



# ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

## The Royal Southern Yacht Club

### Academy Frostbite Series

### Sailing Instructions

27<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> March

The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

#### **1 Rules**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ***Racing Rules of Sailing***.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be governed by the class rules for each respective class.
- 1.3 **RRS 44.1** will be changed; the change shall be detailed under section **12 Penalties**.
- 1.4 If conflict arises between the [NOR / NOS] and the sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.5 All competitors shall comply with the Southampton Harbour Bye-Laws. These can be found here: [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port Information/Regulations/Byelaws/](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/Port%20Information/Regulations/Byelaws/)

#### **2 Notices to Competitors**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the **Official Notice Board (ONB)**. The **ONB** will be located in the reception of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors and any other information that the **RO** deems useful to competitors, may be communicated to them via the event WhatsApp group. Failure to do this shall not be grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 60.1 (a)**. The group may be joined using a link found here: <https://royal-southern.co.uk/Calendar/ArtMID/4774/ArticleID/273/RSrNYC-Academy-Frostbite-1>

#### **3 Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

- 3.1 Any change to the **Sailing Instructions (SI)** will be posted before 08:00 on the day that it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 Signals made ashore**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Royal Southern Yacht Club's flag pole, located at the South East corner of the Clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag **AP** is displayed ashore, "**1 minute**" is replaced with "**not less than 60 minutes**" in the race signal **AP**.

## 5 Schedule of races

### 5.1

Date	Number of races	First Scheduled start
27/01/2018	All Classes - 5	11:00
17/02/2018	All Classes - 5	11:00
17/03/2018	All Classes - 5	11:00

5.2 One extra race per day may be sailed provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to **SI 3.1**.

5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one, long sound signal, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after \_\_\_\_.

## 6 Class Flags

### 6.1

Class	Class Flag
Diam 24	Naval Numeral 1
J/70	Naval Numeral 2
J/80	Naval Numeral 3
SB20	Naval Numeral 4
Combined Classes	Royal Southern Academy Flag

## 7 Racing Area

7.1 The racing area will be the Central Solent.

## 8 The Courses

8.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward style.

8.2 The course to be sailed will be announced via **VHF**, prior to the start of the race.

## 9 Marks

9.1 The marks to be used will be a mixture of inflatable marks and fixed marks, the position of which can be found here: <http://royal-southern.co.uk/Afloat/Racing#511524-generic-files>].

## 10 The Start

10.1 Races will be started using **RRS 26** except that the class flag shall be displayed 3 minutes before the start signal and the **P, I, Z, U, or Black Flag**, shall be displayed 2 minutes before the start signal.

10.2 The intention of the Race Committee is that the warning signal for a class start, shall be displayed with the start signal for the previous start.

- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 10.5 A boat that does not start within 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **Did Not Start** without a hearing. This changes **RRS A4** and **A5**.
- 10.6 All classes with fewer than three starters shall be combined, with the exception of the Diam 24 fleet who will always start separately.

## 11 Change of the next Leg of the Course

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark. This changes **RRS 28**.

## 12 The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

## 13 Penalty System

- 13.1 For all classes, **RRS 44.1** is changed only such that the two-turns penalty is replaced with the one-turns penalty.

## 14 Time Limits

- 14.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within 10 minutes of the start for that class, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 14.2 If no boat has finished within 30 minutes of the start for that class, the race for that class will be abandoned.
- 14.3 If a boat does not finish within 5 minutes of the first boat in her class to sail the course and finish, she shall be scored **Did Not Finish** without a hearing. This changes **RRS 35, A4** and **A5**.

## 15 Protests and Requests for Redress

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located in the sailing wing of the Royal Southern Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee vessel that has been used as the finish vessel reaches shore.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under **RRS 1.1 (b)**.
- 15.5 Breaches of **SI 10.4, 17, 19** and **22** will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes **RRS 60.1 (a)**.
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes **RRS 62.2**.

## 16 Scoring

- 16.1 The event will be scored according to **Appendix A** of the **RRS**.
- 16.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When between six and ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - c) When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## 17 Safety Regulations

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 17.2 All persons afloat shall wear personal flotation devices, with a lifting strength of 50N.

## 18 Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 18.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at any reasonable time.

## 19 Event Advertising

- 19.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

## 20 Support Boats

- 20.1 Attention is drawn to **RRS 3.1 (b)** and **3.2** which read:
  - a) **RRS 3.1 (b) – A support person by providing support, or a parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter a race, agrees to accept the rules.**
  - b) **RRS 3.2 – Each competitor and boat owner agrees, on behalf of their support persons, that such support persons are bound by the rules.**

## 21 Rubbish Disposal

- 21.1 Rubbish may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## 22 Radio Communication

- 22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 22.2 The race committee will be broadcasting on **VHF** channel **37 / M1**.

## 23 Prizes

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place in each class, unless there are between four and six competitors, in which case only first and second place will be awarded prizes, or there are less than four competitors, in which case only first place will be awarded prizes.
- 23.2 Prizes will be awarded 16:00 on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, in the upper bar of the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

## 24 Disclaimer of Liability

- 24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See **RRS 4 Decision to Race**. The organising 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.
- 24.2 **RRS 4** states “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- 24.3 It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

## 25 Insurance

- 25.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. [DP]

## 26 Further Information

26.1 For further information please contact the sailing office at: [sailing.secretary@royal-southern.co.uk](mailto:sailing.secretary@royal-southern.co.uk) or on: 02380 450 318

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