

# **PLYMOUTH RACE WEEK 2024**

**Incorporating**

**The YTC South West Championship**

**and**

**The Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race**

**Hosted by**

**PLYM YACHT CLUB**



# Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority (OA) – Royal Western Yacht Club of England (RWYC) and Plym Yacht Club

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the ‘Rules’ as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), Prescriptions and the 2024 YTC Handicap Policy and Procedures.
- 1.2 Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail except that neither shall change nor alter a class rule. This changes Rule 63.7.
- 1.3 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 the official website for details. See: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/rules-disputes>
- 1.4 Competitors should note the Royal Western Yacht Club and Plym Yacht Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.5 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.6 All boats shall monitor Ch M (37). Failure to receive a VHF communication shall not be grounds for redress.

## 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 on the day they will take effect (see SI 3.1). They may be repeated via VHF up to 5 minutes before the first warning signal of the day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which is on the event website located at <https://rwyc.org/club-racing/plymouthraceweek/> . These may also be displayed in the RWYC and PYC.
- 3.2 On the water the Race Committee will monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF Channel M (37).

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at PYC Race Control on Mountbatten Breakwater Flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore. ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes the meaning of AP in Race Signals.

#### 5. HANDICAPS

- 5.1 A boats YTC handicap for the Southwest YTC Championship shall be the Official Handicap listed on the competitors current 2024 YTC certificate and displayed on the RYA YTC Listings pages located at <https://rorcrating.com/ryaytc/ryaytclistings/>

#### 6. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Schedule:

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1830	Chris Moyse Pursuit Race: prescribed race duration 1hour, Individual start times as communicated to entrants.
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	1025	Warning signal 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day for YTC Class  3 races scheduled
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	1025	Warning signal 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day for YTC Class  2 races scheduled

  

NUMBER OF RACES	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race	1	0	0
RYA YTC Southwest Championship		3	2

- 6.2 On Saturday, no warning signal will be made after 1600 and on Sunday no warning signal will be made after 1300.
- 6.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee, one extra race in any day may be sailed, providing races become no more than **ONE** race ahead of schedule and that any change made is according to the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.

#### 7. CLASS PENNANT AND SIGNALS

- 7.1 Racing pennant will be numeral 4, which should be flown from the backstay before

and during racing. Where a boat does not have a backstay, it should be flown in a prominent position.

- 7.2 Race starts will be managed according to RRS 26, except that visual signals will be replaced by verbal race signals via VHF Ch M/37. Failure to receive VHF communications shall not be grounds for redress.

## **8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area will be Plymouth Sound, north of Plymouth Breakwater. Refer Admiralty Chart 30: Plymouth Sound and Approaches. See chartlet in Appendix A.

## **9. COURSES**

- 9.1 The Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race and the RYA YTC Championship will use pre-set Courses using the fixed navigation marks as shown in Appendix A. courses will be set and announced to competitors at least 5 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 9.2 Pre-set courses will be used as shown in Appendix B. Boards will be displayed in front of the Race hut on the end of Mountbatten Breakwater the showing the course designation number of the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 The course will be announced on VHF Ch M in addition to being displayed on boards. The Race Committee may change, shorten or extend the course by making an announcement on VHF Ch M.
- 9.4 In light winds or heavy weather, other regatta classes may choose to sail north of Plymouth Breakwater. In that case, if pre-set courses cannot be used, letter boards indicating the course configuration will be displayed in accordance with the chartlet in Appendix A. The colour of the board either **GREEN** or **RED** (Starboard or Port) will indicate which side the mark should be left.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 The start line will be a transit of the PYC flagstaff and an orange transit pole, situated at the end of Mount Batten Breakwater – the ODM will be West Mallard buoy or as notified by the Race Officer on VHF Ch M.
- 10.2 All boats shall pass close to PYC Race Control, before the start of the first race of each day with mainsails hoisted for identification.
- 10.3 For the Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July, entrants will be notified of their start time prior to the race. The first start is scheduled for 1830.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1 Instead of the procedures in RRS 29.1, Flag signals will not be used. The Race Committee will announce on VHF that one or more boats were over the line. Competitors are reminded that it's their responsibility to ensure that they have started correctly. Failure to make or receive such transmissions is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finish for the YTC Championship will be between the PYC flagstaff and the last mark of the course.
- 12.2 The Chris Moyse Pursuit Race will finish at the end of the prescribed finish time. At the prescribed time all boats shall continue sailing around the course to the finish line without overtaking any boats. In addition, each boat shall record the boat ahead and the boat behind itself. Positions will be awarded according to the relative positions of each boat at the prescribed finish time.

## **13. THE PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA 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>
- 13.2 The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an Arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **14. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 14.1 Hearing Request forms are available from the Regatta Office at the Royal Western Yacht Club or downloaded from the event website. Hearing Requests and Requests for Redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Regatta Office within the appropriate protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat of that class 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.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at RWYC, beginning as soon as possible, after posting. Failure to be present will result in the hearing proceeding in according with RRS 63.3 (b).

## **15. RETIREMENT AND TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 Boats retiring shall report their retirement to the Race Committee as soon as possible but no later than 60 minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 15.2 Retirements shall be reported via VHF Ch M to PYC Race Control.
- 15.3 The time limit for the YTC Championship shall be 90 minutes for the first boat. The finishing window for the rest of the fleet shall be 30minutes from the first finisher. Boats not finishing within the finishing window will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 16.2 Two races are required to constitute a series, other than the Chris Moyse Memorial Pursuit Race, which is a single race.
- 16.3 When 3 races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 16.4 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 17.1 All competitors shall carry and operate a VHF Radio and monitor race Committee broadcasts on VHF Ch M.
- 17.2 Race Control can be contacted on VHF Ch M, Callsign PYC Race Control.
- 17.2 The failure to receive any Race Committee transmissions shall not constitute grounds for redress.

## **18. INSURANCE**

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



## Appendix A

Courses use standard PPSA race marks as in the chartlet below. The course details will be announced on VHF Ch M.

