

## Brandy Hole Yacht Club Winter Series 2011

# Sailing Instructions

**RULES:** The Brandy Hole Regatta races are organised by Brandy Hole Yacht Club and will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012 (RRS), the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SI) which supersede any earlier issues. Unless otherwise notified, the only exception to the RRS is the Start Procedure which, by request, will follow the old 10 minute - 5 minute – Start sequence. (*See Starting Signals*)

The RRS Part 2 “When Boats Meet” applies between boats that are sailing in or near the racing area and intend to race, are racing, or have been racing. However, a boat not racing shall not be penalized for breaking one of these rules, except rule 22.1. When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, she shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).

The current Bye Laws of the Crouch Harbour Authority must be observed.

**CONDITIONS of ENTRY:** The event organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused to the owner/person in charge or their crew as a result of their participation in this event. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat to participate.

Competitors should note that Brandy Hole Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA publication (ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter).

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Attention is drawn to the fundamental requirement that; “It shall be the sole responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or to continue a Race.”

All competing yachts shall carry a minimum £1,000,000 Third Party Insurance Cover, and proof will be required.

**COURSES:** Courses are shown on the Course Card issued on receipt of the Race fees, and are subject to revision annually. Ensure that you carry the correct card. The course selected for the race will be shown on the Start Boat at least 10 minutes before the Start.

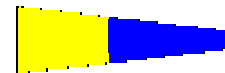
Course “X” indicates a course set for the day that will not be shown on the course card.

**START AND FINISH LINES:** All normal starts will be on an imaginary line between Stowe Post and the Start Boat. In extreme conditions, the Start may be moved to a line east of the Fambridge moorings, on an imaginary line between the “Fambridge Eastern “Mind your wash” buoy and the Start Boat.

The Finish line will be an imaginary line between the white triangle mark in front of the BHYC race box and a point on the north shore, except when advised otherwise.

**STARTING SIGNALS:** On the Start Line, a system of flag signals will be made accompanied by sound signals by horn or klaxon.

**FAST HANDICAP CLASS A:** Pennant “5” will be displayed at the 10 minute signal, and hauled down at the Start. The course number will be shown on the board on the Committee boat.



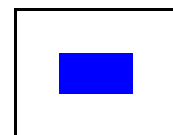
**SLOW HANDICAP CLASS B:** Pennant “6” will be displayed at the 10 minute signal, and hauled down at the Start. The course number will be shown on the board on the Committee boat.



In general, the Class B start will be 10 minutes after the Class A start. The following times and signals substitute for Rule 26 of RRS.

Time to start	Signal	Indication
10 minutes	Warning	Class flag Hoisted, 1 sound
5 minutes	Preparatory	Flag P Hoisted, 1 sound
0 minutes	Starting	Flags Dropped, 1 sound

**SHORTENING THE COURSE:** To shorten the course, the Code Flag “S” will be flown and a sound signal given twice as the leading boat approaches the revised Finish Line. The Race Officer may shorten the Course at a place other than at a Mark in the Course should it be deemed necessary.

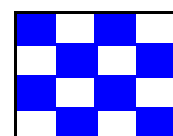


**TIME LIMIT:** To avoid needless exposure for the Race Officer and Officials, the time limit for all boats sailing is 18.00hrs. Any boat finishing after that time may notify the Race Committee on Ch 37, time themselves in and report their time to the Race Officer as soon as possible. Any competitor failing to lodge times will be deemed retired. Launches will operate until 18.30 hrs, normally.

**RACE POSTPONED:** The race may be postponed by 15 minutes by hoisting the answering pennant accompanied by two sound signals (further 15 min postponements may be made by repeating those signals).



**RACE CANCELLED:** The Race may be cancelled by hoisting Code Flag “N” accompanied by three sound signals. Flag “N” will also be flown at the Race Box or Club House signal mast.



**RECALLS:** Any yachts which are over the line at the Start Signal will be recalled. Individual recalls will be notified by one sound signal immediately after the Start signal and by hoisting Flag “X”. Responsibility for correct re-Starting rests with the offending yacht.



**RECALLS (cont.):** In the event that there are too many yachts to identify individual false Starts, there will be a General Recall signalled by two sound signals and Hoisting Flag “First Substitute”. The Preparatory Signal for the restart will be made one minute after lowering “First Substitute”.



The same General Recall sequence will be used in the event of a faulty start procedure.

**HANDICAPPING:** Race results will be based on the Portsmouth Yardstick system. In the absence of published Primary, Secondary or Recorded Yardstick Numbers, Trial Numbers (TN) and Club Numbers (CN) will be allocated. All (TN and CN) will be reviewed after every third.

Any changes to the declared Base Rig must be notified to the Race Committee before racing.

#### Class A

Yachts will not receive an allowance for non declaration of carrying a spinnaker / Cruising Chute to their PY Number.

#### Class B

Yachts will be given an allowance for non declaration of carrying a Spinnaker / Cruising Chute to their PY Number.

The race committee decision is final.

**SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** All boats must carry the following minimum equipment, and may be scrutinised:

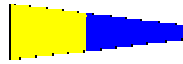
- Buoyancy Aids for every crew member
- First Aid Kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Anchor, with 10m warp or chain bent on
- Adequately sized bilge pump
- Powerful torch for signalling
- Water and stores in excess of emergency requirements
- A method of sounding depth

In addition, the provision of VHF Radio which can be heard from the cockpit is strongly recommended both for Safety reasons and Race Information updates on Channel 37.

**RECOGNITION:** The Race Officer must be able to clearly identify each participating yacht. The sail number must be displayed and class pennant flown from the stern. A declaration made on Channel 37 will be accepted before the Preparatory Signal if there is no alternative.

**CLASS PENNANTS;** To indicate to other river users and the Race Officers that you are racing, the following pennants need to be displayed at the stern;

**Class A = Pennant “5”**



**Class B = Pennant “6”**



If no pennant is flown, the yacht will be disqualified.

**RETIREMENTS:** All retirees should inform the Race Officer as soon as possible, on Channel 37 or by mobile telephone to the Club house (01702 230320).

**PROTESTS:** Protests are to be made to the Race Officer. They will be acknowledged and processed in accordance with the RYA Racing Charter and the Race Officer will adjudicate, or they may convene at a convenient time a Protest Committee of three knowledgeable persons. All finishers will be advised by the Race Officer as soon as possible thereafter.

**PENALTIES:** A yacht accepting a scoring Penalty will fly the Club burgee immediately below the Racing Flag. Alternatively a 720 degree turn taken as soon as clear of other yachts, will suffice. Percentage penalties will apply.

**RACE RESULTS:** These will be announced on the day and displayed on the Notice Board in the foyer of the Clubhouse.

**BRANDY RACE:** To round off the Series, every competitor who completes three races is entitled to compete in the fun Pursuit Race, as near to New Year’s Day as possible.

**RADIO WATCH:** Radio watch will be maintained on the Start Boat or the Club Race box from 30 minutes before the race and for the duration, on Channel 37 (M1). Any postponement or cancellation will be repeated on that Channel. It has been agreed that **advisory** transmissions will also precede any race signals on the strict understanding that any omission will not be accepted as an error provided the Primary Flag and Sound Signals are correctly executed.