



Mylor Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

For the

BT MARINE FALMOUTH BAY SERIES 2018

1. RULES

1.1. This race will be governed by:

1.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020.

1.1.2 ISAF Offshore Category 4 Special Regulations.

1.1.3 The Mylor Yacht Club (MYC) Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2018.

1.1.4 Class rules.

1.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing are changed as follows:

1.2.1 RRS 26,29 and 32 – There will be NO visual signals. All times are to be taken from the sound signals.

All recalls/abandonments shall be broadcast on the relevant VHF channel.

1.2.2 RRS A5. See 17.2.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at MYC and may be sent via e-mail.

2.2. Changes to sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it takes effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the MYC flagpole.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. Races will be sailed on the following dates: Sunday-April 15, June 10, July 8, 22nd.

4.2. For each race, the warning signal will be broadcast at 1010 hrs.

5. ENTRY

5.1. A boat will be considered to have entered if an online entry has been made (and the entry fee, if applicable, has been received) not less than 48 hours prior to the start of the race they are entering.

5.2. Boats unable to meet the requirements of ISAF Cat 4 Special Regulations should check with the Race Officer on the day of the race to ensure that they are permitted to compete. The Race Officer's decision is final and in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner or owner's representative.

6. CLASSES

6.1. All yachts will sail in one class, class Q. All boats must fly their normal class identification flag from their backstay or leech of the mainsail.

7. COURSE

7.1. Courses in Falmouth Bay and Gerrans Bay.

7.1.1 The course will be communicated on the VHF race management channel (see SI 20.1 below) at 0945 hrs and 0955 hrs.

8. MARKS

8.1. Courses in Falmouth Bay and Gerrans Bay (see SI 7.1 above) will include one or more of the following marks:

Name	Symbol	Description	Approximate location	
Gull Rock	GU	Large Rock with outliers	50°11'.70N	004° 54'.30W
Manacle Buoy	MB	East Cardinal Mark	50°02'.80N	005° 01'.90W
Black Rock	BR	Port lateral buoy	50°08'.68N	005° 01'.74W
Nare	N	Yellow spherical buoy	50°05'.36N	005° 04'.91W
Cove Restaurant	M	Yellow spherical buoy	50°07'.50N	005° 04'.80W
Choaks Pasties	GY	Yellow spherical buoy	50°08'.30N	005° 03'.60W
SKB Sails	CN	Yellow spherical buoy	50°08'.73N	005° 01'.22W
Meudon Hotel	R	Yellow spherical buoy	50°06'.61N	005° 04'.20W
Penrose Sails	Z	Yellow Spherical buoy	50°08'.15N	005° 01'.10W
Hine - Downing	HD	Yellow Spherical buoy	50°08'.30N	005° 02'.50W

9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Commercial Shipping. Vessels constrained by their size or draught form moving exclusion zones which competitors are to treat as obstructions. The exclusion zone extends 100m on all sides of the vessel and includes tugs and pilot boats. No competitor is to enter the exclusion zone and if becalmed may use their engines or other means of propulsion in accordance with RRS 42.3(h). Competitors who unnecessarily interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk protest by the Sailing Committee under RRS 69. A complaint by the Harbour Authority will automatically initiate a protest hearing.
- 9.2. Divers. Competitors shall not enter a two boat length zone around any of the following: a dive boat flying International Code flag "A", an orange pillar indicating a diver beneath the surface or a diver on the surface. All are to be treated as obstructions.

10. NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION

- 10.1. Black Rock Isolated Danger Mark and August Rock starboard lateral buoy. Competitors should be aware of rocks associated with this mark and buoy.
- 10.2. Manacles Buoy and Gull Rock. Competitors should be aware of the reefs in the vicinity of these marks.

11. THE START AND STARTING LINE

- 11.1. The starting line will be on the Pendennis Point Pofsa Transit and will be past in a Southerly direction. This line will be bounded by the Pendennis Point shoreline to the West and the Black Rock Isolated Danger Mark to the East.
- 11.2. **ALL** Starting Instructions including warning, countdown and course will be broadcast on VHF Channel 6. There will be **NO** visual signals This changes RRS 26.

12. RECALLS ,SHORTENING and ABANDONMENT after the start signals

- 12.1. **ALL** the above signals will be broadcast on VHF Channel 6 , There will be **NO** visual signals. This changes RRS 29 and 32.

13. FINISH LINE AND FINISH TIMING

- 13.1. The finishing line will be the same as the Start line (See 11.1) and will be past in a Northerly direction.
- 13.2. The Finish will be self timed (gps time) taken when the Pofsa Transit line is passed as seen from the normal helming position of the yacht. Details of yachts ahead and behind should be recorded.
- 13.3. The yachts finish time should be texted to 07980842734 or e-mailed to sr.nicholls@hotmail.co.uk.

14. RESULTS

- 14.1. Results will be calculated using the current MYC list of handicaps.

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. The time limit will be 60 minutes after the time of the first boat to finish. This time may be communicated on the VHF race management channel (see SI 21.1 below).

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1. The Race Officer shall be informed verbally of intention to protest promptly after the finish. Written protest forms are available at the Club and must be lodged with the Race Officer by 18.30 hrs on the evening of the race.

17. RETIRING

- 17.1. Competitors retiring should inform the Race Officer on VHF Channel 6 or Channel 77 (see paragraph 20.1 below) or Mobile Number 07980842734.
- 17.2. Competitors retiring without adhering to this procedure will be scored "DNC". This changes RRS A5.

18. SCORING AND DISCARDS

- 18.1. See MYC 2018 Notice of Race 9.1.

19. RESULTS

- 19.1. Results will be posted on the MYC notice board as soon as possible after racing.

20. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

- 20.1. Race communication. All communications will be by VHF Channel 6 unless the Race Officer decides to use Channel 77, in which competitors will be informed on VHF Channel 6. The Race Officer may give out race information, which is to be considered as a guide for competitors, on VHF Channel 6 or Channel 77 at any time up to five minutes before the class start.
- 20.2. Self steering gear. Any type of self steering gear may be used. This changes RRS 52.

21. RISK STATEMENT

21.1. Competitors are reminded of Rule 4 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

21.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the events listed in this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

21.2.1 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 whilst taking part in the event.

21.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

21.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.

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

21.2.5 The provision by Mylor YC of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

21.2.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

21.2.7 For the offshore races, 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.

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

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