



# Yealm Yacht Club

## **Dinghy and Day Boat Racing SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (effective from April 2017)**

### **Rules**

1. Racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020

### **Eligibility of Entry**

2. Members of Yealm Yacht Club may take part in club races and series of races organised by the club. They must have completed the YYC Day boat and Dinghy Entry, Registration and Storage Form. Entrants shall complete the Declaration (signing on) sheet at the YYC race but before going afloat to race.

3. Entry fees £20 block fee or £5 per race. Boats stored at the club or patch have race entry fees included in their storage fees. Entry fees shall be charged for the RNLI Passage Race, all open meetings and other one off events as advertised.

### **Notices to Competitors**

4. Permanent notices to Competitors will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board in the Yacht Club at least one hour before the start of the first race affected and remain there as long as they are in effect.

5. Temporary notices relating to one day will be posted on the race hut window at least ten minutes before the first Class Warning Signal of the day.

### **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

6. Permanent changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board at least one hour before the start of the first race affected and remain there as long as they are in effect.

7. Temporary changes to the Sailing Instructions relating to one day will be posted on the Course Board on the race hut window at least ten minutes before the first Class Warning Signal of the day.

### **Signals made ashore**

8. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the clubhouse mast.

### **Schedule of races**

9. Series racing. The schedule of races is shown in the Yealm Yacht Club Sailing Programme, which is issued to all members before the start of the season and is shown on the club website at [www.yealmyachtclub.co.uk](http://www.yealmyachtclub.co.uk)

### **Class flags**

10. Warning signal/class flags or lights will be:

\*Laser dinghies – Flag L \*Topper and Pico dinghies-Flag T\* Hadicap dinghies – Flag H \*Dayboats – Pennant 3 or Flag D

### **Racing Areas**

11. Racing areas are the River Yealm Estuary including Newton Creek and Wembury Bay

### **The Courses**

12. The course will be displayed on the balcony railings, or from the Committee Boat. Classes may be given different courses, numbers of laps and finish of race.

### **Marks**

13. The marks of the course will be described on the course plan.

### **The Start**

14. The Start. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.

15. The starting line will be either from the Club starting line projected across the river formed when the black and white poles are in transit or a Committee boat starting line: between a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and a part-end starting mark.

16. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

17. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

18. In the event of a General Recall the recalled classes will be restarted 5 minutes after the last scheduled class start.

19. If there are multiple recalls the recalled classes will be restarted in the sequence of their scheduled starts.

### **The finish**

20. Club finishing line: The finishing line will be the same definition as the start line for the class concerned by courses may be defined which finish across the line in the opposite direction to the start.

21. Committee boat finishing line: The finishing line will be between a mast displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the nearby mark.

### **Time Limit.**

22. The time limit for all club races will be two hours from the last class start. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored as 'Did Not Finish'. This changes rule 35.

### **Protests.**

23. Lodging of protests. Protests and claims for redress shall be written on RYA Protest Forms available from the Race Hut and shall be delivered there within 45 minutes of the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

24. Protest hearings. Protest hearings will be arranged by a member of the sailing committee and held as soon as possible.

### **Scoring System.**

25. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A4 will apply. The number of races to count for series racing shall be one discard per four races sailed in the case of Daybooks and one discard per three races sailed in respect of Dinghies.

### **Safety.**

26. Personal responsibility. Neither the provision of support boats and crews nor the decision of a Race Officer to start or continue a race shall absolve a boat of the personal responsibilities defined in RRS fundamental rules 1 and 4.

27. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device securely fastened at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

28. Safety support: Competitors shall comply promptly with directions from safety support boats. This may include abandoning a boat and boarding the support boat if persons are at risk.

29. Wet OR dry suits shall be worn by all dinghy sailors between the months of November and April. At all other times of the year dinghy sailors are advised to wear light weight wet suits.

### **Risk Assessment**

30. Members are advised to read the YYC Safety Risk Assessment attached.

### **Disclaimer of Liability.**

31. Competitors participate in racing entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Yealm Yacht Club (organising authority) will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury to death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after racing.

**Insurance.**

32. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3m.

**Local variations.**

33. Please do not swim or play on slipways during YYC events. YYC would be grateful if particular attention could be paid to small children at these times.