



# THE POOLE YACHT CLUB DINGHY REGATTA

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 July 2021

The Organizing Authority is The Poole Yacht Club (TPYC)

The Regatta will be held in Poole Harbour (The Top Triangle)

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Main Course**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA and the Sailing Instructions for the event shall apply.
- 1.3. RRS 40 is changed, see SI 4.4. RRS 41 is changed see SI 14.
- 1.4. Rule 55 (Trash Disposal): The penalty for breaking Rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.
- 1.5. Poole Harbour Byelaws shall be complied with at all times.  
[https://www.phc.co.uk/notices\\_bylaws.html](https://www.phc.co.uk/notices_bylaws.html)
- 1.6. Poole Harbour Commissioners Yacht Racing Criteria shall be complied with at all times.  
[https://www.phc.co.uk/leisure\\_yacht.html](https://www.phc.co.uk/leisure_yacht.html)

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the entrance to the Sailing/Race Office.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least 1 hour before the warning signal of the race or races affected, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff of Poole Yacht Club and any written notices will be displayed on the Official Notice Board near the Sailing Office.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. Flag 'Y' Will Not Be Displayed  
All competitors shall wear a personal flotation devices whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and Dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40 and preamble to Part 4.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1. Competitor Briefing

There will be a briefing for competitors on the patio area on the south side of the clubhouse on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 09:15.

### 5.2. Dates and Times of racing

Number of races to be raced each day may vary, class by class. Details will be given at The Competitor Briefing



Day & Date	Races scheduled	1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal	Notes
Sat 10 July	1, 2, 3	10.30	<b>Race 2 &amp; 3 ASAP after previous race.</b> Depending on forecast up to 4 races may be completed on either day
Sun 11 July	4, 5, 6	10.30	<b>Race 5 &amp; 6 ASAP after previous race.</b> Depending on forecast up to 4 races may be completed on either day


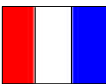


5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Main Course starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.4. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14.55 hrs.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS & Starting Sequence

Class flags will be as shown in the following table. In the event additional Classes are created (e.g. due to numbers), the Class Flag will be advised at the Competitors Briefing. In the event classes are combined (e.g. due to entry numbers) competitors will be advised at the Competitor Briefing.

Main Course / Start Sequence	
Class	Flag
1) Asymmetric Handicap	Pennant 6 
2) Fast Handicap	Pennant 7 

3) GP 14	Flag 'G' 
4) YW Dayboat	Flag 'D' 
5) 420	Flag 'T' 
6) Multi-Hulls	Flag 'J' 
7) Medium Handicap	Pennant 8 

## 7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Attachment 'B' shows the location of racing areas in the Top Triangle. Note: the area to the East of a line extending North from Channel Mark 34 the Ferry turning area is a 'Prohibited Zone'.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1. The diagram in Appendix A as described below shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded. The Organising Authority may use other marks and buoys as Race Marks and the Poole YC Race Hut may be used for starts and finishes as conditions require. Details will be given at the Competitor Briefing and details will be displayed on the Event Notice Board.

8.2. **Main Course** - The Committee Boat will be identified by a Blue Flag flying from its aft mast.

## 9. MARKS

9.1. Main Course Marks will be Blue Inflatable marks for the large course and Orange or Blue inflatable marks for the smaller course.

9.2. Starting and Finishing Marks are described in SI 11 and SI 12.

## 10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions: The area north and east of Channel Mark 34. This is the turning area for Ferries and controlled by the Port of Poole, see Attachment A.

## 11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the ODM (dan buoy) with an orange flag.
- 11.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying a blue flag and a dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

## 13. SHORTEN COURSE

- 13.1. The course may be shortened by the CB at the Finishing Line. In this event the CB shall display flag S with two sound signals prior to the lead boat approaching mark 3. All boats shall then complete the lap they are sailing and after passing mark 3 left to port proceed to the Finishing Line. This change is additional to RRS 32.2 and is an addition to Race signals.

## 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time
All Classes	1 hour 10 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes

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).

- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes 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.

## 15. OUTSIDE HELP

- 15.1. The act of recovering a crew member from the water by another boat (racing or not) is allowed under rule 41, Outside Help. The boat will not normally be protested or penalised under the last sentence of this rule unless she has made significant progress in the race before the crew member is returned on board. However, when a boat may have gained a significant advantage as a result of help received, the race or protest committee may protest her. Any penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee. The protest committee will not penalise actions based solely on safety considerations.
- 15.2. If a boat capsizes and the mast gets stuck in the mud or because of the crews weight cannot right a capsized boat without help, the help should be

given as soon as possible. The boat will not be protested under rule 41 and no penalty will be imposed on her.

- 15.3. See the special instruction on the Official Notice Board for further actions that are allowable under rule 41.

## **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the Sailing Office or on the Official Notice Board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit. Please make sure they are handed to a race committee official.
- 16.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 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 in the Academy, 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. Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, and 24 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.
- 16.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - 16.6.1. within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - 16.6.2. no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes rule 66.
- 16.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.8. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **17. RYA ARBITRATION**

- 17.1. When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.
- 17.2. If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable because it appears that the issue is not complex and that witnesses may not be essential, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that rule 64.1 will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Scoring Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1.

- 17.3. When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Scoring Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept a Scoring Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 17.4. When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1. **Main Fleet** - The RRS Appendix A2 and A4 low points scoring system will apply. Six races are scheduled, with a minimum of 1 race to constitute a series.
- 18.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

### **19.1. Dinghies**

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device when afloat, except briefly when changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

### **19.2. Safety Tally System**

A Safety Tally Number will be allocated to each boat when Registering. The Tally Board will be situated near the Official Notice Board or at the top of the slipway. Each competitor intending to race shall contact the Tallymaster who will issue them with a rubber wrist band bearing their tally number which must be worn at all times whilst afloat. Immediately on reaching shore each competitor shall report to the Beachmaster and surrender their wrist band.

- 19.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

## **21. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. The Poole Yacht Club does not support the use of single use plastics and would encourage all competitors to use reusable drinks bottles and dispose of all waste responsibly.

## 22. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the Club House as soon as possible after racing has finished on Sunday.

## 23. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." 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:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organising does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) The RYA risk guidance as pp135/136 of the RRS 2017-2020 Appendix J Addendum A applies and includes para (g) as follows "...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 or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event."

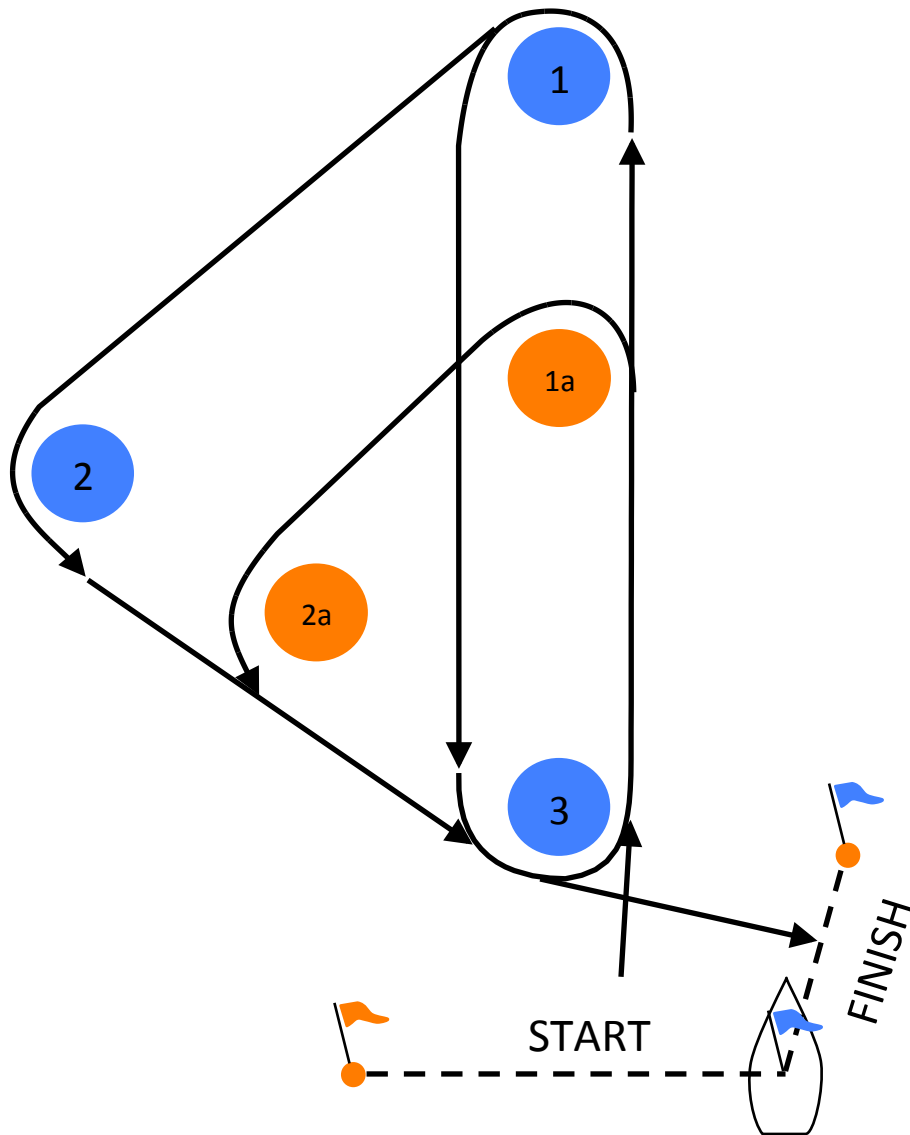
## 24. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## 25. Tides (Poole Harbour) Times GMT

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	HW 10.06 (2.0m)	LW 17.30 (1.0m)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> July :	HW 10.53 (2.0m)	LW 18.09 (1.0m)

## ATTACHMENT A – Main Course

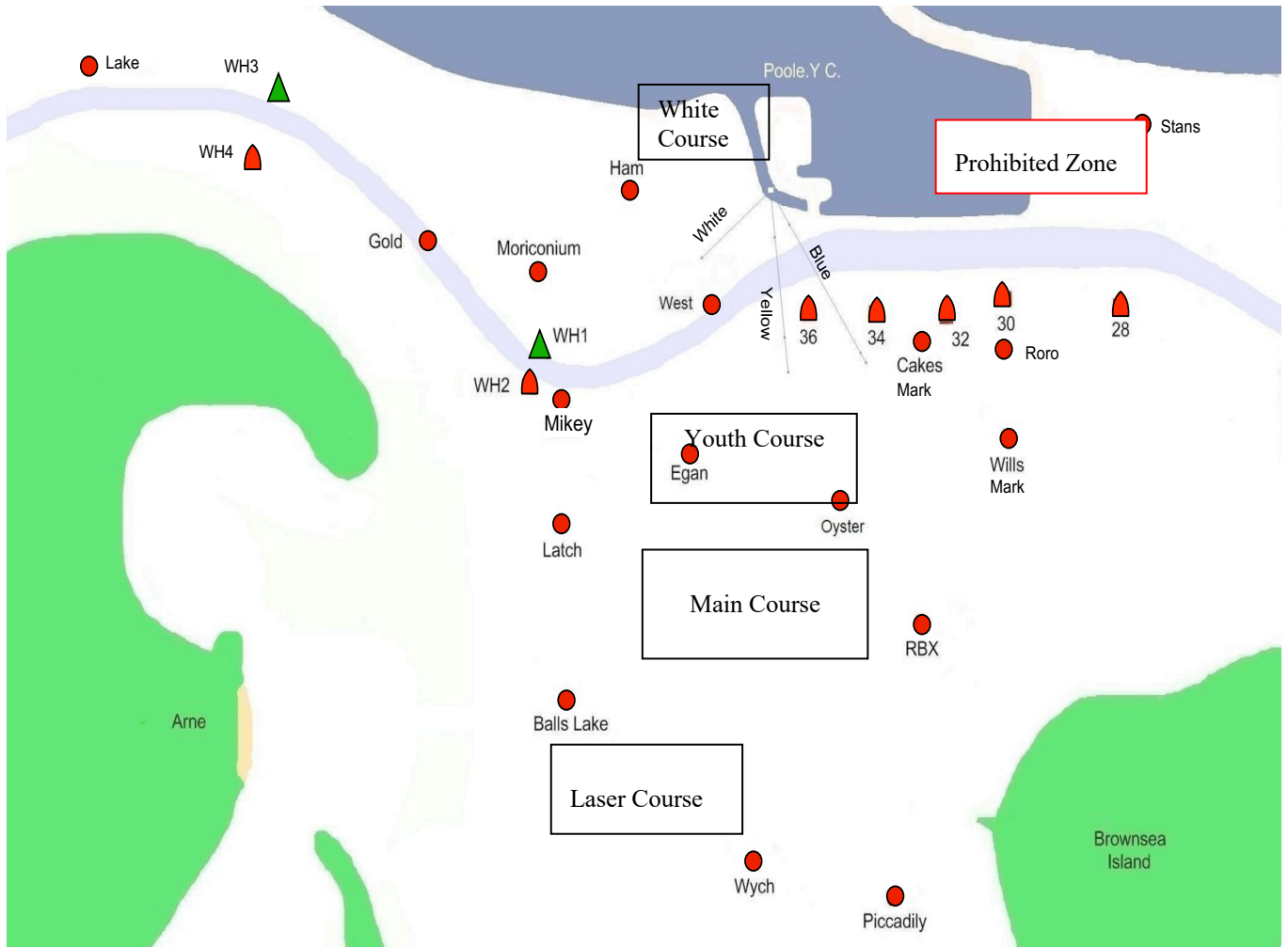


- 1) All marks of the course shall be left to **PORT**.
- 2) LAPS = L2: START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH  
S2: START – 1a – 2a – 3 – 1a – 3 – FINISH
- 3) LAPS = L3: START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – FINISH  
S3: START – 1a – 2a – 3 – 1a – 3 – 1a – 2a – 3 – FINISH
- 4) LAPS = L4: START – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – FINISH  
S4: START – 1a – 2a – 3 – 1a – 3 – 1a – 2a – 3 – 1a – 3 – FINISH



## Attachment B - Race Area

### POOLE Yacht Club Racing Marks



This is an example layout of where the course will be located for winds in a Westerly or South Westerly direction. For winds in an Easterly, Northerly or Southerly direction please see the Diagram on the Official Notice Board, located near the Race Office.