



*Royal Cornwall Yacht Club*

**NATIONAL  
TWELVE FOOT DINGHY  
CLASS**

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***Burton Cup Week***

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**FALMOUTH . . 1957**



# *Sailing Instructions*

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Races will be sailed under the Rules of the I.Y.R.U. and R.Y.A. (except where otherwise altered or added to by these instructions) and the Rules of the National 12 ft. Class Association.

The words "windward" and "leeward" are used in these instructions on the assumption that the first leg of the course will be a beat to windward.

**TIME OF START.**—Races on Monday to Saturday, inclusive, will start at 11.00 hours.

**COURSES.**—Five Buoys moored as shown, two equilateral triangles, legs of 10 cables, and staggered 15° to each other.

One Buoy to be yellow and black vertical stripes on quarter and the others making a black triangle and a yellow triangle with this Buoy.

Course Flags :—

"BLACK" means sail BLACK BUOY triangle.

"YELLOW" means sail YELLOW BUOY triangle.

"RED" means leave buoys to PORT.

"GREEN" means leave buoys to STARBOARD.

**NOTES**—1—The yellow and black buoy is common to both courses and takes its colour from the course flag shown.

2—The lee buoy of the triangle in use is not a mark in the course until the end of the first round.

**STARTING LINE.**—The Starting Line will be an imaginary line between the foremasts of the Committee Vessels (which will be flying the R.C.Y.C. burgee). About ten yards inside each Committee Vessel (but to windward of and not in transit with the Starting Line) Red and White striped Dan Buoys will be moored as limit marks. All dinghies must pass between these Dan Buoys, which will be marks of the starting line until after the first leg has been completed.

All dinghies are requested to keep well clear of the starting zone until the Committee Vessel and Umpire's Vessel have anchored in their final positions for the starting line.

**GATE START.**—The "Gate Start" may be used for the non-points race on Saturday, 31st August, 1957, in which case a lecture will be given after the Annual General Meeting on the 28th August on the procedure to be adopted.

**FINISHING LINE.**—The Finishing Line will be formed by a line between the last course buoy and the foremast of the Committee Vessel, which will be placed to bring this finishing line as nearly as



possible at right angles to the last leg of the course. All dinghies must finish between the Committee Vessel and the last buoy of the course.

**No. of Rounds.**—All races except the Burton Trophy—three rounds, 9 miles.

The Burton Trophy (Thursday)—four rounds, 12 miles.

**TIME LIMIT.**—The Time Limit for a three-round race shall be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours and for a four-round race  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Providing the winning boat finishes within the prescribed Time Limit, all other boats must finish not later than 2 hours after the expiry of the prescribed Time Limit, otherwise they will automatically be retired.

**SIGNALS.**—The Committee Vessel will be distinguished by flying the burgee of the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, and will hoist the appropriate Course Flags when she gets to the area of the course. Should she desire to change the course, she will fire a gun, haul down the course flag, hoisting flag F (White with Red diamond) indicating "follow me," until she has chosen the new course.

**STARTING SIGNALS.**—T flag (Red, White and Blue vertical stripes) and one gun 10 minutes before start.

P flag (Blue with White centre) and one gun 5 minutes before start. Both flags down and one gun—Start.

**RECALLS.**—The recall for any boat or boats on or over the line at the Start will be indicated by another gun immediately after the Starting Gun. Any boat over the line at the Starting Gun, must return or she will be disqualified. No recall numbers will be shown, but it may be possible to hail boats over the line by loud hailer.

If a number of boats are over the line at the starting signal, the start may be voided by firing two guns and hoisting NS (Blue and White checks and White with Blue centre). The Five Minute Signal will then be given exactly five minutes after the previous starting signal and the starting procedure repeated.

**SHORTENING COURSE.**—Should it be necessary to shorten course for any race, the Committee Vessel will hoist S flag (White with Blue centre), fire two guns and station herself at right angles to the leg of the course being completed. This may be any leg, but normally would be at the completion of so many rounds.

If the course of the race for the Burton Cup shall be shortened the following provisions shall apply:—

- (a) The shortened race shall count only as an ordinary Points race.
- (b) The race for the Burton Cup shall be re-sailed on the next day.
- (c) Dinghies shall be eligible for such re-sailed race if entered
  - (i) either for the original race, or
  - (ii) for the race on the day



- of the re-sail, or (iii) for both. A dinghy disqualified or retiring from the original race shall be eligible for the re-sail.
- (d) If the race has to be re-sailed, the course shall not be shortened.

**ABANDONING A RACE.**—If racing has started, but no competitor has completed one round of the course within the time limit, the race will be abandoned for the day, but will, if possible, be re-sailed on a spare day. On expiry of the time limit two guns will be fired and flag N hoisted on the Committee Vessel.

**POSTPONEMENT SIGNALS.**—Answering Pennant (Red and White bars) over A flag (White with Blue swallowtail) indicates postponement to a later date.

Answering pennant flown singly indicates 15 minutes' delay. Flown above one black ball indicates 30 minutes' delay. Flown above two black balls indicates 60 minutes' delay.

N.B.—Each postponement will be accompanied by a gun, and the Answering Pennant may be dipped and re-hoisted to indicate a further 15 minutes' delay.

**CANCELLATION SIGNAL.**—N Flag (Blue and White checks) hoisted over the class flag T and two guns fired indicates that the race is cancelled.

Postponement and cancellation signals will be repeated on the flagstaff at the Beachmaster's tent.

**FALMOUTH HARBOUR COURSE.** If this is to be used code flag "I" (YELLOW with BLACK BALL) will be shown from the Committee Boat and the Beachmaster's Office. This course will only be used if the weather makes use of the BAY COURSE unsafe.

Starting and finishing lines will be as for the BAY COURSE.

**BLACK FLAG COURSE.** Round BLACK BUOYS :—  
TREFUSIS — CASTLE — VILT.  
3 Rounds (3.4 miles per round).

**YELLOW FLAG COURSE** Round RED BUOYS :—  
TREFUSIS—WEST NARROWS  
ST. JUST.  
3 Rounds (3.5 miles per round).

The direction in which the course is to be sailed will be indicated by a RED or GREEN FLAG as for the OUTSIDE COURSE.

The starting line and finishing line will normally be at whichever of these buoys is most nearly at the leeward corner of the triangle.

It will be appreciated that on this course, it may not be possible to make the starting line of the desired length.



**WEATHER REPORTS.**—These will be obtained daily and posted at the Information Tent, Dinghy hard, each morning.

**SAIL NUMBERS.**—Dinghies must display on their mainsails their own registered number. Application for permission to sail under any other number must be in writing and permission will only be granted by the Sailing Committee in cases of extreme hardship. This permission must be obtained before going afloat.

**DECLARATIONS.**—On completion of each race, competitors must sign the Declaration Board, which will be available in the Beachmaster's tent. Unless this Declaration is signed within two hours of finishing, the boat will be considered as having retired from the race.

**PROTESTS.**—These must be written out in accordance with I.Y.R.U. Rule 38, and be handed in to the Beachmaster within two hours of the finish of the race. A fee of ten shillings, which will be returned at the discretion of the Sailing Committee, is to accompany the protest.

Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club as soon as possible after receipt, and those concerned are requested to give their address and/or telephone number on the protest form to enable the Protest Committee to contact them easily.

**CHECKING IN.**—All boats are urgently requested to check in with the Beachmaster on their return after racing so that risk of accidents is minimised.

Those racing from St. Mawes and elsewhere are requested to report in by telephone to the Club (Falmouth 105).

**CERTIFICATES OF MEASUREMENT.**—A valid Certificate of Measurement, with Current Buoyancy Endorsement, or a receipt from the R.Y.A. for a completed Measurement Form must be produced to the Beachmaster before any boat will be allowed to race. Undertakings to produce certificates will not be accepted.

The Committee reserve the right to measure any dinghy during the meeting.

**RETIREMENT AND PROTESTS.**—In the event of retirement or the intention to protest, the competitors should, if possible, inform the Committee Vessel or a Patrol Boat. Protestors must fly a protest flag in the rigging.

**SCORING OF POINTS.**—(a) The first boat to finish shall score a definite number of points to be decided when the entries are known. Each succeeding boat shall score one point less. The winning boat shall receive a bonus of  $\frac{1}{4}$  point.



(b) The Silver National Points Trophy, the Corrigan Cup, the Canter Trophy and the Money Cup will be awarded, in accordance with the condition appertaining to these trophies, to the entrant scoring the highest number of points as follows :—

Five points races held during the week—total of points in four best races to count.

Four points races held during the week—total of points in three best races to count.

Three points races held during the week—total of points in all three races to count.

If two or less races are started there will be no award.

A cancelled race shall not count as a discarded race.

**ENTRIES.**—Entrants for the various Points Trophies must enter their sail numbers on the spaces provided at the Beachmaster's tent as soon after arrival as possible.

**LIFE JACKETS.**—Although not compulsory, it is requested that life jackets be worn by the helmsman and crew of each dinghy when afloat.

**GATE START.**—If a gate start is used, the 12 ft. National Dinghy Committee will nominate a **PATHFINDER** (an experienced helmsman).

Pathfinder will come alongside Committee boat with sails up and ready to race.

Committee boat, with a dan buoy in tow close astern, will station herself well to leeward of the first mark of the course and about 2 miles to leeward of the weather mark. She will point herself as if close hauled on port tack.

The 10 minute gun will be fired—Committee boat and Pathfinder stopped pointing close hauled port tack course.

The 5 minute gun will be fired—Committee boat and Pathfinder stopped and pointing close-hauled port tack course.

All boats will keep to leeward of this course after this 5 minute gun.

Two minutes to go, Pathfinder will be released and sail off close-hauled on port tack, followed closely by the Committee Boat about 2-3 lengths astern and in station.

Ten—five seconds before starting gun the Dan Buoy, with Blue Peter flag flying, will be slipped by Committee Boat to mark lee end of GATE.

At the Starting Gun all competitors are free to pass through the slowly widening gate between this Dan Buoy and the stern of the Committee Boat.



After 1½—2 minutes, or at the discretion of the Race Officer, the Pathfinder is free to start through the gate, astern of the Committee Boat. He will be hailed by the Race Officer for his start.

N.B.—The Race Officer has the power to disqualify any boat making a FAN start.

## *General Information*

### **BEACHMASTER**

This Officer will be on duty from 9 a.m. until all the boats are hauled up after racing. He will have an Information Hut on the Beach and all enquiries should be addressed to him. He will be in charge of the Sea Scouts and Sea Cadets and the launchings and beaching of dinghies. He will do his best to assist competitors in every way, and they are requested to comply promptly with his requests.

### **SAILING COMMITTEE**

Headquarters will be at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, where any protests or other necessary contingencies will be dealt with.

### **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

These will be posted at the Information Hut and all competitors should read these before going afloat. Daily results will be posted in the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club.

### **LAUNCHING AND BEACHING**

The conditions are good.

### **CHANGING ACCOMMODATION AND SAIL STORE**

Arrangements have been made with the Y.M.C.A., Bank House, Grove Place, for accommodation for ladies and gentlemen who wish to change their clothing.

A Sail Store will be available at the R.E. Drill Hall for drying sails.

Both places are close to the Dinghy Park, Grove Place.

Permission is being obtained to use the Army Hutments in Grove Place. These buildings contain lavatories.