

# Mylor Yacht Club



## SUNDAY PURSUIT SERIES

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

1.1. Mylor Yacht Club (MYC) racing will be governed by:

1.1.1 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024 save where noted below.

1.1.2 For the purposes of the definition of 'Start' and 'Finish' the term 'hull' includes a boat's bowsprit (where fitted) in its normal position.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Racing Section of the MYC Website.

#### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND AFLOAT

3.1. There will be no flag signals made ashore or afloat. All signals will be communicated by the Race Officer on VHF Channel 6.

#### 4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1. There will be three series of Sunday Pursuit Races, each of six races: the Penrose Sails Sunday Pursuit Series; the Mylor Yacht Harbour Sunday Pursuit Series; and the SKB Sails Sunday Pursuit Series on the following dates.

<b>Penrose Sails Sunday Pursuit</b>	<b>Mylor Yacht Harbour Sunday Pursuit</b>	<b>SKB Sails Sunday Pursuit</b>
16 April	4 June	30 July
23 April	11 June	13 August
30 April	25 June	20 August
7 May	2 July	27 August
14 May	9 July	10 September
21 May	23 July	17 September

#### 5. ENTRY AND IDENTIFICATION

5.1. Members of Mylor Yacht Club, members of other Clubs affiliated to the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association (PoFSA) and visiting yachtsmen are invited to enter the Series.

5.2. A boat will only count as a starter if a completed online entry has been made and also obtained a 2023 YTC number at least 48 hours prior to the start of the race they are entering.

5.3. **Boats shall declare before the start of the series whether they wish to use downwind sails, or be restricted to upwind sails only** in order that the appropriate YTC number can be applied. If no declaration is made, the downwind YTC number will be applied.

5.4. All boats shall fly their class identification flag from their backstay or leech of the mainsail.

5.5. As boats enter the starting area they should contact the Race Officer on Channel 6 to provide their boat name and sail number and confirm their intention to race.

## 6. COURSES AND MARKS

- 6.1. Courses will be selected from marks appearing on the 2023 MYC Course Card.
- 6.2. All races will be Course 9 – Race Officer's Discretion - communicated by radio on Channel 6. Competitors should have pen and paper ready.
- 6.3. The Course Card lists the approximate positions of the marks of the courses. Further information regarding their location may be obtained by radio from the Race Officer.

## 7. STARTING SEQUENCE

- 7.1. No starting signals will be given other than time signals at 1040 and 1050 to synchronise watches with the Race Officer.
- 7.2. Start times are based on the latest club 2023 YTC handicap number for each boat which will be posted on the MYC website on the day before the race. Skippers are responsible for establishing and synchronising their own start. Start times will be monitored by the Race Officer.
- 7.3. The Race Officer will alert any boat deemed to be over the line at their start time as soon as is practicable on the race communications VHF Channel 6. That boat will be required to dip back over the start line in order to continue the race.

## 8. START LINE

- 8.1. The start line will be an imaginary transit between the obelisk on the shoreline below Penarrow Point marking the boundary between Falmouth and Truro Harbour Authorities, and the yellow Mylor Yacht Harbour Buoy (Pw) located at approximately 50° 10'.48 N 005° 02'.37 W.
- 8.2. The Race Officer will stand in front of the obelisk and participating boats must cross this imaginary transit line between the obelisk and the Mylor Yacht Harbour (Pw) Buoy. Competitors should be aware of the risk of grounding close to the obelisk.
- 8.3. All starts will be in the direction of the first mark.
- 8.4. All boats must keep clear of the start line until 5 minutes before their start time. Boats must also keep clear of the Safety RIB that will be positioned beyond the transit during the starting sequence. Boats failing to do so may be disqualified. This changes RRS A5 and 60.1(b).

## 9. THE GATE (If Used)

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

## 10. FINISHING LINE

- 10.1. The finish will be timed at about 90 minutes after the start of the median boat in the race.
- 10.2. The Race Officer will alert the fleet to the location of the finish line by VHF Radio on Channel 6 shortly before this time is reached. The finish line will be at a mark of the course in the same direction as it has previously been rounded. Boats will be finished as they pass through an imaginary line between the mark and a Safety RIB standing off.
- 10.3. Boats that have finished should clear the line as soon as possible and keep clear of boats that are racing (RRS 22.1).

## 11. SHORTENED COURSE

- 11.1. See finishing line above.

## 12. RACE COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1. All communications will be by VHF Radio on Channel 6. The Race Officer will give out race information on VHF Channel 6 at any time.

## 13. COMPETITORS RETIRING

- 13.1. Competitors retiring shall promptly call the Race Officer on VHF Channel 6.
- 13.2. Competitors retiring without adhering to this procedure will be scored as if they were "DNC". This changes RRS A5.

#### 14. LENGTH OF RACE, TARGET FINISH TIME, AND TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The length of race will be determined by the yacht's YTC. Shrimpers with a high YTC number may race for about 2 hours. Yachts with a low YTC may not race more than about 75 minutes. The target finish time will be 1245. The time limit if applied will be 1315.

#### 15. SCORING

- 15.1. The low points system of scoring shall apply.
- 15.2. For the series, two races are required to constitute a series.
- 15.3. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place three more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes RRS A9.
- 15.4. When a skipper (as named on the Entry Form) or crew undertakes a race committee duty, safety boat coxswain or safety boat crew, or provides the committee boat, then their boat will be given a score equal to their average of their race scores and discarded scores in that series. They will not be counted as starters in that race. "DNC" scores will not be considered in the calculation and no skipper will be eligible for this concession more than once per series. For all skippers, if their boat races without them the boat's score will count. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 15.5. DISCARDS – where five or six races are run, one discard can be applied in the Series. No discards will be applied where only four races or less are run.

#### 16. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

- 16.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty
- 16.2. Where possible, any dispute should be resolved immediately by one 360° Penalty Turn.

#### 17. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 17.1. Boats will compete in two fleets – Shrimpers and any Gaffers in the Shrimper Fleet. Handicap boats in Quebec, Whisky and Echo Class will compete in the Handicap Fleet.
- 17.2. Results will be announced in the Clubhouse and posted on the MYC website as soon as practicable after racing.
- 17.3. Prizes will be awarded in the Clubhouse at the conclusion of the final race of each Series. Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Prizegiving at the Laying-Up Supper

#### 18. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 18.1. Commercial Shipping. Vessels constrained by their size or draught from 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.
- 18.2. 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.
- 18.3. Harbour Restrictions. No boat when racing 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.

#### 19. NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION

- 19.1. Carlys Rocks. Competitors should be aware of the rocks in the vicinity of Carrick buoy and other shallows presenting a risk of grounding.
- 19.2. 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.

#### 20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. Competitors are reminded of Rule 4 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024.
- 20.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 20.2.1 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, particularly at this time when all need to observe the current COVID-19 guidance.
- 20.2.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 20.2.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 20.2.4 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 20.2.5 The provision by MYC of a very limited, shore based race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- 20.2.6 The provision of any patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 20.2.7 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.