

Mylor Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2011 for the SKINNERS BREWERY PURSUIT RACES

RULES All races are sailed under the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009 – 2012 and the Mylor Yacht Club Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2011.

ENTRY AND IDENTIFICATION A boat will only count as a starter if a completed entry/declaration form has been lodged with the Sailing Secretary (and the entry fee for non-members has been paid) at least 48 hours prior to the start of the race they are entering. All boats must fly their class identification flag from their backstay or leech of the mainsail.

STARTS No starting signals will be given. Start times are based on the latest PY club number or trial number for each boat. Individual start times will be posted on the club sailing notice board (and may be on the MYC website). Start times are monitored by the Race Officer against BT timeline or similar. Skippers are responsible for synchronising their own start time. No signals will be given to boats over the line at their start time but premature starters will be given a time penalty of not less than 2 minutes.

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, approximately downwind of the first 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.

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 finish line will be at the gate or between a mark of the course and a boat displaying flag “S”. 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 See finishing line above.

RETIRING Competitors shall promptly hail the committee boat, or call the committee boat on VHF Channel 6 or Channel 77 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 6 or Channel 77 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.

COORDINATING TIME SIGNAL Details of the coordinating time signal may be posted on the start time list. Four sound signals may be made during the starting period, as taken from the Race Officer’s GPS, which may be on the hour or quarters thereof. The time should be taken from the fourth sound signal.

TIME LIMIT The time limit will be posted on the list of start times.

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

RESULTS Results will be posted on the MYC notice board as soon as possible after racing.

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 17.00 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).

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.

Communication. Communication for the purpose of safety and race management will be by VHF Channels 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 6 or 77 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. Note that that part of the course after the gate may be repeated until the target finish time is reached.**

MARKS **Refer to the course card for approximate mark positions.** 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.

Mylor Yacht Club is very grateful for the following sponsorship:

Race prizes: Penrose Sailmakers, Skinners Brewery, Mylor Chandlery & Rigging, SKB Sails, Ellis Wharton Wines and Falmouth Boat Construction.

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