

MUDHOOK YACHT CLUB

REGATTA

8-9 JUNE 2019

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is the Mudhook Yacht Club.

The notation "[DP]" in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

S1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

S2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

S2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Office, which will be situated in the clubhouse of Helensburgh Sailing Club. Duplicate Notices may be displayed at Rhu Marina.

S2.2 VHF announcements to competitors will be on VHF 77. Should VHF 77 be busy or otherwise unusable, VHF 72 will be used instead.

S3 AMENDMENTS TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

S3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions, will be posted on the official notice board and on the Mudhook Yacht Club website Regatta page at www.mudhookyc.co.uk before 09.30 on the day they will take effect.

S3.2 Ashore, amendments to the Sailing Instructions, numbered L1, L2, etc. will be indicated by displaying Flag L over the number of the latest amendment from the flagpole mentioned in S4.1.

Changes will also be indicated afloat by the PCV displaying Code flags A over L over the numeral pennant for the latest amendment from 09.30 until the time signal described in S9.2.

S3.3 Classes may be altered, amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the Race Committee. A decision on the split of classes for the first race on Saturday will be given with the list of entries and posted on the official notice board by 20.00 on Friday 7 June.

S4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

S4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole in front of Helensburgh Sailing Club. A duplicate set of signals may be displayed at Rhu Marina.

S4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changes Race Signal AP.

S5 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND FLAGS

S5.1 The starting order may be changed at any time and will be announced on VHF.

S5.2 The event will consist of up to 5 races with three races planned for Saturday and two on Sunday. Additional races may be sailed on either day, should the Race Committee deem this advisable at their sole discretion and these will be announced on VHF.

S5.3 The warning signal for the first race will be at 10.30 on each day. Second and subsequent race sequences will be signalled as soon as possible following the previous race.

S5.4 On Sunday 9 June, no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

S5.5 Class flags shall be displayed from the backstay (or from the starboard shroud for boats without backstays). One design classes need not display a class flag [DP].

Class	Handicaps	Class Flag(s)	Starting order
IRC 1	>1.040	Numeral Pendant 1	Start 1
RC35	1.015 to 1.040	Flag R	Start 2
CYCA	5 -20 min per hour	Numeral Pendant 4	Start 3
IRC 3	<1.015	Numeral Pendant 3	Start 4
Etchells	One design	Flag E	Start 5
Sigma 33	One design	Flag F	Start 6
Sonar	One design	Flag T	Start 7
Sonata	One design	Flag O	Start 8
Gareloch	One design	Flag G	Start 9

S6 RACING AREA

S6.1 Racing will be held in the Upper Firth of Clyde - East Patch Area. The start line will be within 5 miles of the entrance to Rhu Marina and its location will be broadcast on VHF from 09.30 each day.

S7 COURSES

S7.1 Courses will be set round laid marks or navigation marks or a combination thereof in accordance with Addendum A – Laid Courses and Addendum B – List of Marks for Course Letter F.

S7.2 Laid Mark Courses

Laid courses will be signalled by a Course Board as described in Addendum A. The boxes with the rounding order of marks and drawings of laid courses also indicate the version of the courses, long or short, which each class will sail. No later than the warning signal, the Committee Vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first mark.

S7.3 Fixed Mark Course

If the Committee Vessel displays a board with the letter F the course will be round identified marks selected from those listed in Addendum B. Before the warning signal for the first start of that race the CV will announce a list of letters representing the marks to be rounded and their required side. When the CV has finished announcing the course, another official boat will be asked to repeat the course letters back to the CV for confirmation.

S8 MARKS

S8.1 Laid racing marks will be temporary orange or yellow inflatable buoys. The spreader mark, when laid, and starting marks will be blue or black buoys.

S8.2 The descriptions and positions (latitude and longitude) of fixed marks are shown in Addendum B.

S9 THE START

S9.1 Prior to the Warning Signal of its first class start each day, each boat shall identify itself to the race committee by passing, with its mainsail hoisted, the side of the principal committee vessel away from the start line.

S9.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal 5 minutes before a warning signal is made.

S9.3 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. The start signal for the first race will be the warning signal for the second race and so on.

S9.4 The starting line will be between two inflatable marks.

S9.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area during the start sequence for other races. [DP]

S9.6 After a General Recall, the class involved will be restarted at the end of the start sequence. A subsequent class which has been recalled will restart after the new start of the previous recalled class. This changes RRS 29.2.

S9.7 If any boat is identified as On Course Side at the start, the race committee may broadcast on VHF the sail number. Failure to make a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

S9.8 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

S9.9 In the event of only one boat in any class appearing at the start line, no race will take place for that class and no points will be awarded.

S9.10 Altering RRS Rule 30.4, sail numbers for boats that have broken this rule will not be displayed but will be broadcast on VHF. It is the responsibility of competitors to monitor VHF for all starts when RRS 30.4 is in force.

S10 THE FINISH

S10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff or mainmast displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark, or between 2 buoys, unless a particular course in Addendum A describes a different finishing line.

S11. PENALTY SYSTEM & ARBITRATION

S11.1 For all classes the rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

S11.2 Exoneration Penalty. A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or RRS 42 may accept an exoneration penalty afloat according to Rule 44 (20%) or after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 30% scoring penalty calculated in accordance with Rule 44.3(c). An Exoneration Penalty is not available for a breach of RRS 2, or of class rules, or for gross misconduct under rule 69 or to a boat that caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage by her breach. In these circumstances her penalty is to retire. This changes RRS 44.3

S11.3 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted:

(a) neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

(b) the boat shall not be penalised further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

S11.4 Arbitration. When there is an incident that results in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat or the Protest Committee or Race Committee may submit to the Race Office a request for an arbitration hearing and shall notify any boat involved in the incident. An Arbitrator will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the Race Office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty of 40% when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, or proceed to the protest hearing.

S12 TIME LIMITS

S12.1 For all Classes the time limit for each Laid Mark Course race will be 90 minutes from the last valid start of that race sequence. If one boat has finished by the time limit, racing for that Class will be extended by 30 minutes. Boats in a class failing to finish after the 30 minute extended time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 A4 and A5

S12.2 The time limit for any race using a course specified by Addendum B will be 180 minutes from the last valid start of that race sequence. If one boat has finished by the time limit, racing for that class will be extended by 45 minutes. Boats in that class failing to finish within the extended time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

S13 PROTESTS

S13.1 Protest and requests for redress (forms available from the Race Office) must be submitted to the Race Office within 60 minutes of (a) the final boat finishing the last race of the day or (b) racing being abandoned for the day. Protest meetings will commence as soon as possible.

S13.2 Breaches of S9.5, 15 and 16.2 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI. [DP]

S13.3 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

S13.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

S14 RESULTS AND SCORING

S14.1 Provisional and final results will be displayed at the Race Office as soon as possible after each race and should also be accessible on the website at www.mudhookyc.co.uk. Results may also be sent by email to the address provided on the entry form.

S14.2 For all classes two completed races will constitute a series. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

S15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

S15.1 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the race committee by VHF as soon as possible. [DP]

S15.2 Attention is drawn to the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972. Particular notice shall be taken of Rule 9b which states "a vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a "Narrow Channel or Fairway". Whilst racing or on passage in the Firth of Clyde north of Cumbrae Head, boats shall regard "Recommended Channels" marked as dotted lines on Hydrographic Office charts as a "Narrow Channel" within the meaning of the IRPCS 9b.

Furthermore, Clydeport Operations Limited has decreed that any waters of the Firth of Clyde where vessels by virtue of size, draught, speed or proximity to land, hazards and other vessels are unable to manoeuvre freely must be regarded as a "Narrow Channel". This also applies in waters of the Queen's Harbour. Clyde Operations Limited waters are to the south and west and Queen's Harbour waters to the north of a line from Rosneath Point to a point approximately halfway between Craigendoran Pier and Ardmore Head. (Admiralty Chart 1994 refers)

Whilst racing any boat which is unable, for reasons of lack of wind or other cause, to sail clear of a large power-driven vessel shall start her engine and/or paddle in order to clear and thereafter shall report full details to the Race Committee. (DP)

Competitors are reminded of the Clydeport Operations Limited Byelaw which prohibits boats and other craft from manoeuvring within 100 metres of any ferry terminal. **Particular regard shall be paid to this when in the vicinity of the Caledonian MacBrayne and Western Ferries facilities at Dunoon, McInroy's Point, Hunter's Quay, and Clyde Marine Services at Helensburgh, Kilcreggan and Gourrock.**

The Restricted Channel into Gareloch, off Helensburgh Sailing Club and extending to the southern limit of the Queen's Harbour may be closed by the Queen's Harbourmaster for the passage of large vessels.

Military vessels routinely transit the race area and can be accompanied by a security escort. Boats and support boats should not shape a course to approach any military vessel or in any case pass closer than 200m to a warship or 400m to a surfaced submarine nor should high speed support boats shape a course, at speed, in the direction of a military vessel. The escorting security forces, if they consider any vessel is approaching a military vessel, will intercept and warn her to keep clear.

The Regulations require all vessels to keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 16.

S16 OFFICIAL BOATS

S16.1 For purpose of identification, Committee vessels will display International Code Flag J. Committee vessels may not be at anchor, and their ability to manoeuvre may be restricted. In addition to Code Flag J the vessel may display the appropriate signal prescribed by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, Rule 27(b)(ii).

The term Committee Vessel includes any dinghy, RIB or buoy attached to the main vessel.

S16.2 Boats shall not come within 10 metres of any committee vessel flying flag J, unless that committee vessel is flying flag M or is acting as the end of a starting or finishing line. [DP]

S17 PRIZES

S17.1 The prize giving is scheduled to take place in the marquee at Rhu Marina as soon as possible after the last race.

Mudhook Yacht Club trophies, as follows, will be awarded to Class winners to be held until the following year's regatta. Depending on the final division of classes the allocation of trophies to classes may be changed at the discretion of the Organising Authority:

RC35	Inglis Trophy
CYCA	Wylie Trophy
Etchells	Admiral's Trophy

S17.2 A keeper prize will be awarded to the overall winner and, depending on the number of starters, the runner up in each class. When classes are amalgamated prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

S18 RISK STATEMENT

S18.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

S18.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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 to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

S19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

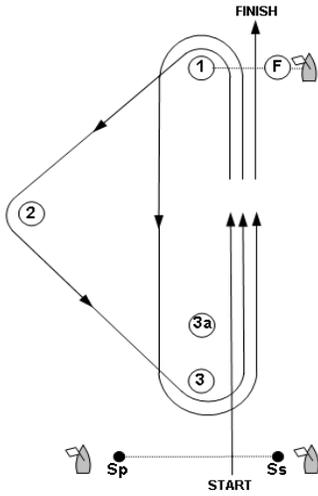
S20 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES AND LIKENESSES

S20.1 Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or limited television of, or relating to, the event.

ADDENDUM A

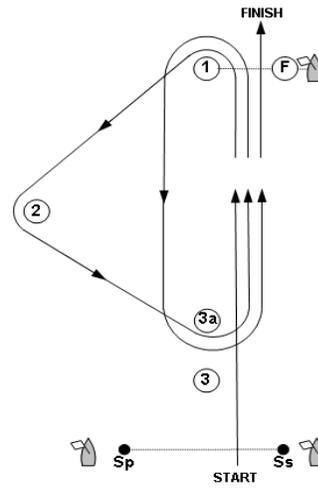
LAI D COURSES

Letter T



Mark rounding order
Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish

IRC 1, RC35, CYCA

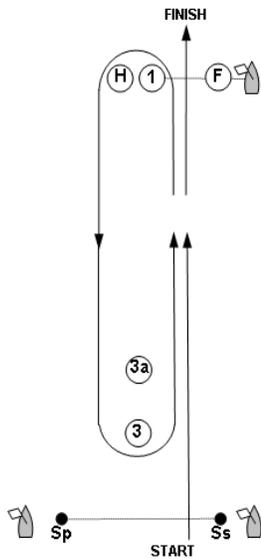


Mark rounding order
Start, 1, 2, 3a, 1, 3a, Finish

ALL OTHER CLASSES

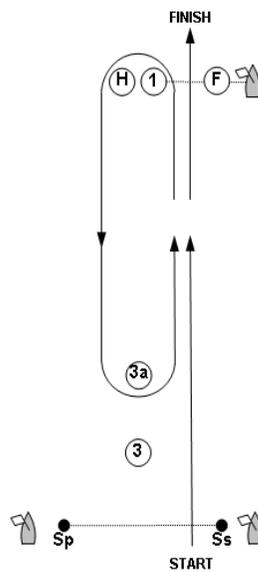
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Letter W



Mark rounding order
FULL COURSE HAS THREE BEATS
Start, 1, H, 3, 1, H, 3, Finish

IRC 1, RC35 & CYCA

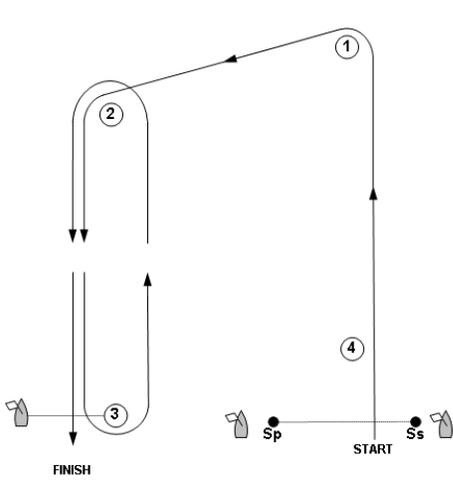


Mark rounding order
FULL COURSE HAS THREE BEATS
Start, 1, H, 3a, 1, H, 3a, Finish

ALL OTHER CLASSES

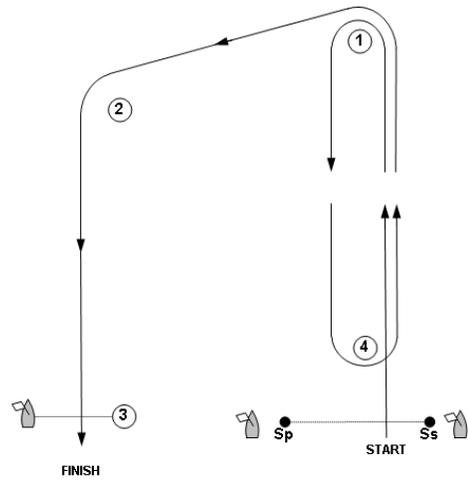
Note: Mark F may not be used

Letter A



Mark rounding order
Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, Finish

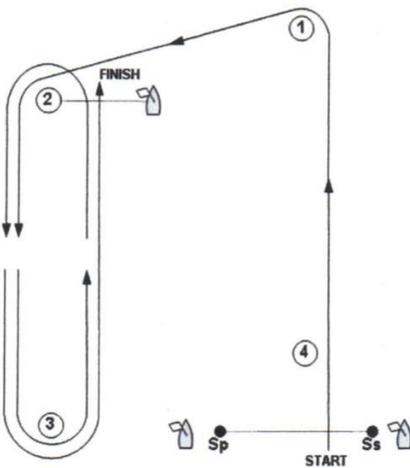
IRC, RC35, CYCA



Mark rounding order
Start, 1, 4, 1, 2, Finish

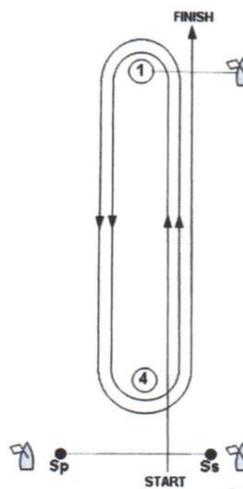
ALL OTHER CLASSES

Letter B



Mark rounding order
Start, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, Finish

IRC 1, RC35, CYCA



Mark rounding order
Start, 1, 4, 1, 4, Finish

ALL OTHER CLASSES

ADDENDUM B – LIST OF FIXED MARKS FOR COURSE LETTER “F”

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Approximate Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
(A)	Wreck Buoy	YBY	Off Greenock	58° 58.6	04° 44.6
(B)	NATO Mooring/ A8	Y	Off Greenock	55° 57.9	04° 45.0
(C)	Nav Buoy #27	R	Rosneath Patch South	55° 58.3	04° 47.2
(D)	Racing Mark	O	Off RGYC	55° 57.4	04° 50.2
(E)	Racing Mark	O	Off Levan, NE of Cloch Pt	55° 56.9	04° 52.1
(F)	E Cardinal Buoy	BYB	Dunoon Bank	55° 56.6	04° 54.2
(G)	S Cardinal Buoy	YB	Strone Point	55° 58.8	04° 53.8
(H)	Nav Buoy KIL 3	G	Baron's Point	55° 59.2	04° 51.5
(I)	Nav Buoy KIL 1	G	Kilcreggan Channel	55° 58.7	04° 50.3
(J)	Outfall Buoy	Y	West of Rosneath Patch	55° 58.4	04° 48.4
(K)	Nav Buoy ARD 4	R	Portkil Point	55° 58.8	04° 48.4
(L)	Nav Buoy ARD 5	G	Rosneath Patch North	55° 58.7	04° 47.5
(M)	Nav Buoy ARD 10	R	SE of Rosneath Point	55° 59.0	04° 45.7
(N)	Pile Beacon 8N	Y	Off Helensburgh	55° 59.1	04° 44.2

FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be between a staff or the main mast displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark or between two buoys.