



Weymouth Town Yacht Regatta

July 13th & 14th 2024

Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority is Weymouth Sailing Club.

The Organising Authority implements the RYA Racing Charter and competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the charter which can be found at the front of the RYA "Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024" and on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk. It is the participants responsibility to enjoy their time on the water and make the most of the fantastic surroundings of Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RYA National Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless the Race Committee has been notified at registration.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be e-mailed to competitors and posted on line (linked to <https://weymouthregatta.uk>) before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be e-mailed and posted on line (linked to <https://weymouthregatta.uk>).
- 3.2 . The race committee will communicate using **VHF channel 9**

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staffs at Weymouth Sailing Club and Castle Cove Sailing club.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Racing is scheduled for Saturday 13th July 2024 & Sunday 14th July 2024.

5.2 It is intended to conduct two races each day scheduled as follows:-

* Saturday 13th July:-

Race 1 (Average lap race) - start not before 11:00

Race 2 (Standard Handicap race (not Average lap)) – It is intended that the start will not be before 13.00 nor after 14:00

* Sunday 14th July:-

Race 3 “All-in” Pursuit Race (race length 100 mins for slowest boat) -- First start (for slowest boat) not before 11:00

Race 4 (Standard Handicap race) – It is intended that the start will not be start not before 13:00 nor after 13.30

Note: If weather conditions are challenging (as deemed by the Race Officer), the gap between races will be shortened and the second race of the day will be sailed “Back to back” or as close as possible. This will be announced on the radio on Channel 9.

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

6 CLASS FLAG

Class	Flag
All-In YTC	W

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The starting area will be in Weymouth bay.

8 COURSES

8.1 Course marks are described & listed in SI 9

8.2 Courses are shown by a letter sequence displayed on the Committee Vessel (CV). The rounding order is read from left to right.

8.3 Not Used

8.4 A letter on a green background means the mark shall be rounded to starboard. A letter on a red background means the mark shall be rounded to port.

8.5 Not Used

8.6 A white letter Z on a black background as a mark of the course after a CV start denotes that boats must pass through the line in the same direction as at the start as defined in SI 10 . In the event of the CV moving, the Z gate (or line) will be maintained by replacing the CV with a dan buoy or inflatable mark or another vessel displaying flag M.

8.7 The letter sequence shall be repeated until the course is shortened at a mark of the course or at Z.

8.8 Courses may be communicated by VHF (Ch 09).

8.9 If the course is changed after it has been displayed, Flag L will be flown on the CV with a minimum of four hoots. It may be announced on the VHF. If a course change is needed after the 5 minute signal the race will be postponed.

9 MARKS

9.1 The description and position of racing marks are as follows:-

Mark	Name	Approx Lat	Approx Lon	Description
A	Atomic Buoy	50 35.03N	2 11.64W	Large Yellow Can
B	Bowleaze	50 37.52N	2 24.53W	Orange Sphere
C	Chemmers	50 37.58N	2 25.24W	Orange Cylinder
D	Destroyer	50 36.38N	2 26.20W	Large Yellow Light Can (most southerly of the group)
F	Franklin	50 36.50N	2 24.76W	Orange Cylinder
G Red / Green	Noise Range	50 33.67N	2 24.12W	Yellow Sphere with Cross (SE most buoy of group)
H		50 37.30N	2 25.81W	Orange Sphere
I		50 36.03N	2 25.93W	White Sphere
J		50 37.00N	2 25.00W	Orange Cylinder
K		50 37.16N	2 24.10W	Orange Sphere
L	St. Albans	50 33.25N	2 06.30W	Large Yellow Can
M	Mid Bay	50 36.70N	2 24.19W	Orange Cylinder
O		50 37.00N	2 26.38W	Orange Cylinder
P	Nothe Start Line, N limit	50 36.76N	2 26.53W	Orange Sphere
Q	Nothe Start Line, S limit	50 36.67N	2 26.56W	Small Pink Sphere
R	Ringstead	50 37.40N	2 22.65W	Orange Sphere
S	East Shambles	50 31.26N	2 20.08W	East Cardinal Buoy
T	Eastern Mark	50 36.50N	2 25.47W	Orange Cylinder
X		50 36.84N	2 25.90W	Orange Cylinder
Y	West Bay	50 33.99N	2 28.91W	Large Yellow Outfall Can
Z	(Start) Line	CV to start mark - see SI 8.6 & 10.1 If CV moves replace CV with danbuoy or mark		
π	Windward	Laid as needed		Black cylinder with white band or Orange cylinder with black band
λ	Leeward	Laid as needed		
θ	Wing	Laid as needed		

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between the mast of the CV flying an orange flag at the starboard end and a marker buoy with an orange flag at the port end.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.3 A boat crossing the start line more than 4 minutes after their starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

10.4 Pursuit race start

For the "All-In" Pursuit race, the YTC handicaps will be used to calculate Start Numbers and start times. Starting order and times (Start Number) will be displayed on the official race notice board

The race will be started using the system defined in RRS 26 (i.e. signals will be made at 5, 4, 1 minute and then start) for the boats starting first (ie Those boats with Start Number 01).

The start number will be displayed (on the CV) for one minute before the start for boats assigned that number. The preparatory signal for the individual start is when the start number is displayed. The individual start will be signalled by a sound signal and the removal of the start number.

Unless otherwise notified to competitors by the race officer, the starting line is defined as per SI 10.1

In the event of an Individual Recall, flag X will be raised accompanied by a sound signal, and will then be waved for 30 seconds or until the offending boat(s) returns to start correctly (whichever is the shorter).

In the Pursuit Race there will be no general recalls. This changes RRS 29.2.

Keeping Clear of the Line. Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear both of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made. Failure of competitors to keep clear will render them liable to disqualification.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

While boats are racing, the race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark or at a gate by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signalling all boats before they begin the leg. The next mark need not be in position at that time.

If the direction of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and one or both of the new compass bearing or a green triangle for a change to starboard or a red rectangle for a change to port.

If the length of the leg will be changed, the signal shall be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and a '−' if the length will be decreased or a '+' if it will be increased. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signalling to maintain the course shape.

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark with an orange flag at the port end.

12.2 Courses may be shortened at any mark of the course using a line between that mark and a blue flag on a Committee RIB flying flag S and making 2 sound signals.

12.3 Pursuit Race Finish

The Target Pursuit Race Finish Time will be indicated on the Official Notice Board.

The Finish will be signalled by the raising of a blue flag on the CV accompanied by a long sound signal at the Finish Time. This signal maybe simultaneously announced by VHF (Ch 9). Patrol boats (used to record finishing positions) will also signal the end of the race using a blue flag and/or a sound signal.

A patrol boat will move back through the fleet from the lead competitor recording finish positions. After the Finish Time, competitors should hold their positions (relative to one another) until the finishing patrol boat releases them.

Further patrol boats may be used at other segments of the course to record finish positions at the race officer's discretion.

Competitors should note the boat in front and the boat astern at the Finish Time/finish signal to assist the Race Officer if required.

The Race Officer's decision on finish positions is final.

Obligations of Finished Boats. Boats that have been finished must not obstruct other boats and must keep clear of the patrol boats recording finish positions until all positions have been recorded.

13 NOT USED

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available from CCSC and WSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes (subject to practical consideration) after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals 'no more racing today', whichever is later.

14.3 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 Long shed at WSC.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15 SCORING

15.1 The scoring is as per NoR.

16 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as per the NoR.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either at the Committee vessel or via VHF channel 9

17.2 Prohibited Area along beach While racing, boats shall not sail inside the 4kt zone marked by the white buoys approximately 400m off Weymouth and Preston Beaches. The zone shall rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors is encouraged.

19 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 and 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 their 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 organiser 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) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

20 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 2 million pounds sterling per incident or the equivalent

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