



Port Edgar Watersports Sprints Slam

16th/17th September 2016

Port Edgar Watersports CIC, Edinburgh, UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Organising Authority

The event will be organised by Port Edgar Watersports CIC (PEW).

2. RULES

- 2.1 Racing will be governed by the rules Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RSS) and the prescriptions of the RYA, including the Racing Charter and the Hunter 707 Class Association.
- 2.2 The series will be held in Hunter 707's.
- 2.3 The following rules will be changed;
 - RRS 26 – Refer to SI 12.1
 - RRS 33 – Refer to SI 10.3
 - RRS 35 – Refer to SI 15.2
 - RRS 44.1 – Refer to SI 14.1
 - RRS A4 & A5 – Refer to SI 12.4 and 15.2

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Port Edgar Watersports Office.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on Saturday 10th September.

Any on the water changes shall be announced over the VHF radio – the channel will be 87.

IC Code 'L' will be displayed in both circumstances.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a board at PEW Office.
- 5.2 When IC flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, racing will commence not less than 30 minutes after it is removed. This changes RRS Race signal 'AP'.



6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Each day's racing will be outlined at the radio briefing on channel 87 at 0930.
- 6.2 Warning signal for the first race each day will be at **1027**.
- 6.3 The following races shall be run as soon as possible after the previous race.
- 6.4 At the end of the first race each day the orange flag on the mast of the committee boat will be removed. To alert boats to the start of the next race the orange flag will be displayed with 2 sound signals 2 minutes before the next warning signal is made. This will apply to all subsequent races.
- 6.5 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on Saturday and 1430 on Sunday.

7. TIDES (BST)

Saturday 16 th :	High – 1208, 5.1m
	Low – 1844, 1.8m
Sunday 17 th :	High – 1316, 5.3m
	Low – 1945, 1.6m

8. FLAGS

Class flag will be number 7 pennant.

9. RACING AREAS

- 9.1 The racing area will be the Firth of Forth, east or west of Port Edgar Marina.
- 9.2 Yachts are required to observe FPA regulations regarding distances to be kept from Rosyth Dockyard (150m).
- 9.3 YACHTS OBSTRUCTING SHIPPING MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.
- 9.4 Ships have right of way as per Forth Navigation Bylaws. Particular attention must be paid to the designated shipping channels, especially between the Queensferry Crossing and the Forth Bridge where ships change course about 40 degrees. Yachts are advised to keep at least 100m from a ship as it passes.
- 9.5 Yachts are also required to comply with all exclusion zones in place for the new road bridge, the Queensferry Crossing. Yachts are advised to keep at least 100 metres from any vessel as it passes.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 The diagram in Addendum A shows the course.
- 10.2 A board displaying a number on each side of the committee boat before the warning signal for each race will indicate the number of rounds to be sailed in that race.
- 10.3 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.
- 10.4 Boats must pass mark 1 to port but can choose to pass either 2p to port or 2s to starboard.
- 10.5 When one of the gate marks is missing, the mark remaining must be left to port.

11. MARKS

All marks are given in Addendum A.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started with the warning signal made **3 minutes** before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark.
- 12.3 An announcement of any boats deemed OCS at the start may be notified via VHF.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 13.2 The course may be shortened by displaying IC Code 'S' as boats round mark 1. Boats shall then then proceed through the finishing line.
- 13.3 Alternative finishing line: In exceptional circumstances a race may be finished at mark 1 by a vessel flying a blue flag and displaying IC Code 'S' accompanied by 2 sound signals. The finishing line shall be between the finishing vessel and the nearby mark.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Any yacht taking a penalty will be required to make one turn, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2 When a boat takes a penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Each race shall have a time limit of 20 minutes after the starting signal.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 If all boats have completed more than one lap when the time limit is reached, and there are no finishers, the result may be taken from the last lap all boats completed.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at Port Edgar Watersports Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 Protest forms must be handed directly to the Race Officer.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has returned to shore after that day's racing.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at PEW Office, at a time agreed by all parties and the protest committee.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2 Discards be allowed at races 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 races. E.g. 1 discard after 5 races, 2 discards after 10 etc.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.2 Personal Buoyancy for all crew members must be worn or carried on board boats. Competitors must wear a correctly fitted lifejacket or personal buoyancy aid complying with the relevant EN standard if International Code (IC) flag Y is displayed before the Warning Signal, indicating that RRS 40 is in operation. At other times the RYA recommends that, you wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid unless you are sure you do not need to.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

All official boats shall fly a pink flag.



20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 The channel to be used will be 87.
- 20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

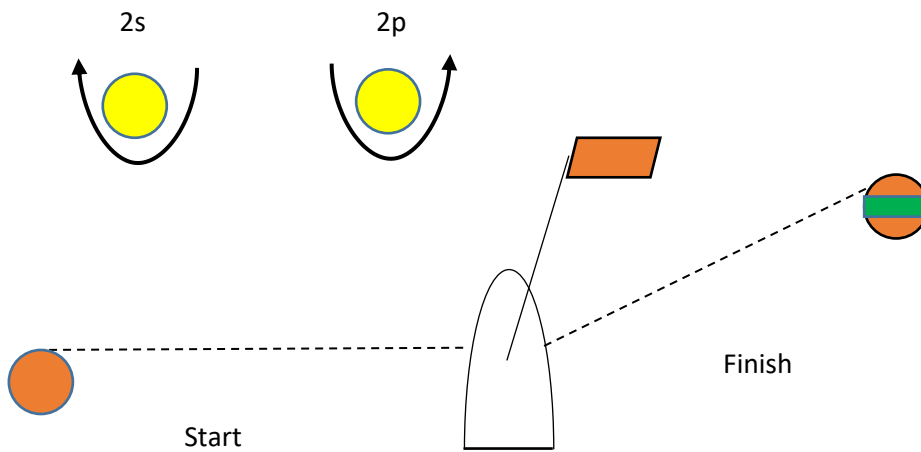
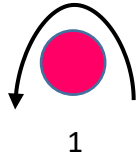
21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.
- 21.2 The crew of the boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 21.3 It is for the Skipper to decide whether they are fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the Skipper confirms that they are fit for those conditions and their crew is competent to sail and compete in them.
- 21.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and centre.
- 21.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

Addendum: Course



A two lap course: Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

A three lap course: Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish

NB: There may be more than one pink mark at the windward end of the course. A RIB will be stationed next to the windward mark to be rounded.