



CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB

BASS CUP RACE

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.

Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

Sailing Instruction

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016. Competitors should note that Chichester Yacht Club:

- Implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.
- Expects competitors to sail in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club and online at the CYC web site at www.cyc.co.uk

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one week before the warning signal of the race it affects. Such changes will be communicated either via email and/or the CYC web site at www.cyc.co.uk

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated in front of the CYC race hut.

4.2 Launch Control: When before a race, a fleet's class flag is displayed ashore no boat in that fleet shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

5 FLEET DESIGNATIONS, CLASS FLAGS AND DEFINITIONS.

The Bass Cup will be raced in a single fleet by current member's boats & crews of ChichesterYC and Dell Quay SC respectively:

5.1 Handicap Fleet

Fleet class flag: Naval numeral 0

Fleet definition: Those boats with a PY

5.3 The handicaps used for the calculation of final corrected times for all classes will be the value defined in the current RYA document "Portsmouth Number List RYA 2016" published by the RYA in March 2016. This document is available at www.rya.org.uk or www.cyc.co.uk web sites. A hardcopy version is also available for inspection on the CYC Sloop notice board.

6 RACING SCHEDULE

The Bass Cup will be held on Sunday 4th September and Saturday 17th September 2016. Signing on will take place at CYC in the Sloop one and a half hours before the first start.

A briefing will be held at CYC in the Sloop one hour before the first start.

Date: 4th September	Event briefing:	High Water: 1411 Ht. 4.7m
Fleet:	Number of races planned:	Warning signal of first race:
Single Fleet	3	12:55hrs
Date: 17th Sept	Event briefing: 10:30hrs	High Water: 1226 Ht. 5m
Fleet:	Number of races planned:	Warning signal of first race:
Single Fleet	3	11:25hrs

Subsequent races will be started at the Race Officer's discretion and the timing will be confirmed at the briefing, however CYC hope to arrange a break ashore between races 1 & 2, with race 3 following immediately after race 2 of each day.

7 RACING AREA

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters known as Chichester Lake.

8 COURSES

8.1 The race course for each fleet, including start and finish line details, will be displayed on the official CYC sloop notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

8.2 Committee Boat starts. If no course is shown on Cyclone committee boat the provisional course displayed on the sloop sailing notice board shall be sailed.

8.3 Changes to Course. If Flag L is flown by the Committee Boat prior to the warning signal competitors should come within hailing distance in order to receive instructions- such as advice regarding a change of course. The new course will be displayed on the Cyclone committee boat course board.

8.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes RRS 33. Marks.

8.5 Racing marks shall be either large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing the initials CYC and an identification number, or small spherical buoys coloured green, orange, yellow, pink or red, or any of the fixed yellow Chichester Harbour racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour racing marks are shown on the charts in the CYC sloop.

8.6 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instruction 9 and 10: The Start, and The Finish and Finishing.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line shall be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race and will be one of following:

- Cyclone start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC committee boat Cyclone and the large orange cylindrical buoy with the identification mark CYC 0. Cyclone shall be the starboard end starting mark and CYC 0 shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and CYC 0.
- Jaffa start: the starting line marks shall be the CYC patrol boat Jaffa and a small spherical yellow mark. Jaffa shall be the starboard end starting mark and the small spherical yellow mark shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on Jaffa displaying an orange flag and the small spherical yellow mark.
- Club line start: The club line is an extension of a line through the tall flag pole in front of CYC's starters hut and a short red and white striped pole on the foreshore. The line's outer distance mark shall be the channel marker post known as 'number 2' post. Boats starting must pass between the red and white striped pole and the 'number 2' channel marker post, the direction of the start (either West to East or East to West) will be defined on the course board in the sloop.

9.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence of other races. All competitors are asked to avoid the narrow channel leading to the Chichester Marina, see section 17 for more details.

10 THE FINISH AND FINISHING

10.1 The club finish line shall be as defined between the tall flag pole in front of CYC's starters hut and a red and white striped pole on the foreshore. The finish lines outer distance mark shall be the Yellow marker post known as 'Perch' as displayed on the CYC sloop course board. The direction of finishing (either West to East or East to West) will be defined on the official notice board.

Any other stated finishing lines will be defined on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

10.2 The race committee may shorten the course for a specific fleet, but not all fleets, by flying international code flag S with the appropriate fleet flag.

10.3 If flag S is flown over the relevant class flag then that fleet's race shall be shortened in accordance with RRS 32.

10.4 If the relevant fleet flag is flown over flag S boats shall finish the race when they next cross the finishing line and average lap times shall be used to calculate the race results (Refer to section 12.9 Timing Schemes). This changes RRS 32 and the Race Signals.

11 TIME LIMITS

11.1 There will be no time limit for the Bass Cup event. For events as defined in section 6: Race Schedule.

12 SCORING, RESULTS AND TIMING SCHEMES

12.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the low point scoring system as defined RRS A4.

12.2 One race is to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 When three or more races are sailed as a series a boat's score will be the sum of her best race scores from the number of races to count for that series. The number of races to be sailed and counted for any series shall be as defined below or equal to 60% of the number of races sailed rounded to the nearest whole number.

Races sailed	3	4	5	6
Results to count	2	3	3	4

12.4 For the Bass Cup event, to determine the overall club trophy winner between Dell Quay Sailing Club and Chichester YC., by taking the best 5 overall results from each club over the series, the lowest aggregated score will win the Bass Cup.

12.5 Results of races will be displayed on the CYC club web site as soon as possible after the event. www.cyc.co.uk

12.6 Timing Schemes. CYC will use for the Bass Cup two different timing schemes:

Handicap: Each boat completes the same number of laps and the elapsed time is converted to a corrected finish time using the Portsmouth Handicap scheme as administered by the RYA (As defined in 5.6 of these Sailing Instructions)

Average Lap: The leading boat in the race will complete the number of laps set for the race (subject to any shorten course signal). Once the leading boat finishes, all other boats will finish on their current lap. Corrected times for each competitor will be calculated based on their average lap time.

13 PROTESTS, RULE DISPUTES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during these club racing events. See the official notice board in the CYC Sloop for further details.

13.2 A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the Race committee, but preferably the CYC Race Officer of the day (OOD), of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race.

13.3 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at CYC or downloaded from the web site www.cyc.co.uk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to CYC Race Officer of the day (OOD) within the appropriate time limit.

13.4 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

13.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

13.7 Breaches of instructions 4.2, 10, 15.1, 16.1, and 17 and Notice of Race paragraph 2 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.

13.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.9 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 RRS 62.2.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

14.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and smart handheld devices.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices adequate for the conditions at all times while racing. International code flag Y will not be displayed. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. Also young competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices when on the pontoons. This instructions changes RRS 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.

15.2 Young competitors shall wear a wet suit or a dry suit whilst sailing between 31st October and 1st May.

15.3 The helm or crew of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. This must be personally completed by signing out on the sheet in the CYC sloop. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all of the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RTD, DNF or RAF. Helms

shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day. A boat that fails to comply with this rule may receive without a hearing a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS rule 44.3. This amends rule 63.1.

16 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

16.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or the sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

16.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for these conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

16.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat having taken part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the CYC Race Committee, the Race Officer of the day, support/safety boats and any Beach Masters on duty that day.

16.4 The provision of support boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

17 LOCAL VARIATIONS

17.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily maneuver freely or navigate outside the confines of the channels and hence can not be expected to give right of way to boats racing. Competitors are requested to keep clear of all boats in these channels and are reminded that the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea apply between vessels that are racing and those that are not racing.

17.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or from moored boats.

17.3 Competitors are warned that the mud bank known as Monkey Island, situated between the Club Line and the Monkey racing mark, has shallow patches and dries out well before low water.

18 PRIZES

18.1 Prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion and depending on the number of entries. The Bass cup trophy shall remain the property of the

respective harbour club. The Bass Cup must be returned prior to the same event the following year to the respective club organising the event.