



**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
for the
SILVER OYSTER RACE**

Sunday 5th November 2023

HW 0947 4.43m

RULES This race is sailed under the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021 – 2024, the Mylor Yacht Club Notice of Race 2023 and these Sailing Instructions (available at www.myloryachtclub.org.uk). **Boats must carry working sails only.**

CLASSES There will be classes for Large and Small Dredging Boats with a current licence and for Large and Small non-licensed boats.

STARTS The race will be started under RRS rule 26. Assuming there are no postponements, flags will be displayed and removed as follows:

		Flags displayed	Flags removed
10.55	Warning signal	B	
10.56	Preparatory signal	P	
10.59			P
11.00	Start for all boats		B

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. An inner distance mark may be laid near, but not necessarily on the start line, in which case boats shall pass between this mark and the outer distance mark when starting.

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 changed. Flag first substitute will be displayed with two sound signals and remain displayed until all boats have returned, but no later than 4 minutes after the starting signal. The full starting sequence will then be repeated.

COURSES The **course number** will be indicated by a **numbered board** displayed on the Committee Boat. Port hand courses will be indicated by a **red flag**, and starboard hand courses will be indicated by a **green flag**, displayed on the committee boat. All boats will sail the same course.

1	Green Flag	Me(s)	J(s)	V(s)	through line	Me(s)	J(s)	V(s)	Finish
1	Red Flag	V(p)	J(p)	Me(p)	through line	V(p)	J(p)	Me(p)	Finish
2	Green Flag	Me(s)	J(s)	through line	Me(s)	J(s)	Finish		
2	Red Flag	J(p)	Me(p)	through line	J(p)	Me(p)	Finish		

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|---|------------|-------|------|-------|--------------|-------|------|-------|---------|
| 3 | Green Flag | J(s) | V(s) | Nb(s) | through line | J(s) | V(s) | Nb(s) | Finish |
| 3 | Red Flag | Nb(p) | V(p) | J(p) | through lin | Nb(p) | V(p) | J (p) | Finish. |
- 4 Race Officers choice – To be broadcast on VHF Channel 6.

MARKS Me (Messack), En (East Narrows) and V (Vilt) are starboard hand lateral marks. J (St Just) and Nb (North Bank) are port hand lateral marks.

At the end of the first round boats shall pass through the start/finish line in the direction from the previous mark. Boats must **NOT PASS THROUGH THE LINE** except when on a leg of the course requiring them to do so.

FINISHING LINE The finishing line will be the same as the starting line. Boats should finish in the direction from the last mark.

SHORTENED COURSE Flag ‘S’ displayed on the committee boat means that boats will finish the race at the end of the first round. The race may also be finished at any mark of the course between that mark and a boat displaying a blue flag and flag ‘S’.

CHOICE OF VHF CHANNEL FOR RACE COMMUNICATION The designated Race Management VHF Channel will be CH 6.

RETIRING Competitors retiring shall promptly hail the committee boat or call on the designated VHF channel.

TIME LIMIT There will be no time limit but, if appropriate, finishing times may be taken on the water .

PRIZE GIVING Competitors are invited to the MYC Clubhouse after racing for the presentation of trophies and prizes. Pasties will be on sale.

SAFETY

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.

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.

Carlys 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.