

Royal Victoria Yacht Club - 2008 Sailing Instructions

Abridged Version

3 Safety Dinghies

- 3.1 A crew member needs to declare sail number, boat type and sign on before leaving to the starting area and sign off on their return. A declaration sheet will be in the main lobby of the Club house.
- 3.2 Dinghy crews must wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst racing.

Keel Boats

- 3.3 All keel boats shall carry a minimum of two red hand flares and two orange smoke flares (an inshore pack), a first aid kit and adequate personal buoyancy for all on board the boat.

All Boats

- 3.4 A boat retiring from a race shall inform the Principal Race Officer as soon as possible.
- 3.5 Boats are advised to carry a rope not used for other purposes no less than 6m in length and 6mm in diameter.

6 Class Flags, Starting Order

- 6.1 The Class flags and starting order shall be:

Cruiser / Gaffer		Flag F
Squib Class		Flag NN9
Fast Handicap Dinghies	PY 1180 and below	Flag K
Slow Handicap Dinghies	PY 1181 and above	Flag E

- 6.2 Other Class flags may be used:

Gaffers Flag G, Slow Cruisers Flag N2, Lasers Flag Numeral 1, Topper Flag T, Optimist Flag O
RS400 Flag R
All classes starting together: Flag W

7 Start and Finish Line

- 7.1 The start and finish lines shall normally be at the race box between a red and white post and an orange pillar buoy. Alternatively, when advised by a Notice on the blackboard and Flag L, the start may be at a Committee Boat (between a mast displaying an orange flag and an outer buoy); or at the Club line (between the Club flag staff and a white mast east of Dolphin House on the west bank of the creek). A race shall be finished at the Club line if a white flag is displayed at the start before the commencement of a race.
- 7.2 A black Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid. If the IDM is in position, it shall be a starting mark. A boat shall not pass between the IDM and the start box, Committee boat or Club flag staff until after she has properly started.
- 7.3 If no boats show for a class start the starting order shall be moved on to the next class.
- 7.4 If there is a general recall of a class, that class will restart after the last class. (Changes RRS rule 29.2)
- 7.5 Any boat that starts 15 minutes after their start signal will be recorded as DNS.
- 7.6 **Boats whose warning signal has not been displayed shall keep well clear of the start area.**

8 Course and Marks

- 8.1 Courses for Cruisers will be announced on VHF radio approximately 10 minutes before the start.
- 8.2 The courses for keel boats will be displayed on boards in conjunction with the RVYC Racing Chart 2008.
- 8.3 The courses for dinghies will be displayed on boards in conjunction with the RVYC Dinghy Racing Chart 2008.
- 8.4 If flag L is displayed from the Club flag staff the course may be displayed on the blackboard.
- 8.5 The course when displayed on boards:
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| a) | Red or Green background boards | the mark is to be left to port or starboard respectively. |
| b) | White boards black numbers | number of laps. |
| c) | Black + | pass through the start/finish line to complete a lap. |
| d) | Red or Green background boards with numbers 1 to 4 | special dinghy courses. |

9 Time limits

- 9.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in a class shall be: 2 Hours for Handicap Dinghies, 3 Hours for Squibs and Cruisers.
- 9.2 If a boat fails to finish by the later of: the time limit; or 50 minutes after the first boat in her class to finish, she will score DNF. (Changes RRS rule 35)
- 9.3 Any boat failing to finish by 20 minutes before local sunset shall be scored DNF. (Changes RRS rule 35).
- 9.4 If no boat finishes a result shall be declared where possible on the result of completed laps.

10 Protests

- 10.1 Protests are in accordance with part 5 of the RRS 2005-2008. Time limit will be 1½ hours after the last boat of her class to finish.
- 10.2 The Exoneration Penalty X.1 and X.2 (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official race notice board for details.