

Cowes yacht club



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE & YOUNGER SET WESTERN PORT CHALLENGE**

FOR "OFF THE BEACH" BOATS

To be held on Saturday 14th January 2012 at 1300 hours.  
First Re-sail if required: Sunday 22nd January 2012 at 1300 hours.  
Second Re-sail if required: Sunday 5th February 2012 at 1300 hours.

Organising Authority: Yachting Western Port (YWP)  
Host Club: Cowes Yacht Club (CYC)

#### **1. RULES**

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the YA Special Regulations, Part 2, For Off the Beach Boats, the rules of the respective classes, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

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

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at Cowes Yacht Club.

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

##### **3.1**

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Notice Board not less than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first start, and Code Flag L will be flown from the flagpole of Cowes Yacht Club with one sound signal.

##### **3.2**

Information sessions will be held on the day of the race at 1130 hours at Cowes Yacht Club.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

##### **4.1**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CYC flagpole.

##### **4.2**

Flag AP with two (2) sound signals means the race is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than fifteen (15) minutes after AP is lowered with one (1) sound signal.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Saturday January 14th 2012 at 1300 hours.

First Warning Signal at 1255 hours.

First Re-sail (if necessary) Sunday 22nd 2012 at 1300 hours.

First Warning Signal at 1255 Hours.

Second Re-sail (if necessary) Sunday 5th February 2012 at 1300 hours.

## 6. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION FLAGS

The race will be conducted in Divisions. The Divisions and their respective flags are:

Division	Hull Type	Yardstick	Numeral Pennant
Division 1	Multihulls	Less than 88	One
Division 2	Multihulls	88 and above	Two
Division 3	Monohulls	Less than 116	Three
Division 4	Monohulls	116 to less than 131	Four
Division 5	Monohulls	131 and above	Five

## 7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on the waters of Western Port in the vicinity of the Cowes Yacht Club.

## 8. THE COURSE

### 8.1

The course will be a trapezoid course of approximately 4300m in total length but may be changed in length & shape at the discretion of the race Officer of the Day.

### 8.2

Courses may be shortened, in which case Flag S will be displayed in the vicinity of a rounding mark. The flag for each Division for which the course is shortened will be displayed before the leading boat of that Division rounds or passes the mark, accompanied by two sound signals. Boats of that Division will complete the course as shortened for the leading boat by rounding or passing that mark and then proceeding to the finish line in accordance with paragraph 12. A Flag "S" displayed with no Division flags will mean that the course has been shortened for all divisions. This changes Rule 32.2.

## 9. TIDES

Tide Times for Cowes will be advised at the 1130 hours briefing by the Officer of the Day on race day.

Scheduled Race Day

**Saturday January 14th 2012      Low Water 1104hrs      High Water 1530hrs**

Tide Times for race day can be confirmed on the Cowes Yacht Club website:

[www.cowesyachtclub.com](http://www.cowesyachtclub.com)

## 10. MARKS

### 10.1

The Port end starting mark will be an orange inflatable with silver band.

### 10.2

The clearance mark will be an orange plastic buoy.

### 10.3

Course marks 1, 2, 3 & 4, will be orange or yellow cylindrical inflatable buoys or yellow conical permanent buoys.

### 10.4

The Gate buoy will be an orange inflatable with silver band within about 20m of mark 4.

### 10.5

The finishing mark will be 200m north of Cowes Yacht Club.

## 11. THE START

### 11.1

Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the first starting signal. Each start will be the warning signal for the next start.

### 11.2

Races will be started in the order of divisions 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.

### **11.3**

In the interest of timely racing, some divisions may be combined into one start.

### **11.4**

The starting line will be in the vicinity of marks 4 and/or 1 and will be between a staff displaying a red/orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the starting mark at the port end. The race committee boat may stream a barging buoy, which will be considered an extension of the race committee boat.

### **11.5**

Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

### **11.6**

A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS Rule A4 1.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and the centre line of the race control room of CYC or between a staff displaying a red/orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end, and the start/finish mark at the port end or as decided by the race Officer of the Day.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

For multi-hulls Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.

## **14. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for a division is three (3) hours after the start of that division, or 60 minutes after the first boat in that division finishes whichever is the later. All boats finishing outside these time limits will be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

### **15.1**

Protest forms are available at the race office of Cowes Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

### **15.2**

The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat to finish.

### **15.3**

Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. These notices will also be faxed on that day for posting on the notice boards of participating clubs whose members are named in the protest.

### **15.4**

Hearings will be held at Cowes Yacht Club. Competitors and witnesses named may participate by phone.

### **15.5**

Breaches of instruction 16 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This Changes Rule 60.1(a). Penalties for this breach may be the subject of a protest by the race committee.

### **15.5**

A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 66.

## **16. SCORING**

### **16.1**

The course for each division is a specified number of laps.

### **16.2**

For the Western Port Challenge, each boat's Elapsed Time will be adjusted for the time taken for the leg to the finish by using the time taken on that leg by a selected boat and adjusted by their respective yardsticks, to give an Elapsed Time for the laps sailed. This time will be corrected to give a Yardstick Corrected Time for the number of laps sailed.

### 16.3

Each boat's Yardstick Corrected Time will then be corrected to 4 laps.

### 16.4

A Multihull Correction Factor will be calculated, and used, using 5 boats of each type.

### 16.5

The Scoring for each boat entered will be as follows:

DNC will not be included as an entrant.

DNS, OCS, DNF, RAF, and DSQ, will be allocated a corrected time equal to the last boat overall.

### 16.6

Each club's score will be average of its Yardstick Corrected Times excluding times discarded as follows:

Entrants	6	7	10	10+
Discards	0	1	2	20% of entrants rounded up to the nearest whole number.

### 16.7

The Club with six (6) or more entrants and the lowest average time is the winner.

If less than six (6) boats rank as entrants for a Club, that Club will not qualify as a Club entry, but the boats will be eligible for individual prizes.

### 16.8

For those also entered in the Younger Set Western Port Challenge the Yardstick Corrected Times will be calculated similarly.

### 16.9

Each club's score will be the average of it's Yardstick Corrected Times excluding times discarded as follows:

Entrants	3	4	5	7	9	11+
Discards	0	1	2	3	4	all over 6

### 16.10

The Club with 3 or more entrants and the lowest average time is the winner. If less than three (3) boats rank as starting for a Club, that Club will not qualify as a Club entry, but the boats will be eligible for individual prizes.

## 17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

### 17.1

The Sign On requirements are detailed in the Notice of Race.

### 17.2

All Boats, including those that retire, are required to sign off at the end of the race, by:

- a) signing the Sign Off sheet at the Cowes Yacht Club within 30 minutes of the last boat to finish; or
- b) making a verbal declaration to an Official Boat. This must be done by sailing close to, and hailing the Official Boat, and ensuring that a clear acknowledgement is received back from that boat. The acknowledgement will comprise the sail number of the boat signing off being repeated and the raising of code flag 'C'.

This alternative does not apply to any protesting boat, or a boat subject to protest.

These boats must proceed ashore at Cowes and Sign Off.

### 17.3

Before the race, the Cowes Race Officer will check that all entered boats from each club have signed on. After the race the Race Officer will remain on duty until each club confirms that all competitors from that club have returned.

## 18. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official Boats will fly the Cowes Yacht Club burgee as shown in the right hand heading.

## **19. PRIZES**

Prizes will be presented to Club Officials at the next AGM of the YWP as follows:

### **19.1**

The Western Port Challenge perpetual shield to the winning club.

### **19.2**

The Younger Set Western Port Challenge Perpetual Trophy to the winning club of the Younger Set race.

### **19.3**

The overall winner of divisions 1 and 2 will be awarded the Western Port Challenge Multihull perpetual shield.

### **19.4**

The overall winner of divisions 3, 4 and 5 will be awarded the Western Port Challenge Monohull perpetual shield.

### **19.5**

For each division, in both the Western Port Challenge and the Western Port Younger Set Challenge, individual prizes will be awarded to each of the crew in a boat, subject to the number of boats in a division as follows:

- a) if there are 5 boats or more, 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- b) if there are 4 boats, 1st & 2nd.
- c) if there are 3 boats, 1st only.

There will be no individual prize if there are less than three boats in a division.

### **19.6**

Individual prizes will be awarded to each of the crew of the leading boat with a lady skipper, and each of the crew of the leading boat with a junior skipper (under 16 on the day of the race).

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

### **20.1**

Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4 Decision to Race "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Cowes Yacht Club and the Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

### **20.2**

Each competitor should note the indemnity that is granted to the Cowes Yacht Club and the Organizing Authority on signing the Entry Form.

## **21. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat or skipper in charge of the boat must be insured with Marine Third Party insurance legal liability cover to a minimum level of \$5,000,000 per event.

# Attachment A

## Course

Division 1 Start—1234—1234—1234—1234-G—Finish

Division 2 Start—1234—1234—1234-G—Finish

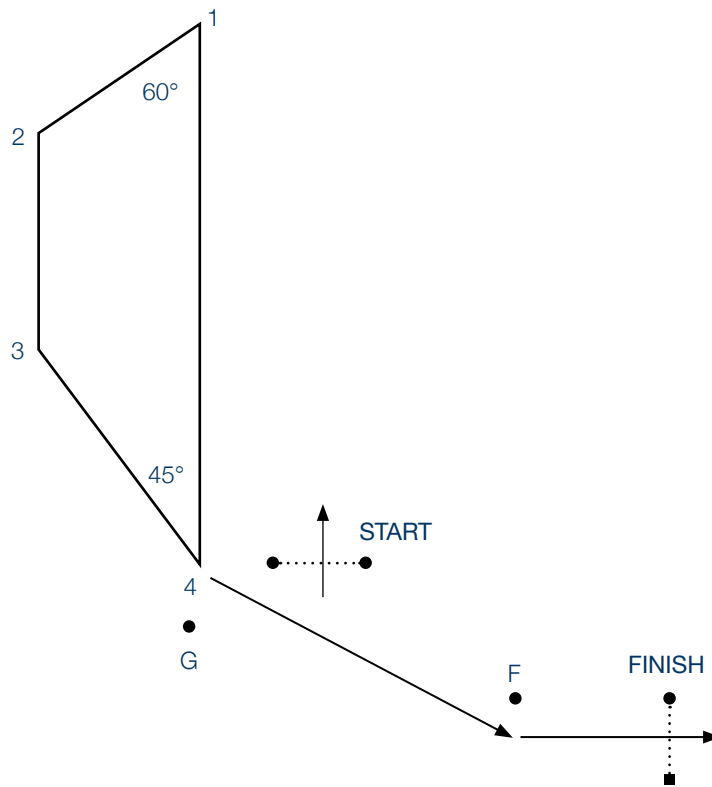
Division 3 Start—1234—1234--1234-G—Finish

Division 4 Start—1234—1234-G—Finish

Division 5 Start—1234-G—Finish

Marks 1, 2, 3, 4 & F, will be passed to port.

When passing mark 4 to finish, pass mark G to starboard i.e. marks 4 & G are a gate.



## Distances

4-1 1800m    1-2 880m    2-3 600m    3-4 1100m

The length of the legs may be shortened in light conditions

## Angles (Approx)

412 60°    123 120°    234 135°    341 45°