



Devon Yawl National Championships
6th – 7th May 2017
Yealm Yacht Club
Newton Ferrers

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 By-laws of the Port of Plymouth and River Yealm will apply
- 1.3 The rules of the Devon Yawl Association will apply.

2 COACHING

Coaching support will be provided with post-race debriefing and on-the-water advice during racing. This changes RRS41 –Outside Help

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Yealm Yacht Club.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day 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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Yealm Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6 FORMAT OF RACING

- 6.1 The regatta will consist of a single series.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Dates of racing and number of races:

Date	Devon Yawl	Races per day
6th May	Racing	up to 5
7th May	Racing	up to 3

- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race will be 12:30 on Saturday 6th, 10:00 on Sunday 7th.
- 7.3 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. The orange flag will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

- 8 CLASS FLAGS
- 8.1 Class Flag will be International Code flag "T"
- 9 RACING AREAS
- 9.1 Attachment B shows the location of racing area
- 10 THE COURSES
- 10.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 11 MARKS
- 11.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be a mixture of large inflatable marks and the Wednesday night fixed marks displaying a blue and yellow flag
- 11.2 The starting and finishing marks will be an orange mark displaying a blue flag.
- 11.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course may be included as a mark as provided in instruction 13.1
- 12 THE START
- 12.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting boat and the starting mark
- 12.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 14 THE FINISH
- The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark and the finishing mark when the race committee displays a blue flag or shape. This instruction does not apply when rule 32.2 does.
- 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:
Mark 1 Time Limit
20 mins
- If no boat 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).
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 mins after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.
- 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Yealm Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 (a) The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or after instruction 15.2 has been applied to that race.
- (b) If rule N1.4(b) applies, the time limit for requesting a hearing under that rule is 30 minutes after the party was informed of the panel's decision.
- 16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at Yealm Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.

- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have been penalized under rule 67 for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 17, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 17 SCORING
- 17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores ie: no discard
- (b) When 5 or greater races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race result, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 17.4 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction will be DPI.
- 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS
- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT
- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS
- A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21 ADVERTISING
- Boats may display advertising.
- 22 OFFICIAL BOATS
- Official boats will be marked by displaying a Yealm Yacht Club burgee.
- 23 TRASH DISPOSAL
- The Sailing area of Wembury Bay is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and is a Voluntary Marine Conservation area set in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty of the South Hams. For this reason, as much as any other, boats shall not put rubbish in the water. Rubbish may be disposed of ashore at Yealm Steps.

- 24 **BERTHING**
Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour.
- 25 **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**
Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 26 **RADIO COMMUNICATION**
Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 27 **PRIZES**
Prizes will be allocated at the prize-giving at 3pm at YYC on Sunday 7th May
- 28 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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.
- 29 **INSURANCE**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent.
- 30 **RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**
By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

A Windward-Leeward-Triangle Course

Start – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish

