.

### **5. THE COURSES**

5.1 The Course configuration will be indicated at Battery Point by a sequence of letters which refer to the marks as listed in the current BYC Table of Race Marks.

5.2 Marks will be passed in sequence; each mark letter will be displayed on a red or green background. If the letter has a red background the mark is to be left to port, if the letter has a green background the mark is to be left to starboard.

5.3 Each round is completed when a boat passes between the main mast of Battery Point and the last letter in the course sequence displayed.

5.4 There is no defined number of laps. Boats will continue racing until finishing in accordance with SI 10.

5.5 The course will not be changed after the first scheduled start. This changes rule 33.

### **6. MARKS**

6.1 The marks are described in the published current BYC Table of Race Marks. All mark positions are approximate and are as shown in the BYC Race Marks Chart.

### **7. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

### **8. THE START**

8.1 The starting line will be between the mainmast at Battery Point and the 'R' or 'G' ODM (shown in the published BYC Table of Race Marks and BYC Race Marks chart, as indicated by the red or green flag. For a start using the 'R' ODM boats shall start from West to East, and for the 'G' ODM boats shall start from East to West. The Race Committee may announce the starting count down on the current working VHF channel.

#### **8.2 START TIME**

8.2.1 All times are in BST.

8.2.2 The first scheduled start time will be published in the Race Schedule, an example of the timings is shown below, the example indicates either a warning signal of 17.55 or 18.25.

17.55 / **18.25** - Warning Signal, Class flag (NP1) raised with 1 sound signal.

17.56 / **18.26** – Preparatory Signal, 'P' flag displayed with 1 sound signal.

17.59 / **18.29** – One Minute to first scheduled start. 1 sound signal.

18.00 / **18.30** – First Start, flags lowered – Board 0 is displayed. Gun signal.

18.01 / **18.31** and every subsequent minute until the last boat has started a sound signal will be made.

Board numbers will be displayed and any previous boards removed. The board number will correspond with the relevant minute for example 01 will be displayed and 0 removed as the time turns to 18.01 **or 18.31**, 02 will be displayed and 01 removed as the time turns 18.02 **or 18.32** and so on. Boats shall start at or after but not prior to the sound signal at their relevant start time. This changes rule 26.

Start Time	Board Number
18.00 / 18.30	0
18.01 / 18.31	1
18.02 / 18.32	2
18.03 / 18.32	3
18.04 / 18.34	4
18.05 / 18.35	5
18.06 / 18.36	6
18.07 / 18.37	7
18.08 / 18.38	8
18.09 / 18.39	9
18.10 / 18.40	10
18.11 / 18.41	11
18.12 / 18.42	12
18.13 / 18.43	13
18.14 / 18.44	14
18.15 / 18.45	15
18.16 / 18.46	16
18.17 / 18.47	17
18.18 / 18.48	18
18.19 / 18.49	19
18.20 / 18.50	20
18.21 / 18.51	21
18.22 / 18.52	22
18.23 / 18.53	23
18.24 / 18.54	24
18.25 / 18.55	25
18.26 / 18.56	26
18.27 / 18.57	27
18.28 / 18.58	28
18.29 / 18.59	29
18.30 / 19.00	30

8.3 Boats not yet starting shall keep clear of those about to start or those that are racing.

8.4 In the event of a postponement prior to the first start, the board numbers will be displayed / removed in the same sequential order relating to the actual start time. For example, if the start is postponed and is started at 18.30, AP would be removed at 18.24, the warning signal would be at 18.256, the start and board 0 will be raised at 18.30, board 1 will be displayed and 0 removed at 18.31 and so on.

## 9. STARTING PENALTIES AND RECALLS

9.1 There will be no recalls either general or individual made at any starting time. Boats over the start line (OCS) at their relevant start time will be disqualified or will incur a minimum of a 2 minute penalty to be added to their finish time. This will be decided at the Race Committees discretion. This changes rule 30 and A5.

**10. THE FINISH**

10.1 The finish will be between the main mast of a finishing vessel displaying a blue flag and a mark of the course. The finishing vessel will make every effort to maintain steady station but may not be anchored. The line shall be crossed in the direction from the previous mark in the course sequence. To alert boats that the finish line is set 2 sound signals will be made prior to the lead boat approaching the line. This changes the meaning of Shortened Course and rule 32. The finish will be as close to as possible to 75 or 90 (indicated with the published start times for each boat) minutes after the first start signal.

**11. TIME LIMITS**

11.1 There is no time limit.

**12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

12.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

14.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**15. ADDITIONAL SAFETY GUIDANCE NOTES**

15.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

16.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**17. PRIZES**

17.1 Prizes may be awarded for the race.

**18. RISK STATEMENT**

18.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**19. INSURANCE**

19.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.

**20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

20.1 See the current BYC NOR & SI Yachts document.