

ROYAL NORTHEN & CLYDE YACHT CLUB

Supported by Crhu Chandlery and Rhu Marina

Presents



707 Class Scottish National Championships 2021 23 and 24 October 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Northern & Clyde Yacht Club (RNCYC)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the 707 Class Rules.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA available at www.rya.org.uk will apply.
The following racing rules are changed;
RRS 44.1: the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
RRS 60.1(a): Breaches of SIs 11.3, 19.1, 20.1, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.
RRS 61.3: The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
RRS 62.1(a): Failure to notify OCS by VHF announcement will not be ground for protest.
RRS 62.2: 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.
RRS A4 & A5: Boats failing to start within 10 minutes of the starting signal will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
Hunter 707 Class Rules Part B, item 9.3 do not apply [DP].
- 1.3 [NP] [DP] COVID Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with **RNCYC's COVID-19 procedures**. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than one hour before the first start of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The online official noticeboard is located at the RNCYC's website <https://www.rncyc.com/707scottishchamps> This changes NoR 3.1.
- 3.2 [NP] The race committee may make broadcasts to boats on VHF Ch 77.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the head of the gangway to the pontoons at Rhu Marina.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP. Boats are requested not to leave the marina until Flag AP is lowered. This changes race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday 23 October	Sunday 24 October
Radio Briefing VHF Ch 77 1000 hrs	Radio Briefing VHF Ch 77 1000 hrs
4 races intended but up to 7 races	3 races intended but up to 7 races
First race warning signal not before 1025	First race warning signal not before 1025
No warning signal will be displayed after 1630	No warning signal will be displayed after 1530

7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place on the Upper Firth of Clyde, usually between Helensburgh Pier and Kempock Point.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram and details of the courses are at **Attachment A**.
- 8.2 The courses have a specified number of laps and will run unless the Race Committee shorten the course. The Race Committee may decide to alter the number of laps depending on weather conditions.
- 8.3 The number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Vessel prior to the start of each race by numeral pennant.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks used are orange except Mark 1a which is yellow.
- 9.2 The race committee may substitute marks of different colours or shapes to those specified in the course diagrams.

10 OBSTRUCTIONS – Not Applicable at this event

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line is between the Committee vessel flying an Orange flag and an Orange buoy, located as shown in **Attachment A**.
- 11.3 **INDIVIDUAL RECALL** When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee may broadcast her sail number by VHF. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 Minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the Committee boat flying a Blue Flag and an orange buoy, (see course diagram), except when the course is shortened under SI 13. 2. Boats shall pass through the finish line from the direction of the previous mark - See RRS definition *Finish*.
- 13.2 In the event of a course being shortened Flag S will be displayed and the finish will be between a rounding mark and a staff displaying flag S. If flag S is displayed at Gate 2 or Mark 2, then competitors are to proceed direct to the finish line. This changes RRS rule 32.2.
- 13.3 The race committee may award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within the time limit, without gaining or losing any place. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS rule 28.1 and RRS Rule 60.1(b).

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1
- 14.2 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits for all competitors and target times for the lead boat for Saturday racing are as follows:

<i>Race Target Time</i>	<i>Race Time Limit</i>	<i>Maximum Time to First Mark</i>
40 min	70 min	30 min

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The Post-Race Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures shall apply (for full information on the procedures, go to www.rya.org.uk/go/rules). The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3 Hearing request forms are available from the Club House.
- 16.4 The Race Officer or Protest Committee Chair will provide a list, no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Protest hearings and RYA arbitration may take place virtually, competitors shall need to be able to access a device suitable for running popular commercially available video conferencing software. Further details will be published on the on-line noticeboard on the event website.

17 SCORING.

- 17.1 The Event will consist of up to 7 Races.
- 17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - a) When 3 races or less have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - b) When from 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee immediately on leaving the course area. They shall not sail through the finish line but approach the Committee vessel around the end of the line [DP].

- 18.2 [NP] [DP] Narrow Channels, Clydeport Operations Limited and Queen's Harbour Master.

Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the prevention of collisions at sea, 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states that "a vessel of less than 20m in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. Any waters of the Firth of Clyde, including the approaches to the Gairloch, regulated by QHM, should be regarded as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

Whilst racing any boat which is unable for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power-driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee. The Race Committee may proceed against any boat observed as failing to do so in accordance with RRS 60.2.

Any boat passing between MOD launches or Seariders and the vessels they are escorting, or otherwise impeding these vessels, are liable to be impounded and their skipper and crew arrested. Flag D will be flown from the principal Committee and a broadcast made on Ch 77 if the Race Officer is aware that a large Naval vessel may enter the race during the schedule.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of the registered person in charge during the series is not allowed without prior written/posted approval of the Race Committee.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by a member of the Race Committee for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions
- 20.2 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the event documentation.

21 SUPPLIED BOATS – Not applicable at this event.

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS – Not applicable at this event.

23 SUPPORT TEAMS – Not applicable at this event.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash should be retained onboard individual boats and disposed of in the receptacles provided on returning to port.

25 BERTHING

Berthing must be arranged in advance with Rhu Marina <https://www.boatfolk.co.uk › rhu-marina-scotland>

26 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Lifting must be booked in advance. Lifting in will take place on Friday 22 October and lifting out will take place on Sunday 24 October, immediately following completion of racing.

27 PRIZES

- 27.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats for the Series. The number of prizes awarded may vary, at the discretion of the OA, depending on the number of entries.

28 RISK STATEMENT

- 28.1 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.”

- 28.2 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;

28.3 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

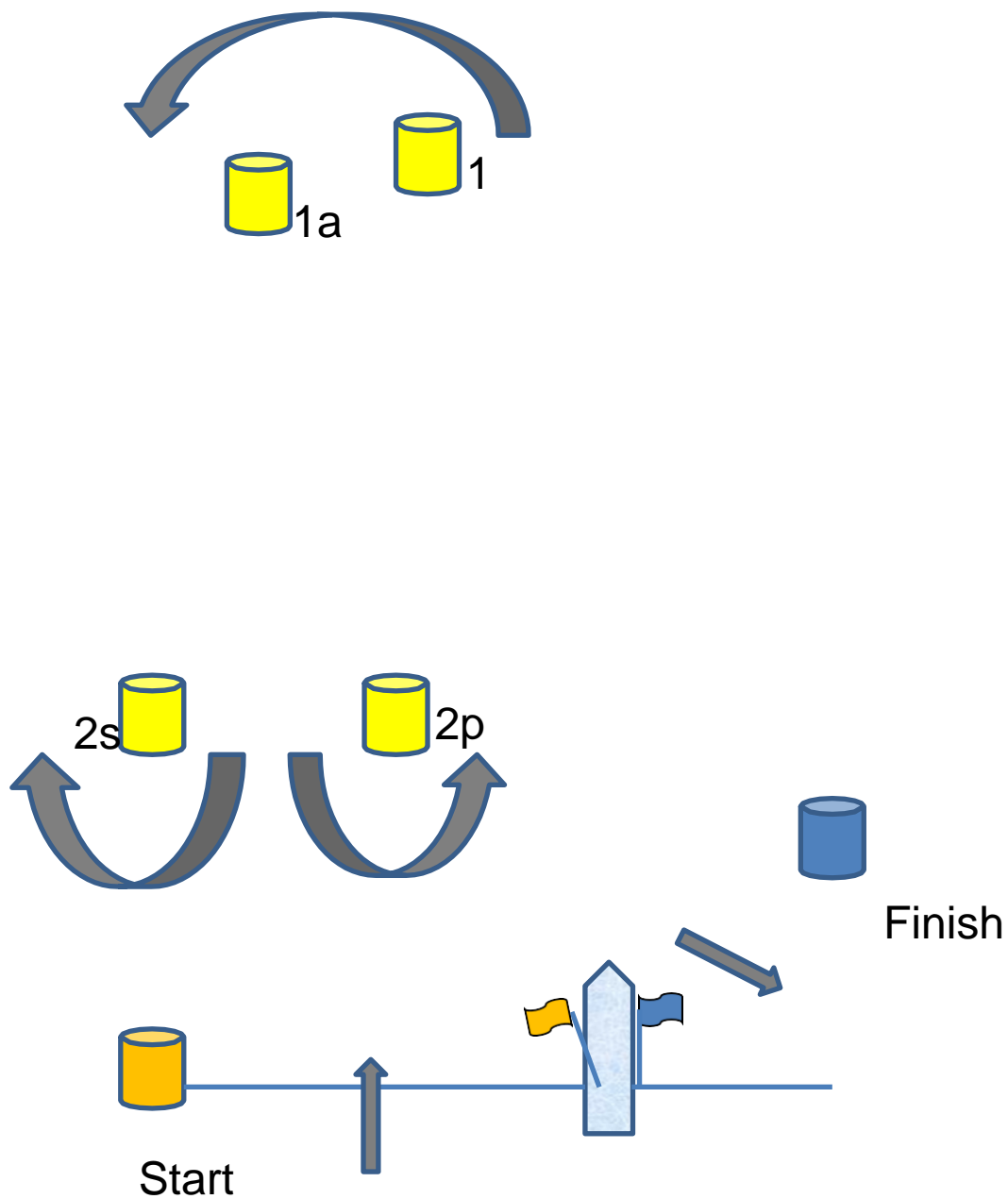
- d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- f) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

29 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event.

Attachment A

Course-Windward/Leeward with Reaching Finish



Rnds	Course and Mark Rounding Order													
1	START	1	1a	2S /2P	FINISH									
2	START	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	2S /2P	FINISH						
3	START	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	2S /2P	FINISH			
4	START	1	1a	2S/2P	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	2S /2P	1	1a	2S /2P	FINISH

N.B. If one of the gate marks is missing the remaining mark shall be left to Port.