



ROYAL WESTERN
YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND



Devon Yawl National Championships

22-23rd June 2024

Supported by MDL Marinas

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority: Royal Western Yacht Club of England Ltd
Plymouth UK



Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Devon Yawl Association Class Rules (<https://devonyawl.co>)
- 1.2 Plymouth is a Naval/ Commercial Port, shipping movements can be frequent and must have priority. Boats, at all times, must keep clear of ships leaving or entering the port and obey instructions from the Race Committee where avoiding action is necessary. Failure to obey Race Committee instructions may be treated as misconduct.
- 1.3 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Hearing/Arbitration of the RYA Rules and Disputes procedures will be available. This is the preferred method of resolving disputes. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>
- 1.4 With the agreement of the Class Association, and for the purposes only of the definition of "Start" and "Finish" and rules 21.1, 29.1, 30 and 44.2 of the RRS (but not any other rules) a boat's bowsprit shall be considered part of the hull.
- 1.5 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, and the meaning of Flag AP is changed to the extent set out on SI 4.2.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be displayed on the Official Regatta Notice Board in the Royal Western Yacht Club.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours before the first warning signal on Saturday 22nd June and before 0800 on Sunday 23rd June, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RWYC Flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 1 hour' in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of Flag AP in RRS.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Dates of Racing 22nd and 23rd June 2024.
- 5.2 3 races are scheduled for each day with 1st warning signal at 1055 on Sat and 1025 on Sunday. Following races will start as soon as practically possible after the completion of the preceding race.
- 5.3 A race briefing will be held prior to racing on Saturday 22nd June from 0900h at RWYC.
- 5.4 The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday 23rd June 2024.
- 5.5 On Saturday 22nd June no warning signal will be made after 1600 and on Sunday 23rd June no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6 CLASS FLAG

6.1 Class Flag will be International Code Flag T 

7 RACING AREA

7.1 Racing area will be Plymouth Sound, north of the Breakwater.

7.2 The Committee Vessel will be Fulmar, a white motor launch displaying a RWYC flag

8 COURSES and MARKS

8.1 The diagram in Appendix A shows the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course for each race by displaying it on the side of the committee boat.

8.3 Boats are required to pass through the start/finish line on upwind legs and to pass outside it on downwind legs.

8.4 Course marks will be described at the Briefing

8.5 The start/finish line distance mark will be an orange pillar buoy

9 THE START

9.1 The start line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee vessel and the windward side of the outer distance mark on the port side.

9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the committee boat mast with one sound signal at least 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

9.3 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes prior to the start signal.

9.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 & A5.2.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be the same as the start line, except that the distance mark may be relocated after the start.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 The time limit will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the second boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office in the Royal Western Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the regatta office within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of that day or 90 minutes after the time that the race committee signals that racing is abandoned for the day.
- 13.1 Notices will be posted on the official Regatta notice board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit ends to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, which may include protests by the race committee or protest committee. All parties to a hearing must assemble at the appointed time.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2 When 3 or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

15 RETIREMENTS

- 15.1 Boats retiring from a race shall inform a race committee boat at the earliest opportunity.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Daily prizes and overall prizes will be awarded as stated in NoR 16.1.

17 INSURANCE

- 17.1 Each participating boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £3,000,000.

18 MEDIA WAIVER

- 18.1 Competitors are asked (on the entry form) to give their consent to the sponsors and the Organising Authority, to use their name, comments, photograph and likeness in order to promote racing.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 The Regatta Office can be contacted by e-mail or telephone as follows:
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