

ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND

Welcomes you to

J24 Autumn Cup 2011

Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd October 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority: **The Royal Western Yacht Club of England**

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Competitors and their families are invited by the Flag Officers of The Royal Western Yacht Club to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of the regatta and to make full use of the bar, catering and other facilities of the Club.

The Royal Western Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012), on the club website.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The **J24 Autumn Cup 2011** will be governed by the "Rules" as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2 and the 2011 J/24 Class Rules.
- 1.2. The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 (DPPO) and the Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners (PLNTM) shall apply.
In particular, regulations regarding the safe navigation of large vessels shall be strictly observed. When the Race Committee believes that such regulations have been broken so as to bring the sport into disrepute it will act under RRS 60.2(c) requesting the Protest Committee to act under RRS 69.1(a), Allegation of Gross Misconduct. Details of the DPPO and PLNTM are displayed on the RWYC notice board and website.
- 1.3. The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See the official notice board or website for details.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the RWYC.
- 2.2. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Time	J24
Saturday 1 st Oct	1030	Event briefing
	1155	Warning signal first race Up to four races back to back
	19.00	Supper with games
Sunday 2 nd Oct	09.55	Warning Signal first race Up to 3 races back to back Note: No start after 1400
	15.30	Prizegiving at Yacht Haven Quay

4. SIGNALS

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC Flagstaff.

- 4.2. J24 Warning Signal will be Numeral J.
- 4.3. When flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40.1 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the part 4 preamble.

5. **DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS**

- 5.1. Except with the prior written approval of the Race Committee, changes in distinguishing numbers will not be allowed and a boat having distinguishing numbers which are different from those on her measurement certificate or entry form will be disqualified. This SI constitutes prior warning under RRS G4 in respect to the number used.

6. **COURSES & MARKS**

- 6.1. The course for races will be of Windward/Leeward configuration as shown in Appendix A
- 6.2. Mark 4, the leeward mark will be a yellow mark. The first windward mark (mark 1) will be a yellow mark. The second windward mark (mark 1) will be orange. The colour of the windward marks will then alternate.
- 6.3. The Committee Boat will display the bearing and distance to the first mark.

7. **THE START**

- 7.1. The Start Line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the Outer Distance Mark (an orange pillar mark).

8. **SHORTEN COURSE**

- 8.1. If it becomes necessary to shorten the course Flag S will be displayed by the Race Committee and accompanied by two sound signals. Yachts should proceed to the next mark and then to the finish line. Instruction shall also be transmitted on Ch 77. Failure to receive any such transmissions shall not constitute Grounds for Redress.

9. **RECALLS**

- 9.1. Recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29. Recall information may be transmitted on VHF Ch 77 after a minimum delay of 1 minute. Failure to receive any such transmissions shall not constitute Grounds for Redress.

10. **CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK** (This replaces RRS 33)

- 10.1. A radio message on Ch 77 will detail any course change. Failure to receive such transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.
- 10.2. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.

11. **THE FINISH**

- 11.1. The Finish Line and Upwind Gate will be between an Orange Danbuoy with a Blue flag and the Committee Boat.

12. **TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1. Target time for all races will be 60 minutes.
- 12.2. The time limit for the leading boat will be 90 minutes.
- 12.3. If the leading boat completes the course within the time limit, the race will be valid for all other boats which complete the course within fifteen minutes of the leading boat.

13. **RETIREMENTS**

- 13.1. Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Race Committee as soon as possible and in all cases within 1 hour of finishing or retiring.
- 13.2. Retirements must be reported via VHF Ch 77 to the Committee Vessel call sign "FULMAR"
- 13.3. Boats that fail to report their retirement within the time allowed in SI 13.1 will be scored DNE, unless the Protest Committee accepts a satisfactory explanation for the delay.

14. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

15.1 Rule 44.1 is amended to be a 360 degree turn, comprising one tack and one gybe.

15. **PROTESTS** (This changes RRS 61.1(a) and RRS 61.3)

15.1. Protests shall be lodged in the Race Office not later than ninety minutes after finishing the final race of day. Protests will be heard as soon as possible thereafter.

15.2. Arbitration will be offered where possible as the first route when a protest is lodged. This shall carry the lesser penalty of twenty per cent of places subject to a minimum of two places. If a protest hearing is preferred, the normal rules shall apply.

16. **SCORING SYSTEM**

16.1. 7 races are scheduled for the Championship.

16.2. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

16.3. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. **RESULTS**

17.1. Results will be displayed at RWYC following each day's racing.

18. **PRIZES**

18.1. Prizes will be awarded to first 3 best placed boats in the J24 class..

19. **RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

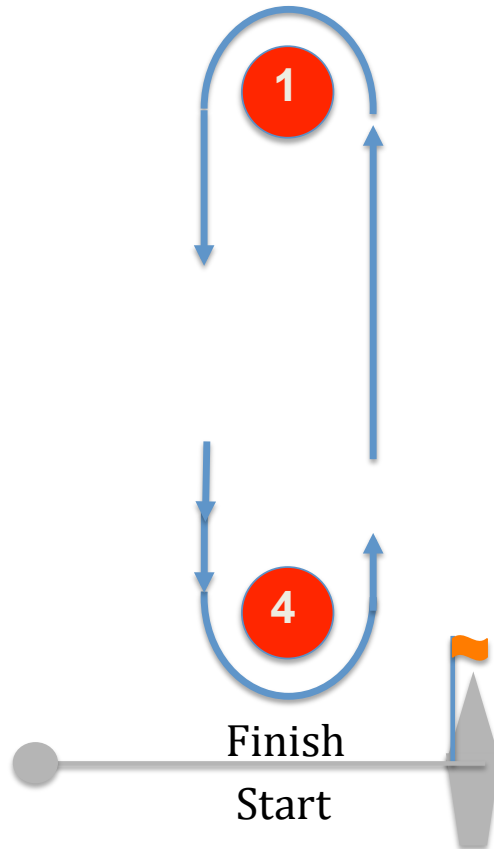
19.1. The Committee Vessel will communicate on VHF Ch 77. All countdowns will be broadcast.

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Appendix A

Planned Course Configuration The anticipated windward beat will be between 1 and 2 miles subject to wind strength and venue restrictions.

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Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W1	Start - 1 - Finish
W2	Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish
W3	Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish
W4	Start - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 1 - Finish