



**8 METRE & 6 METRE CLASS REGATTA SERIES  
MAY 11/12, MAY 18/19, JUNE 8/9, JUNE 22/23  
2019  
COWES**

**(INCORPORATING THE LADY MAGDALEN  
BULKELEY CUP FOR EIGHT METRE CLASS AND  
THE BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SIX  
METRE CLASS)**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:  
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions 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 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020(RRS).
- 1.2 The International Eight Metre Class Rating Rule.
- 1.3 The International Six Metre Class Rating Rule.
- 1.4 IRC Rule 2019 Part A, B and C.
- 1.5 The byelaws for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS).

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) made ashore 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.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RYS Flagstaff.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 45 minutes". This changes Race Signals AP.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE AFLOAT

- 5.1 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 signal at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 6.1 The Schedule of Racing is shown in the table below. All times are British Summer Time (UTC plus 1 hour).
- 6.2 The Race Committee may alter the schedule of races to cater for adverse weather conditions.
- 6.3 The Race Committee intends to run no more than two (2) races each day. However additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons.
- 6.4 On the last day of racing each weekend, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.5 Schedule.

Day	Briefing	First Warning Signal	Notes
Sat 11 May HW Ports 0440 4.2m 1730 4.2m	By VHF at 1130	1255	Committee Vessel Start. In conjunction with the CCCA Keelboat Championships. 2 x Tune Up Races for 8M Class
Sun 12 May HW Ports 0550 4.0m 1840 4.2m	By VHF at 1030	1155	Committee Vessel Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M Class
Sat 18 May HW Ports 1150 4.6m	By VHF at 1130	1255	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M Class
Sun 19 May HW Ports 1240 4.6m	By VHF at 1030	1055	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M Class
Sat 8 June HW Ports 0330 4.5m 1610 4.5m	By VHF at 1130	1255	Committee Vessel Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes
Sun 9 June HW Ports 0430 4.4m 1720 4.4m	By VHF at 1030	1055	Committee Vessel Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes
Sat 22 June HW Ports 0310 4.3m 1550 4.3m	By VHF at 1130	1255	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes
Sun 23 June HW Ports 0350 4.2m 1630 4.2m	By VHF at 1030	1055	RYS Line Start. 2 x Series Races for 8M & 6M Classes

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**7. CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The class flag for the International Eight (8M) Class will be Naval Numeral 8.
- 7.2 The Class flag for the International Six (6M) Class will be Naval Numeral 2.

**8. RACING AREA**

- 8.1 Racing will take place in the Solent, including the Bramble Bank and Hill Head Plateaux.

**9. COURSES**

- 9.1 Courses sailed from a Committee Vessel will be windward leeward, using orange laid marks, and the number of laps will be announced on VHF CH 77 for the first weekend (in accordance with the CCA Keelboat Championships) and thereafter CH 05 and also displayed on the side of the Committee Vessel. See Appendix A of these Sis.
- 9.2 Courses starting and finishing on the RYS Line will use fixed racing marks, navigation buoys or laid inflatable marks and will be announced on VHF Radio CH 05 using the Solent Two Character Codes. See Appendix B of these Sis.
- 9.3 There will be separate starts for each class.

**10. NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS**

- 10.1 Boats shall not anchor or kedge in the Cowes Harbour fairway or within the area denoting power cables and gas pipes between Stone Point and Gurnard Bay, as shown on Admiralty Chart 2040, or within the mining ground area north east of Ryde Sand.
- 10.2 All yachts shall comply with Associated British Ports Notice to Mariners No 3 of 2016 giving details of a Precautionary Area and Moving Prohibited Zone (MPZ). The MPZ shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.
- 10.3 Whilst racing, boats shall pass to the north of the Cowes Breakwater.

**11. MARKS**

- 11.1 Inflatable Laid Marks (for the windward leeward courses) numbers 1, 1a, 2s & 2p will be orange inflatable marks.
  - (a) A new mark, as provided in Sl. 14 will be a Black inflatable mark.
  - (b) The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable marks.
- 11.2 Marks for courses starting from the RYS Line will use fixed racing marks, navigation buoys and laid inflatable marks.

**12. THE START**

- 12.1 Classes will normally start at ten-minute intervals. The starting signal for the 8M Class will be followed five minutes later by the warning signal for the 6M Class.
- 12.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.3 The starting line for RYS Line Starts is an extension of the line formed by the RYS Main Flagstaff and the white line on the orange diamond on the Castle, limited by an outer limit mark.

- 12.4 The RYS starting line is on a bearing of approximately 347° (T) from the RYS flagstaff. The outer limit mark may not be precisely on the starting line transit.
- 12.5 The starting line for Committee Vessel starts will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and an orange inflatable ODM mark. The ODM may be replaced by a flagstaff displaying an orange flag on a pin end boat.
- 12.6 The location of the Committee Vessel will be announced on VHF CH 05 approximately 1 hour before the first warning signal.

**13. RECALLS**

- 13.1 The Race Committee may broadcast the sail numbers of individually recalled yachts on VHF CH 05 as soon as practical after ICOS Flag X has been displayed. Failure to do so is not grounds for redress.

**14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 14.1 To change the position of marks of the windward leeward courses, the Race Committee may lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The new mark will be a Black Inflatable.
- 14.2 The position of any laid inflatable mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous laid mark(s) and up to approximately 500 metres to windward or leeward without signalling code flag C nor + nor -. This changes RRS 33.

**15. THE FINISH**

- 15.1 The Finishing Line for the windward leeward courses will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee Vessel and the course side of the orange ODM.
- 15.2 The Finishing Line for courses starting and finishing on the RYS Line will be between the RYS main flagstaff and 'Alpha' an orange inflatable mark approximately 500m north of the RYS Main Flagstaff.

**16. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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

**17. TIME LIMITS**

- 17.1 The following time limits, will apply.
  - (a) Mark 1 Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1 is 45 minutes.
  - (b) Race Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 120 minutes.
  - (c) Finishing Window. The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 30 minutes.
- 17.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, or if no boat has finished within the Race Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the office in the RYS. Protest and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit. Contact mobile phone numbers should be included on the protest form.
- 18.2 The protest limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or racing has been abandoned.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room located at the RYS beginning at the time posted.
- 18.4 Notices of Protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(B).
- 18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered:
- where the requesting party was informed of the decision on the day of the hearing, within 60 minutes;
  - otherwise, no later than the protest time limit of the day when the requesting party was informed of the decision.
- This changes RRS 66.
- 18.6 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.

**19. SCORING AND PRIZES**

- 19.1 Low points scoring system will apply.
- 19.2 Two (2) races will be required to constitute a series for the Eight Metre Class and four (4) races will constitute a series for the Six Metre Class.
- 19.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**20. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 20.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch 77 or by hailing an official regatta support boat or mark laying rib. *[DP]*

**21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions.

**22. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 22.1 Support boats must stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for each start thereafter until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. *[DP]*

**23. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 23.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1100 on the Saturday of each weekend of racing. *[DP]*
- 23.2 Boats shall not be hauled out until the end of racing each weekend except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. *[DP]*

**24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race each weekend and the end of each weekends racing. *[DP]*

**25. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 25.1 All boats shall carry a Marine Band VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International Channels. All VHF communication shall be on "International" VHF channels. *[DP]*
- 25.2 The Race Committee intends to broadcast race information and course information on VHF CH 77 for the first weekend of racing and thereafter on CH 05.
- 25.3 Competitors wishing to communicate with the Race Committee should do so on VHF CH 77.
- 25.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to all communication devices. *[DP]*

**26. RESULTS**

- 26.1 Provisional results will be posted on the RYS website and ONB as soon as possible after each race.

**27. PRIZES**

- 27.1 The event prize giving will be held at the Royal Yacht Squadron as soon as possible after the final day's racing and after any protest(s).
- 27.2 Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in each series.
- 27.3 The Lady Magdalen Bulkeley's Cup will be awarded to the highest placed Eight Metre Class boat eligible to compete for it. Eligibility will be mutually agreed between the RYS and the British Eight Metre Association and published on the RYS website prior to the first race of the Series.
- 27.4 Prizes for the British Open Championships for the Six Metre Class will be awarded for both Open and Classic boats.
- For the Open Division (Modern) - The Lion Bowl.
  - For the Classic Division - The Dudley Head Salver.

**28. RISK STATEMENT**

- 28.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 28.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- (h) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## **29. INSPECTIONS**

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

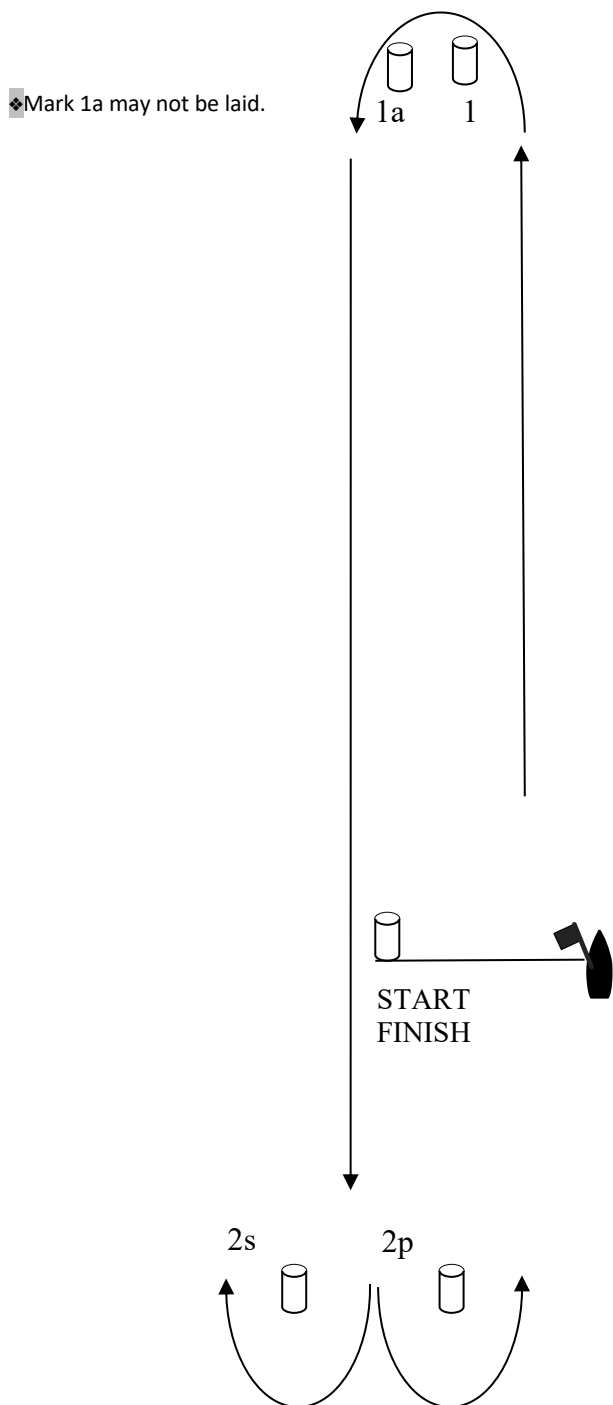
## **30. INSURANCE**

All entrants shall be covered by a minimum Third Party Liability indemnity of £3 million and declare that such cover will be maintained in full force throughout the event.

## **31. FURTHER INFORMATION**

31.1 Further information and entry forms will be available on the RYS website. [www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk)

## ADDENDUM A



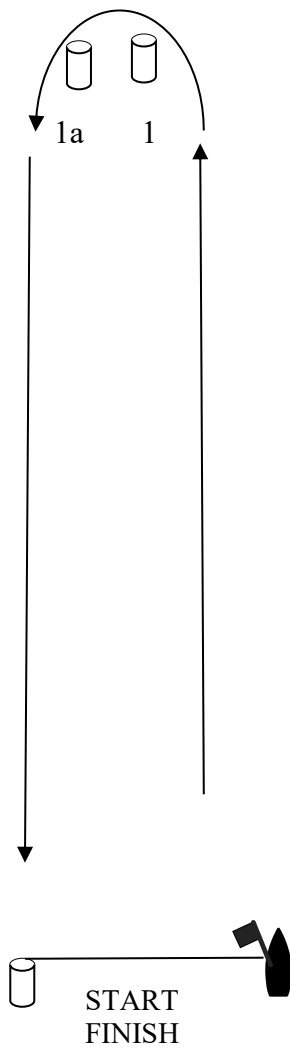
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<b>W3</b>	1, 1a❖, (2s, 2p), 1, 1a❖, (2s, 2p), 1, 1a❖, (2s, 2p) Finish (❖Mark 1a may not be laid.)

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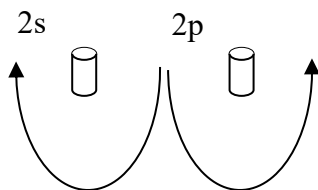
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## Course "L" (Downwind Finish)

NB Diagram not to scale.



<b>L1</b>	1, 1a❖, Finish (❖Mark 1a may not be laid.)
<b>L2</b>	1, 1a❖, (2s, 2p), 1, 1a❖, Finish (❖Mark 1a may not be laid.)
<b>L3</b>	1, 1a❖, (2s, 2p), 1, 1a❖, (2s, 2p), 1, 1a❖, Finish (❖Mark 1a may not be laid.)

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**ADDENDUM B**

- **Solent Chartlets**
- **Two Character Solent Mark Codes**

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