



Commodore's Challenge
27th December 2022
(Reserve date 28th December 2022)

This is an invitational best of 5 match race event between youth teams from The Poole Yacht Club
and Parkstone Yacht Club

The Organising Authority (OA) will be The Poole Yacht Club.

Racing will take place in Poole Harbour

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 1.2 Major Alterations to the RRS – as set out in these SI
- 1.3 The boat owner or representative will be an observer on each boat and may provide information to the umpires. They are Responsible for guidance on avoiding collisions and groundings and **do not** offer tactical race advice to the crews

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Changes to the SI will be described at the briefing scheduled for 09:30 on 27th December 2022.
- 2.2 Changes to a SI may be made on the water. Changes may be transmitted by the race committee verbally on VHF Channel 37 or verbally by the umpire. The change comes into effect once acknowledged by the owner's representative on each boat that the change is understood by the team.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

When on the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 37.

4 CREWS, BOATS AND SAILS

- 4.1 The class flag will be Numeral Pennant 1.
- 4.2 Teams will consist of up to 16 sailors over 12 and under 18 years old on 27th December 2022.
- 4.3 The number of crew on the boat (including the skipper) shall be ten. There must be at least 2 male and 2 female on each boat for each race. Substitutes may be swapped in between races. Names of all competitors and possible substitutes will be notified to the host Club by 21st December 2022. All visiting sailors will be made temporary members of Poole Yacht Club for the duration of the event.
- 4.4 Boats will be allocated by toss of coin at the briefing (winner of toss can choose boat or end for first entry)
- 4.5 Teams will alternate ends after each match and shall swap boats after odd matches.
- 4.6 Boats will be identified by their Club Banner (Poole YC or Parkstone YC) secured on the starboard guardrail at the cockpit.
- 4.7 The sail combination to be used will be communicated in the briefing and subsequent

changes will be communicated on the water as defined in SI 2.2. Main, jib and spinnaker will be as provided by Kemp Sails. In the event of very light conditions owners and club representatives may agree to race with no. 3 genoas as similar in design and condition as is possible to procure on the day.

5 SCHEDULE

0930	Briefing from RO and Umpires	Poole YC lounge
1000	Earliest first warning	Details to be briefed on the day
1500	Latest time for warning signal for last race of the day	
1400	Approximate time off the water	
1430	Prize giving	Poole YC lounge
1500	Lunch served for teams and guests	Race food available for purchase by visitors and members

The schedule may be altered by the RC according to conditions.

6 COURSES

6.1 Configuration (not to scale)

Windward Mark - 'W' o

Leeward Gate – 'L' o

Start/Finish Line o-----o RCV

OR Leeward Gate – 'L' o

6.2 Signals and Course to be Sailed

All courses will be windward/leeward. The number of laps will be as per the following table. Course signals will be displayed from the RCV at or before the warning signal. Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard. The leeward mark L may be laid to windward or leeward of the Start/Finish Line

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
IC Flag "W"	Start - W - Finish
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
Numeral 3	Start - W - L - W - L - W - Finish

7 MARKS / STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

7.1 Marks W and L are orange inflatables.

7.3 When looking up the course, the starting and finishing line is between a mast displaying an orange flag on the RCV at the starboard end and the course side of the orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the port end.

8 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

8.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the

finishing line to a new position. RRS 33 applies.

9 OBSTRUCTIONS

Areas that are obstructions will be described at the briefing.

10 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

Equipment breakage will be reported at the earliest opportunity by the owner's representative to the RCV. Time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.

11 TIME LIMIT

A boat that does not Finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has Sailed the Course will be scored zero points. This changes RRS 35.

12 PRIZES

The principal prize for first place will be the Commodore's Cup trophy.

13 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

By entering for this event, all competitors grant permission to the Organising Authority and official event sponsors for the use of their photograph, voice, likeness and image in written reports and broadcasts of this event and in subsequent publications, advertisements or productions drawn from photographic, video or audio recording of this event.

14 DISCLAIMER

The OA and their members are providing this series of races only on the understanding that the clubs, their representatives and/or members bear no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience to the boats or persons howsoever arising directly or indirectly by any accident or wrongful negligent act, default, or omission of any member or any person during races and any other related activity.

15 RISK STATEMENT

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport, and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- i) 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.
- ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own acts or omissions.
- iv) 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.
- v) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- vi) 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, and to attend any safety briefings for the event.

RRS 3 states: *The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing, is hers alone.*