



SUSSEX REGATTA 2015 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
 - The prescriptions of the RYA Racing Charter (www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).
 - The prescriptions of IRC or NHC as applicable to the fleet.
 - The ORC regulations or, where such rules are in place, the class rules of the entered yacht.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English language will take precedence.
- 1.3 All competing yachts shall display the appropriate class pennant from their backstay, or in the absence of a backstay some other conspicuous position at the stern of the yacht, to indicate which class they are competing in.
- 1.4 In addition to her mainsail, yachts competing in NHC shall carry on board no sails whatsoever other than a sail defined under rule 50.4 of RRS.
- 1.5 Yachts displaying sail numbers different to that shown on their rating certificate and/or entry form must apply to the Sussex Combined Clubs Committee before the first race and receive their written permission where that sail number will be displayed. No yacht will be permitted to display different sail numbers, on any part of the boat at the same time.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located within the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. International code flag "L" will be displayed on the flagstaff at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800 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.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast situated within Sovereign Harbour.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal "AP".
- 4.3 When I C flag "Y" is displayed ashore or on a vessel involved in the management of the meeting, RRS Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This instruction changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will be held for all classes on Saturday 4th April, and Sunday 5th April 2015.
- 5.2 Number of races:

DATE	IRC 1	IRC 2	NHC
04.04.15	3	3	3
05.04.15	3	3	3

- (a) The gentleman's class shall race 3 races in total over 2 days.
- (b) The dinghy class shall race 3 races on 04.04.15 only.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the for race of each day is as follows:

DATE	TIME
04.04.15	09:55
05.04.15	09:55

- 5.4 A maximum of 1 additional race per day maybe sailed.
- 5.5 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed. This changed RRS Appendix L 5.4.
- 5.6 Except after a general recall, no warning signal will be made on the last day of the regatta after 15.00hrs.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags will be as follows:
- IRC1: Numeral pennant 1
 - IRC2: Numeral pennant 2
 - NHC: International code flag G
 - Gentleman's Class: International code flag H
- 6.2 There is no requirement for flags for the dinghy class although Numeral pennant 3 will be used on the committee boat.
- 6.3 When a numeral pennant is displayed below the "AP" its meaning shall be the length of the postponement in hours and shall not relate to one of the classes shown above.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the English Channel within an area five miles offshore from the main entrance to Sovereign Harbour.

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8. COURSES

8.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the preparatory signal for each class along with an approximate compass bearing of the first mark. The race committee will make all possible efforts to convey this information to competing yachts by VHF transmission using channel 77. Failure to make such a transmission, wholly, partly, or at an incorrect time will not be grounds for redress. This instruction changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks will be a mixture of fixed marks and inflatable buoys.

10. THE START

10.1 All races will be started as laid down in RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal being displayed 5 minutes before the start.

10.2 The start line will be between a mast or staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the adjacent inflatable mark.

10.3 The committee boat will be announced at the skippers briefing.

10.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and avoid impeding those yachts about to start in earlier races.

10.5 A yacht starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS Rules A4 and A5.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between a mast or staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the adjacent inflatable mark.

11.2 The finish line will be laid prior to the first boat begins the final leg.

11.3 The blue flag will be displayed (with no sound signal) as the first boat rounds:

- Mark C for the final time in the case of course A: or
- Mark E for the final time in the case of course B: or
- Mark B for the final time in the case of course C.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

	CLASS TIME LIMIT (minutes)	MARK 1 TIME LIMIT (minutes)	TARGET TIME (minutes)
IRC 1	150	45	90
IRC 2	150	45	90
NHC	150	45	90

12.2 There are no prescribed time limits for the Gentleman's and Dinghy classes.

12.3 If no yacht has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

12.4 If any yacht finishes within the time limit all subsequent yachts will be classed as finishers if they finish within 30 minutes of the leading boat. All other remaining yachts shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This instruction changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The provisions of RRS Appendix P1 to P4 inclusive shall apply; RRS Appendix P5 shall not apply. This changes RRS Appendix P.

13.2 Except where an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS Rule 30.3 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P1 applies, a yacht that has broken a rule of RRS Part 2, RRS Rule 31 or RRS Rule 42 may accept a penalty.

13.3 A yacht that takes a penalty under Article 14.1 shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage.

13.4 A yacht committing a breach of RRS Rule 31, which has not taken a penalty under RRS Rule 44.1, may, after finishing and at any time before a protest is heard, accept a scoring penalty under RRS Rule 44.3.

13.5 The scoring penalty shall be 2 places except that such a penalty shall not result in a score worse than DNF.

13.6 A yacht that has taken a penalty under RRS Rule 44.1 or a yacht accepting a scoring penalty under RRS Rule 44.3 or RRS Appendix P shall complete the Penalty Form, within the protest time limit; copies of the Penalty Form are available via the Organising Authority.

13.7 In the event a yacht is disqualified as a result of a protest this shall be scored as "DNE".

13.8 Failure to declare under Article 5.5 of these sailing instructions will result in being scored DND which shall carry a race score of Number of boats competing plus 1.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Where a competitor, protest committee or member of the Race Management Team is subject of an incident relating to a rules infringement and where said party has no wish to register a protest or a request for redress, said party may request an advisory hearing via the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority shall notify any additional parties involved in the incident, arrange for an adviser and call a hearing to learn the circumstance of the incident. The Advisor will state whether any rule may have been broken, and by which party. A decision by the advisor is for educational purposes.

14.2 With exception of RRS Rule 66; where a protest is registered, the defending party may request, or, the Organising Authority or Protest Committee may recommend, RYA Arbitration. If the parties concerned and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable a single arbitrator will hear the evidence and decide whether or not a rule has been broken, and, if so, which rule(s) and why. The arbitrator will invite the person-in-charge of the yacht that appears to have broken a rule to accept an Exoneration Penalty. Where an Exoneration Penalty is accepted, the yacht that takes a penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage. Where an Exoneration Penalty is not accepted, the protest hearing may follow; however, the offer of accepting an Exoneration Penalty shall remain open until time of the hearing and, if taken before the hearing, will avoid the possibility of disqualification.

14.3 Protests shall be notified to the Organising Authority as soon as possible which, in all cases, shall be no later than 90 minutes (60 minutes for the last race on Sunday 20th April) after the yacht has finished the last race of the day – this changes RRS Rule 61.3.

14.4 Copies of the Protest Form are available via the Organising Authority.

14.5 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room or area deemed suitable for these purposes.

14.6 Notices of protests by the Race Management Team will be posted to inform yachts under RRS Rule 61.1(b).

14.7 A first protest hearing shall take place as soon as possible, preferably on the day the protest was registered; in any event, no later than the end of the last day of the regatta.

14.8 A list of yachts that, under Article 14.1 have been penalised for breaking RRS Rule 42 will be posted before the protest time limit.

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system shall be used.

15.2 The prescriptions as set out under RRS Appendix A shall apply.

15.3 Organising Authority wish to draw the competitor's attention to the provisions of RRS Rule 90.3.

15.4 Corrected times for a race shall be rounded to the nearest second with 0.5 seconds rounding up.

15.5 The number of discards allowable is given in the Notice of Race.

15.6 A list of race results will be posted on the Race Notice Board as soon as possible after the last yacht has finished the race. Series results will be based on official race results published following the last race of the Series.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A yacht may be inspected for compliance with safety requirements at any time by a person appointed by the Organising Authority for that purpose.

16.2 Any yacht refusing, failing or unable to comply with any of the safety regulations may be subject to protest.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 The race frequency shall be Marine Band VHF Channel 77.

17.2 During the race, the Organising Authority call-sign shall be Regatta Race Control.

17.3 General announcements to competitors shall be announced the call-sign "Sussex Regatta Fleet".

17.4 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to portable radio-telephone equipment.

18. BEHAVIOUR

18.1 Skippers of all yachts taking part in the Combined Clubs Regatta will be held responsible for the behaviour and actions of all crew at all times during the event. Any misbehaviour which is deemed likely to bring the name of the event into disrepute will render the yacht concerned disqualified without a hearing; serious occurrences could result in the yacht being banned from participating in any event associated with their home club and future combined clubs events.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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 race.

20. INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured for racing with third-party liability insurance in the name of the Person in-Charge and any surrogate with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.