

Mylor Yacht Club
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
for the
Heard Memorial Race

Saturday 16th June

HW 0757 5.1m.

LW 1431 0.4m.

RULES

All races are sailed under the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2017 – 2020 and the Mylor Yacht Club Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions 2018, available at www.myloryachtclub.org.uk

ENTRY & IDENTIFICATION

All boats seen in the race area before the Start will be entered in the race. All boats must fly their class identification flag from their backstay or leech of mainsail.

STARTS

The race will be started under RRS Rule 26. Times shall be taken from the visual signal; the failure of the sound signal shall be disregarded.

CLASSES AND START TIMES

14.55	Warning signal for Large Working Boats	B displayed
15.00	Start for Large Working Boats and warning signal for Small Working Boats	B removed, C displayed
15.05	Start for Small Working Boats and warning signal for Gaffers	C removed, G displayed
15.10	Start for Gaffers	G removed

STARTING LINE

The starting line will be an imaginary line between the mainmast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag and the outer distance mark. All starts will be in the direction of the first mark. All boats must keep clear of the start line until their 5 minute signal. Boats failing to do so may be protested. A buoy or dinghy may be streamed astern from the committee boat.

RECALLS

The individual signal for a premature start will be flag “X” displayed accompanied by one sound signal. “X” will be displayed until recalled boats have returned to the pre-start side of the line but no later than 4 minutes after the start signal.

GENERAL RECALLS

RRS 29.2 is modified. Flag “First substitute” will be displayed with two sound signals and will be flown until all boats have returned but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal. The preparatory signal for the new start for the recalled class will be the starting signal of the last start in the sequence.

GATE IF USED IN COURSE.

The gate is the same as the start line. Boats must pass through the gate in the direction from the previous mark. **Boats must not pass through the gate/finish line unless they are on a leg of the course requiring them to do so.**

FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be same as the start line/gate. All finishes will be in the direction from the previous mark. **Boats that have finished should clear the line as soon as possible and keep clear of boats that are racing (RRS 22.1).**

SHORTENED COURSE

The race may be finished at any mark of the course between that mark and a boat flying a blue flag and flag “S”, or at the gate. Flag “S” indicates that all classes will finish the race at the gate on completion of the round being sailed. Flag “S” displayed with class flag(s) indicates that the race will finish at the gate for the class(es) shown on completion of the round being sailed. If the course has not been shortened at the gate and subsequently racing is abandoned or there are no boats finished within the time limit, but where times and positions were recorded at the gate, the Race Officer will declare results based on those times and positions.

RETIRING

Competitors shall promptly hail the committee boat, or call the committee boat on VHF Channel 6 or Channel 77.

GUIDE BOAT

A guide boat may be deployed to lead the fleet round the course. If deployed, this boat will show flag "Z".

TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1730 hrs.

PROTESTS

The Race Officer must 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 18.00 hrs on the evening of the race. The protest will be heard in the Club at a time and date to be notified. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat at the first reasonable opportunity, by hailing "Protest" and displaying a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity, and display the red flag until she is no longer racing (RRS 61.1).

SCORING

The low points system of scoring shall apply.

SAFETY

Competitors are reminded of the Rules and Conditions of Entry in the Notice of Race. In particular:

Commercial Shipping. Competitors must comply with the requirements detailed in the Notice of Race, which includes the use of RRS 43.3h.

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.

Harbour Restrictions. After her preparatory signal, no boat shall enter the moorings areas off Mylor, Loe Beach and St Just. The areas are bounded by the outer moorings or boats moored thereon and are designated as continuous obstructions.

Carl's Rocks. Competitors should be aware of the rocks in the vicinity of Carrick buoy and other shallows presenting a risk of grounding.

Water ski areas. Competitors should be aware of the two water ski areas off the Roseland shore, presenting a risk of close quarter situations with water skiers and their towing boats.

Communication. Communication for the purpose of safety and race management will be by VHF Channel 6 or 77. See the Notice of Race for information on the choice of the working channel. Competitors are advised to monitor VHF Channels 16 and 6 or 77 whilst racing but should only **transmit urgent safety information by VHF to the Race Officer.**

COURSES

The Courses will only be announced on the VHF RACE MANAGEMENT CHANNEL.

MARKS Please see CARRICK ROADS MARK CHART APPENDIX 1

If a mark is not available, then flag "M" will be displayed and a yellow buoy showing flag "M" will be laid as an alternative mark in the vicinity of the unavailable mark. Flag "M" may also be displayed from the RIB, when it is used as an alternative mark.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS AND USE OF VHF

All communications will be by VHF Channel 6 unless the Race Officer decides to use Channel 77, in which case pennant "7" will be displayed beneath the orange starting flag on the Committee Boat. 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.

APPENDIX 1.

