

## **Mylor Yacht Club**

are pleased to host the

# **Falmouth Black Rock Gin Trophy Race**

## **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, and the Shrimper Class Rules

1.1.2 Rules that are changed:

a. RRS 26, 27, 29, 32 and 33 are changed. There will be no flag signals. All signals will be made by VHF

b. RRS 35 is changed. Boats not completing the course within the Time Limit will be given a place counted back.

c. RRS 44.1 is changed. The two turns penalty will be replaced by the one turn penalty.

d. RRS 62.1(a) Failure to hear or receive a VHF broadcast shall not be grounds for Redress.

1.1.3 Local rules shall apply to sailing inside moorings, shipping under pilotage, cardinal marks and dive boats.

### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the MYC Website. They may also be communicated to competitors by e-mail and WhatsApp.

### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1. Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted on the Mylor Yacht Club noticeboard and on the MYC website before 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3.2. The Race Officer may change these sailing instructions on the water on the designated VHF Race Management Channel. See Si – 14.1.

### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

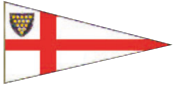
4.1. There will be two short races:

BRG 1	Friday 1 September	1100
BRG 2	Friday 1 September	To follow BRG1

### **5. COURSES**

5.1. The course area will be contained within the Carrick Roads, south of Turnaware Bar and north of the Port Hand Navigational Mark 'West Narrows'. Courses to be sailed will be taken from the Mylor Yacht Club Course Card at the Race Officer's discretion. A copy of the Course Card can be downloaded from the Racing Section of the Mylor Yacht Club website

5.2. The Race Officer will announce the course to be sailed on VHF Channel 6 approximately 15 minutes and 5 minutes before the warning signal.



5.3. The course card appended to these Sis shows the approximate positions of the marks of the courses plus information on mark We.

## 6. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1. 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(i). 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.
- 6.2. Divers. Competitors shall not enter a 20 metre exclusion 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.
- 6.3. 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.

## 7. NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION

- 7.1 Carlys Rocks. Competitors should be aware of the rocks to the west of Carrick buoy and other shallows presenting a risk of grounding.
- 7.2 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.

## 8. STARTING LINE

- 8.1 The starting line will be between a boat displaying an orange flag and a yellow pillar buoy located within the race area. The Race Officer will confirm the location of the start line when providing the time signals.
- 8.2 The start will be in accordance with RRS26. **EXCEPT that there will be no flag signals. All start signals will be broadcast on the Race Management Channel 6.** This changes RRS 26 and 27.
- 8.3 Recalls. **There will be no flag signals. All recall signals will be broadcast on the Race Management VHF Channel 6.** (RRS 29)
- 8.4 Individual recalls may be broadcast on Channel 6 as soon as practicable.
- 8.5 Postponement and abandon signals on the water will be broadcast on the Race Management VHF Channel 6. There will be no flag signals. (RRS 32).

## 9. GATE (If Used)

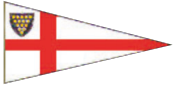
- 9.1 The gate is the same as the start line.
- 9.2 Boats must pass through the gate in the direction from the previous mark.
- 9.3 Boats must **NOT** pass through the gate/finish line unless they are on a leg of the course requiring them to do so.

## 10. FINISHING LINE

- 10.1 The finish line will either be the same as the start line or at a mark of the course as it is rounded.
- 10.2 Boats that have finished should clear the line as soon as possible and keep clear of racing boats.

## 11. SHORTENED COURSE

- 11.1 The course may be shortened at any mark of the course, between the required side of a mark of the course and a RIB standing off displaying Flag S. Competitors will be informed on the designated race VHF channel at which mark of the course the race will be shortened.



## 12 RACE COMMUNICATIONS

12.1 All communications will be by VHF Channel 6. The Race Officer will give out race information on VHF Channel 6 at any time. If VHF channel 6 is not available the RO will use VHF channel 77.

## 13 COMPETITORS RETIRING

13.1 Competitors shall promptly call the Race Officer on VHF Channel 6.

13.2 Competitors retiring without adhering to this procedure shall be scored points **TWO** more than the number of boats entered in the series.

## 14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit will be 30 minutes after the first boat has finished. Boats finishing after this time will be placed according to their position as they passed the penultimate mark of the race, recorded by a RIB standing off. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 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 DISCARDS – one discard shall be applied if 4 or more races are completed. If less than 4 races are completed there will be no discards.

## 16 RESULTS

16.1 Results will be posted on the MYC noticeboard, the MYC website and the Event WhatsApp Group as soon as practicable after racing.

## 17 PRIZES

17.1 The Rally Prizegiving will take place at Churchtown Farm, Mylor at approximately 1600 on Thursday

## 18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 Competitors are reminded of Rule 4 in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024.

18.2 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:

18.2.1 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.

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

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

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

18.2.5 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.

18.2.6 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.

## 19 INSURANCE

19.1 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.

# Falmouth SOA Rally 2024

4 July 2024

