



QUARTER TON CLASS REGATTA 12 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2020

ORGANIZING 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

The Regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1. The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 (RRS).
- 1.2. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing (Appendix B) shall apply. [DP]
- 1.3. Quarter Ton Class Rules.
- 1.4. Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules shall apply. [DP]
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall apply. [DP]
- 1.6. Notices to Mariners for the Ports of [Southampton](#), [Portsmouth](#) and [Cowes](#). [DP]
- 1.7. All crews are required to follow all the latest Covid-19 guidance from NHS England and the Government. [DP]
- 1.8. All crews should also follow the latest [RYA Guidance on sailing & racing with participants from different households](#) during COVID-19 in England. [DP]
- 1.9. In addition, the skipper of each boat shall complete and submit an ['Covid 19 Crew Declaration Form'](#) in the 24 hours immediately prior to the event. This form will be available on the RYS Regatta Website. Competitors who answer 'False' to any of the questions shall not take part in the event, WITHOUT EXCEPTION. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in boats being scored DNC.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. The Race Office is in the Royal Yacht Squadron (RYS).
- 2.2. Notices to competitors will be posted **only** on the RYS Regatta Website. The Race Committee will also attempt to repeat these on the Regatta WhatsApp Group Chat.

- 2.3. The Race Committee intends to announce the approximate location of the Committee Vessel (CV) at 45 minutes before the First Warning Signal.

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 Racing 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 Lodge 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. SCHEDULE OF RACING

- 5.1. The intention of the Race Committee is to run up to ten (10) races over the two days of the Regatta.
- 5.2. The Race Committee intends to run no more than five races each day. Additional races may be sailed in order to complete the programme because of weather or other reasons and will be advised by 0900 on the affected day.
- 5.3. The last race of the day may be a race home to finish on the RYS Line, if agreed by all competitors.
- 5.4. On the last day of racing, no Warning Signal will be made after 1530.
- 5.5. Schedule:

DAY HWP (BST)	BRIEFING	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL	NOTES
Sat 12 Sept HW 0710 3.7m	0900	1025	WhatsApp Briefing 1 st Warning Signal Subsequent races asap after each race finish.
Sun 13 Sept HW 0850 3.8m		1025	1 st Warning Signal. Subsequent races asap after each race finish. Prizegiving in the RYS Pavilion ASAP after racing

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The Class Flag will be ICOS Flag Q (Quebec).

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. Racing will take place from a CV in the Central and Eastern Solent, including the Bramble Bank. The approximate location of the CV will be announced on VHF Ch 05 and may also be repeated on WhatsApp.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The format for racing will be Windward / Leeward. See Addendum A.
- 9.2. Course letters and number of laps for Windward / Leeward courses will be displayed on the CV.
- 9.3. The diagrams in Addendum A of these SIs show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left
- 9.4. In the event that a race home to finish on the RYS Line is agreed by all competitors, the Race Committee will use laid and / or fixed racing or navigation marks.
- 9.4. The course for the race home will be announced by the Race Committee on VHF Ch 05 using the Solent Two Character Codes and may be repeated on WhatsApp.
- 9.5. A chartlet showing the Solent Two Character Codes may be found in Addendum B of these SIs.
- 9.6. No later than the Warning Signal, the CV will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg and the course to be sailed.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. With reference to Addendum A, marks 1, 1a, 4s & 4p will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.2. With reference to gate marks 4p/4s, if only one gate mark is in position, that Mark shall be rounded to port.
- 10.3. The starting marks will be the CV and a black inflatable mark.
- 10.4. The finishing marks will be the CV and a black inflatable mark.

11. NAVIGATION RESTRICTIONS

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. Whilst racing, boats shall pass to the north of the Cowes Breakwater.

12. THE START

- 12.1. To alert boats that a start sequence will soon begin, the Orange Starting Line Flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal five (5) minutes before the Warning Signal.
- 12.2. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal made 5 minutes before the Starting Signal.
- 12.3. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an Orange Flag on the CV at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. The Race Committee may broadcast the sail numbers of individually recalled boats on VHF CH 05 after Flag X has been displayed, but not sooner than 30 seconds after the start. Delay or failure to do so is not grounds for redress.

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. The Race Committee may lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 14.2. The position of any mark(s) may be adjusted by up to plus or minus 10 degrees relative to previous location and up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without signalling Flag C, a direction signal, a length signal or a sound signal. This changes RRS 33.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on the CV and the course side of the finishing mark.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. RRS Rule 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for a boat breaking a rule in Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).

17. TIME LIMITS

- 17.1. The target time for each race is 45 minutes.
- 17.2. The following time limits will apply.
 - (a) Mark 1 Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat to pass Mark 1 is 30 minutes.
 - (b) Race Time Limit. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
 - (c) Finishing Window. The time limit for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 30 minutes.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. Boats still sailing more than 30 minutes after the first yacht finishes shall be awarded the points for the place behind the last yacht, which has finished the race within this time.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. *[DP]*
- 18.2. Protest forms will be available at the Race Office. 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.
- 18.3. Any competitor who wishes to protest shall inform the Race Committee within 45 minutes of end of the disputed race. The time that the last boat has finished the last race of the day will be announced on VHF Ch 05 and may be repeated on WhatsApp. *[DP]*
- 18.4. Notices will be posted no later than 105 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day 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.

- 18.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 19.2. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.3. When one (1) to five (5) races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of all their scores.
- 19.4. When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.5. When nine (9) or more races have been completed, a boats score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two (2) worst scores.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF Ch 05 or by hailing an official Regatta support boat or 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 SIs.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel 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. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 24.1. Boats shall be afloat before 1830 on the day before the Regatta begins. *[DP]*
- 24.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and in accordance to the terms of the prior written permission of the Race Committee. *[DP]*

25. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 25.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the warning signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta. *[DP]*

26. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 26.1. All Yachts shall carry a Marine Band VHF Radio capable of receiving all normal International Channels. *[DP]*
- 26.2. The Race Committee intends to broadcast race information and course information by VHF Ch 05.
- 26.3. Competitors wishing to communicate with the Race Committee should do so on VHF Ch 77.
- 26.4. Except in an emergency or when initiated or approved by the Race Committee, a yacht that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions that would constitute outside assistance. *[DP]*

27. RESULTS

- 27.1. Provisional results will be posted on the [ONB](#) on the RYS Website as soon as possible after each race.

28. PRIZES

- 28.1. There will be a Prizegiving asap after racing on Sunday.
- 28.2. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third boats in the series.

29. RISK STATEMENT

- 29.1. 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."
- 29.2. 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:
- 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;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 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;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practicably provided in the circumstances;
 - 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;
 - 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.

29.3. COVID Statement

- (a) By taking part in any of the events covered by this Sailing Instructions, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the Royal Yacht Squadron COVID-19 procedures.
- (b) The penalty for a breach of this rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification. Boats may not protest for breaches of this rule. This changes rule 60.1(a). *(DP)*

30. INSURANCE

- 30.1.** Each participating boat is required to hold insurance cover and in particular to hold adequate insurance against third party claims of at least £3 million.

Course Illustrations – Windward Leeward

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Course: Leeward finish

Signal Mark Rounding Order

L2 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

L3 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

L4 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – Finish

W

Course: Windward Finish

Signal Mark Rounding Order

W2 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

W3 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

W4 Start – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – 1 – 4s/4p – Finish

LA / WA

Course: Windward/leeward with offset mark 1a

Signal Mark Rounding Order

LA2 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

LA3 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

LA4 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – Finish

WA2 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

WA3 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

WA4 Start – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – 1 – 1a – 4s/4p – Finish

ADDENDUM B

Solent Chartlet and Two Character Solent Mark Codes

