

Mylor Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the Heard Memorial Race 25 July 2010

LW 1220 1.3m HW 1747 5.1 m

RULES All races are sailed under the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2009 – 2012 and the Mylor Yacht Club Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2010, available at www.myloryachtclub.org.uk

ENTRY & IDENTIFICATION A boat will only count as a starter if a signed entry/declaration form has been lodged with the Sailing Secretary prior to the start of the race. All boats must fly their class identification flag from their backstay or leech of mainsail.

STARTS (RRS 26 is changed) Races will start at 5 minute intervals. The warning signal will be 10 minutes before the start. The preparatory signal will be 5 minutes before the start when flag 'P' will be hoisted. Flag 'P' will remain hoisted until the start of the last race. Times shall be taken from the visual signal; the failure of the sound signal shall be disregarded.

CLASSES AND START TIMES

14.50:	Warning signal	
14.55:	Preparatory signal	P
15.00:	Large Working Boats	B
15.05:	Small Working Boats	C
15.10:	Gaffers	G

STARTING LINE The starting line will be an imaginary line between the mainmast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the outer distance mark. All starts will be in the direction of the first mark. All boats must keep clear of the start line until their 5 minute signal. Boats failing to do so will be disqualified. A buoy or dinghy may be streamed astern from the committee boat.

RECALLS The individual signal for a premature start will be flag "X" displayed accompanied by one sound signal. "X" will be displayed until recalled boats have returned to the pre-start side of the line but no later than 4 minutes after the start signal.

GENERAL RECALLS RRS 29.2 is modified. Flag "First substitute" will be displayed with two sound signals and will be flown until all boats have returned but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal. The preparatory signal for the new start for the recalled class will be the starting signal of the last start in the sequence.

GATE The gate is the same as the start line. Boats must pass through the gate in the direction from the previous mark.

Boats must not pass through the gate/finish line unless they are on a leg of the course requiring them to do so.

FINISHING LINE The finishing line will be same as the start line/gate; the Committee Boat will display a blue flag. All finishes will be in the direction from the previous mark. **Boats that have finished should clear the line as soon as possible and keep clear of boats that are racing (RRS 22.1).**

SHORTENED COURSE The race may be finished at any mark of the course between that mark and a boat flying a blue flag and flag "S", or at the gate. Flag "S" indicates that all classes will finish the race at the gate on completion of the round being sailed. Flag "S" displayed with class flag(s) indicates that the race will finish at the gate for the class(es) shown on completion of the round being sailed. If the course has not been shortened at the gate and subsequently racing is abandoned or there are no boats finished within the time limit, but where times and positions were recorded at the gate, the Race Officer will declare results based on those times and positions.

RETIRING Competitors shall promptly hail the committee boat, or call the committee boat on VHF Channel 77 or Channel 6 or by mobile phone 07837 609319. Competitors retiring without adhering to this procedure will score as if they were "DNC".

USE OF VHF The Race Officer **may** give out race information, which is to be considered as a guide for competitors, on VHF Channel 77 or Channel 6 at any time up to five minutes before the class start. See the Notice of Race for information on the choice of the working channel.

TIME LIMIT The time limits will be 1730 hrs.

POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT Before the starting signal, the Race Officer may for any reason postpone the race, for classes which have yet to start, by displaying the answering pennant (AP) and giving two sound signals. On completion of the postponement, the Race Officer will remove flag AP, giving one sound signal. The warning signal will then be made 1 minute after removal, provided the race is not postponed again. If flag “N” is displayed, with three sound signals, all races that have started are abandoned. The warning signal will then be made 1 minute after removal, provided the race is not abandoned again or postponed (RRS 27.3, 32.1).

PROTESTS The Race Officer must be informed verbally of intention to protest promptly after the finish. Written protest forms are available at the Club and must be lodged with the Race Officer by 22.00 hrs on the evening of the race. The protest will be heard in the Club at a time and date to be notified. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity, by hailing “Protest” and displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity, and display the red flag until she is no longer racing (RRS 61.1).

SCORING The low points system of scoring shall apply. See the Notice of Race for information on discards.

SAFETY Competitors are reminded of the Rules and Conditions of Entry in the Notice of Race. In particular:

Commercial Shipping. Competitors must comply with the requirements detailed in the Notice of Race, which includes the use of RRS 43.3h.

Divers. Competitors shall not enter a two boat length zone around any of the following: a dive boat flying International Code flag “A”, an orange pillar indicating a diver beneath the surface or a diver on the surface. All are to be treated as obstructions.

Harbour Restrictions. After her preparatory signal, no boat shall enter the moorings areas off Mylor, Loe Beach and St Just. The areas are bounded by the outer moorings or boats moored thereon and are designated as continuous obstructions.

Carlys Rocks. Competitors should be aware of the rocks in the vicinity of Carrick buoy and other shallows presenting a risk of grounding.

Water ski areas. Competitors should be aware of the two water ski areas off the Roseland shore, presenting a risk of close quarter situations with water skiers and their towing boats.

Communication. Communication for the purpose of safety and race management will be by VHF Channel 77 or 6. See the Notice of Race for information on the choice of the working channel. Competitors are advised to monitor VHF Channels 16 and 77 or 6 whilst racing but should only **transmit urgent safety information by VHF or mobile phone 07837 609319 to the Race Officer.**

COURSES The course group will be indicated by a numbered board displayed on the Committee Boat. Courses within that group will be indicated by International Code numeral flags displayed under class flags. **Refer to the separate course card.**

MARKS Ck (Carrick), Me (Messack) and V (Vilt) are starboard hand lateral buoys. J(St Just) is a port hand lateral buoy. Jb, Tu, Re and Gr are spherical yellow club marks. Pw is a cylindrical yellow MYH mark. Wt is a yellow POFSA mark. Ea is a yellow club mark, laid when required. If a mark is not available, then flag “M” will be displayed and a yellow buoy showing flag “M” will be laid as an alternative mark in the vicinity of the unavailable mark. Flag “M” may also be displayed from the RIB, when it is used as an alternative mark. **Refer to the course card for approximate mark positions.**

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