



# Dinghy Section Club Racing 2016

Organising Authority: Chichester Yacht Club.  
Event Location: Chichester Yacht Club, West Sussex

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 Club racing shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016.
- 1.2 CYC Implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.
- 1.3 Expects competitors to sail in accordance with the Chichester Harbour Code of Conduct for Racing.

#### *Note*

*These sailing instructions will apply to all club handicap racing series, except for the Up the Creek race, Halfway up the Creek race, Bosham & Back, CYC/DQSC Bass Cup event and CYC Pursuit races where a supplement to these Sailing Instructions will be posted via [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk) All open events including the CYC Regatta, CYC Dinghy Week and other CYC class open events will have separate specific sailing instructions issued.*

### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Chichester Yacht Club and online at the CYC dinghies web site at [www.cyc.co.uk](http://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 dinghies web site at [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk)

### 4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals ashore will be made from the mast at the north-western corner of the dinghy park.

4.2 When the AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced by “15 minutes” in the race signal procedure.

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. Schedule of Races

The race schedule for club racing is published in the CYC Programme 2016 handbook and the online CYC Dutyman System. As the Programme 2016 handbook is printed in January

2016, the current and most up to date sailing program will be on the CYC online Dutyman system and on [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk) Competitors are encouraged to view both these web sites for the latest program details and any changes. Any changes to the 2016 Club sailing programme will be primarily by email notice via the Dutyman system and via the web site [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk)

## 6. Fleet Designations and Definitions

6.1 Fleet designations RNLi Easter Regatta, First Breath, Spring Fling, Lady Todd, Midsummer Frolic, Summer, Birdham Barrel, Halloween howler and Last Gasp series

### 6.1.1 Modern/Fast Fleet Class Flag International Code Flag F

The Modern/Fast Fleet is defined as classes designed after 1990 typically, but not limited to, asymmetric boats. In addition any class with a PY of 1000 or under.

### 6.1.2 Medium/Classic Fleet Class Flag International Code Flag G

The Medium/Classic Fleet is defined as classes with a PY of 1001 to 1199 (see note b) and would typically include Albacore, Comet (any type), Byte, Finn, GP14, Laser with any rig, Miracle, National 12, OK, Solo, Streaker, Firefly, Wanderer, Lark, Scorpion, Kestrel and Phantom.

### 6.1.3 Traditional/Slow Fleet Class Flag International Code Flag T

The Traditional/Slow Fleet is defined as classes with a PY 1200 or higher.

6.2 Fleet designations for the Ladies Regatta, Youth Regatta, Evening and Sunset Series are Fast Handicap & Slow Handicap and are defined as follows:

### 6.2.1 Fast Handicap Class Flag International Naval Numeral 0

Any class with a PY of 1199 or lower

### 6.2.2 Slow Handicap Class Flag International Code Flag T

Any class with a PY of 1200 or higher (see note b)

6.3 Novice Fleet. At the discretion of the organising authority there may also be races for Novice Sailors (see note d). This will be a general handicap fleet. Class Flag International Pennant 6

6.4 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. This document is available at [www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk) or [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk) web sites. A hardcopy version is also available for inspection on the CYC Sloop notice board.

#### Notes:

*a) Classes allocated age allowance handicaps for example Merlin Rockets should sail with the fleet defined by its handicap – ie a newer Merlin (with a sail number higher than 3430) would sail with the Fast/Modern Fleet while Older boats would race with the Classic/Medium fleet.*

*b) The helmsman of RS Fevas, Bytes and Miracles may elect to sail with either the Classic Medium or Traditional Slow fleet. (Fast or Slow Fleets, as applicable). Once they nominate a fleet (at first 'sign on' for a series) they then must sail in that fleet for the entire series.*

*c) Adopted club classes may at the discretion of the fleet captain elect to have class racing with results extracted from the relevant handicap fleet.*

*d) Entry to the Novice fleet races is restricted to those competitors in their first year of racing who have not won a series at CYC.*

## 7 Racing Area

Courses will be set and races will be held on the waters of Chichester Harbour.

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

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

8.6 For handicap races only, if the relevant class 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 13.9 Timing Schemes). This changes RRS 32 and the Race Signals.

## 9 Marks

9.1 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 Federation racing marks. The approximate positions of the Chichester Harbour Federation racing marks are shown on the charts in the CYC sloop.

9.2 Starting and finishing marks are defined in instruction 10 and 13: The Start, and The Finish and Finishing.

## 10 Areas defined as obstructions

There are no defined obstructions

## 11 The Start

11.1 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:

### 11.1.1 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.

11.1.2 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.

11.1.3 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.

11.2 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.

11.3 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored “Did Not Start” without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12 Changes to the next leg of the course

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

13 The Finish and Finishing

13.1 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.

13.2 A Cyclone Finish Line is defined as a line drawn between the mast on Cyclone displaying an orange flag and the inflatable mark “CYC 0”.

13.3 A Jaffa Finish Line The starting line shall be between a staff on Jaffa displaying an orange flag and the small spherical yellow mark.

14 Penalty System

Shall be as defined in the RRS 2013-16

15 Timing & Time Limits

15.1 Due to the mainly handicap racing conducted by CYC there shall be no time limits for club racing However the OOD should aim for a 45 minute race time for races covered by these instructions.

15.2 Timing Schemes. CYC uses four different timing schemes:

15.2.1 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 6.4 of these Sailing Instructions)

15.2.2 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 competitors will be calculated based on their average lap time.

- 15.2.3 Class - This is used when a race has boats of a single class. Positions are determined by the finishing position rather than individual corrected times. Unless specified with separately issued class racing Sailing Instructions, class results will be extracted from the CYC handicap fleet results.
- 15.2.4 Pursuit - The start time for each type of boat is calculated using the class yardstick number with the aim of equalising the finish time for all boats in the race. Separate Sailing Instruction will be issue for such events

## 16 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 Protest forms are available in the Sloop at CYC or downloaded from the web site [www.cyc.co.uk](http://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.
- 16.4 For each fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.5 Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later then 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.6 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).
- 16.7 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.
- 16.8 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.
- 16.9 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.

## 17 Scoring, Results and Timing Schemes

- 17.1 Two entrants are required to constitute a race.
- 17.2 When a single race is sailed a boat's score shall be equal to her race score.
- 17.3 When two races are sailed as a series a boat's score will be the sum of her race scores.

- 17.4 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.

Series	Race No	No to count
RNLI Easter Regatta	3	2
First Breath	8	5
Mission to Seafarers	Pursuit	Pursuit
Spring Fling (Weekend 1)	6	4
Evening	4	3
Lady Todd	9	5
Midsummer Frolic (Weekend 2)	4	3
Ladies/Womens Regatta	3	2
Junior Regatta (inc Sussex Penguin)	3	2
Up the Creek	LD	LD
Summer	12	7
Sunset	4	3
RNLI Pennant	Pursuit	Pursuit
Bass Cup joint with DQ but (inc CYC Autumn Series)	6	4
Birdham Barrel	6	4
Halloween Howler (Weekend 3)	6	4
Last Gasp	3	2
Bosham and back	LD	LD

### Races to count Club Series 2016

No of Races	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Races to count	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7

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

- 17.6 Series ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

- 17.7 A boat shall be awarded race scores in accordance with RRS A9 when the races sailed in the series are raced over more than one day.

- 17.8 Results of races will be displayed on the CYC Dinghies club web site as soon as possible after the event. [www.cyc.co.uk](http://www.cyc.co.uk)

### 18 Safety Regulations

- 18.1 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.

18.2 A boat which retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.

18.3 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 instruction 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.

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

## 19 Replacement of equipment or crew

19.1 Substitution of competitors during a race is not permitted

19.2 Replacement of damaged or lost equipment during a race is not permitted.

## 20 Equipment and Measurement Checks

Boats entering club racing at CYC should have a valid class measurement certificate but in any case shall conform to the spirit of their class rules. Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant class rules.

## 21 Event Advertising

Competitors may be required to display advertising supplied by the organising authority.

## 22. Official Boats

22.1 The official boats used in club racing are the RIBs Tango, Tigga and Blew the launch Jaffa and the Committee Boat Cyclone.

22.2 Other boats be used in addition competitors will be notified not less than 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal

## 23 Trash Disposal

Trash may be deposited on Official Boats

## 24 Radio Communication

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.

## 25 Acknowledgement of Risk

25.1 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.

25.2 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.

25.3 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.

25.4 The provision of safety boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

## 26 Local Variations

26.1 Competitors are warned that cruisers in the approach channels to the Chichester Marina and Birdham Pool cannot necessarily manoeuvre 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.

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

26.3 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.

26.4 Long distance club racing courses and the Thorney Channel. Boats on whatever course they are sailing, so as not to sail over the sunken piles, shall only pass on the channel side of the Thorney Channel Port and Starboard Beacons, commonly known as the "GOALPOSTS". These beacons are marking the end of the piles at the entrance to the Thorney Channel. Each Beacon and the piles extending inshore from it, rank as an obstruction. Boats passing inside on the low water side of any of the beacons specified in above must retire - this changes RRS 31.

## 27 Prizes

Prizes may be awarded at the event organiser's discretion and depending on the number of entries. All club trophies shall remain the property of Chichester Yacht Club. The trophy must be returned prior to the same event the following year. The annual prize giving will normally be at the end of the autumn sailing season. (See CYC club programme 2016 for more details). However at the CYC's Dinghy Section's Race Committee's discretion, prizes may be awarded after the final race in the series.