

BURTON WEEK – 2022
FELIXSTOWE FERRY SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2 These racing rules will be changed, as detailed in the relevant SI:
 - Rule 27.1, 40 and preamble to part 4 – No display of flag Y
 - Rules 28, 32.1, 32.2, 35, 62.1 and Appendix A additional definition for a shortened course and sweep back finish system.
 - Rule 35 additional time limits for races.
 - Rule 62.1 limitations on grounds for redress.
 - Rule 63.1 Appendix A4 and A5 scores determined by the Race Committee.
 - Rule 63.2 notice to protest and redress hearings.
 - Rule 64.2 discretionary penalties less than disqualification.
 - Rule 66 Time limits for requesting redress on last day of regatta.
 - Appendix A2 number of discards in a series.
- 1.3 The equipment rules of sailing (ERS) shall apply, except where varied by the National Twelve Class Rules.
- 1.4 Distinguishing Numbers. Sails must carry clear distinguishing numbers and insignia as required in the Class Rules. Under exceptional circumstances and at its sole discretion, the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS Appendix G1.1(c). This changes rule 77. All competitors should ensure that the sail number shown against their name in the final list of entries, as held by the Beachmaster, is that under which they are sailing. In no circumstances shall a boat be permitted to use the sail number of another boat already competing.
- 1.5 Competitors should note that Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that by entering competitors are required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter.
- 1.6 The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

This procedure can be obtained on the RYA website (www.rya.org.uk/general/rules/rules-disputes). The Exoneration Penalty will be a 30% placing penalty with a minimum of 3 places, but not greater than DNF and will be scored DPI. The Arbitration Penalty will be the same as the Exoneration Penalty, scored DPI.

2 REGISTRATION

This will take place at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club from 13.00 on Friday 26 August and from 09.00 on Saturday 27 August and on subsequent days as required.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS (NTC)

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which is located in the Club lobby area.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted on the ONB at least 2 hours before the scheduled start time of the first race of the day, except that any change to the Start Time for the first race of the day will be posted by 20.00 hrs on the day before it will take place. Flag 'L' will be displayed. Changes will refer to specific SIs where appropriate.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast adjacent to the Race Box.
- 5.2 When flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 30 minutes. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

6 BRIEFING

There will be a briefing for competitors at 11.30 at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club on Saturday 27 August.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Racing from Saturday 27 to Tuesday 30 August 2022 inclusive.
- 7.2 The scheduled time of the warning signals are:

| Date | Points Races | Warning Signal | Tide Times |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Saturday 27 August | 1 2 | 12.55 asap after Race 1 | LW 06.15 (0.88m) HW 12.54 (3.59m) LW 18.39 (0.57m) |
| Sunday 28 August | Sir William Burton Cup (Also counting as points race 3) | 10.55 | LW 06.45 (0.84m) HW 13.27 (3.68m) LW 19.12 (0.53m) |
| Monday 29 August | 4 5 | 10.55 asap after Race 4 | LW 07.15 (0.80m) HW 14.01 (3.73m) LW 19.44 (0.50m) |
| Tuesday 30 August | 6 7 | 10.55 asap after Race 6 | LW 08.19 (0.80m) HW 15.06 (3.71m) |

- 7.3 The Race Committee (RC) reserve the right to bring forward points races, excluding the Burton Cup.
The races completed will not be more than two races ahead of schedule. Any changes will be made in accordance with SI 4
- 7.4 To alert boats that racing will begin soon, the orange start line station flag will be displayed with 5 horn sounds at least four minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day is made.
- 7.5 Flag E displayed before the end of the second race of a day indicates that a third race will be started as soon as possible.
- 7.6 No warning signal will be made after 14.00 on the last day of the event.

8 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- 8.1 Adequate personal flotation shall be worn by all competitors at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Neither a wet suit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation. This amends and adds to the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS Rules 27.1 and 40.
- 8.2 It is strongly advised that long hair on all crew shall be tied up or restrained to minimise the risk of entanglement.

9 MANDATORY TALLY SYSTEM

- 9.1 A Tally Number will be allocated to each boat at registration. This number will also be attached to the boat's launching trolley.
- 9.2 The Beachmaster will be in charge of the Tally Board, situated near where boats are launching. Competitors shall follow instructions issued by the Beachmaster or assistants. In the event of a conflict of instructions, those issued by the Beachmaster shall prevail.

- 9.3 Flag D will be displayed not less than one hour before the first warning signal of the day. Tallies will not be issued before flag D is displayed. Please do not pester the beachmaster.
- 9.4 Competitors, both helm and crew, shall collect and wear their respective tally wrist bands before going afloat.
- 9.5 Tally bands shall be returned to their correct hooks on the Tally Board as soon as competitors return ashore, and no later than 30 minutes after the last boat returns.
- 9.6 Failure to tally out or tally in will result in a Fine Penalty of £10 to the RNLI. Failure to pay the fine will result in disqualification without a hearing from all races that day. Subsequent failures may result in disqualification. This adds to exceptions within rule 63.1, 64.2 and A5.
- 9.7 The Race Office must be notified of the acceptance of the Fine Penalty within the 60 minute protest time limit. See 20.2.
- 10 CLASS FLAG will be flag T.
- 11 RACE AREA
 - 11.1 Racing will take place within 3 nautical miles of the club to the east, seaward of the Knolls shingle banks. The tide here runs roughly parallel to the coast at up to 2 kn, SW flood and NE ebb.
 - 11.2 There is no significant commercial traffic, but numerous leisure vessels that might have constrained manoeuvrability, especially in the narrow marked channel.
 - 11.3 There are two routes to the sailing area; the marked navigation channel and a Cut nearer the Club. The more suitable depends on conditions and will be notified in NTC/ONB and Briefing.
- 12 OFFICIAL VESSELS
 - 12.1 COMMITTEE BOAT (CB), white 10m MV *Moonboom* will be stationed towards the lee of the Race Area.
 - 12.2 Safety Boats (SB), RIBs: *Miss Deben*, *Giles*, *Beryl T*, *Jubilee*
 - 12.3 Mark Boats (MB): *Annie T (white MV)*, *Blue Hardy 18 MV*
- 13 MARKS
 - 13.1 The Start marks are described in SI 15.2
 - 13.2 Windward rounding mark 1 will be a black cylindrical inflatable buoy,
 - 13.3 Spacer mark 1A will be a pink ball buoy.
 - 13.4 Rounding wing marks 2 (and 3, course C) will be green, yellow or red cylindrical inflatable buoys.
 - 13.5 Lee rounding mark 3 (or 4, course C) will be yellow "Scandia" inflatable buoy,
 - 13.6 The finish line marks are described in SI 17.1
- 14 COURSES
 - 14.1 Appendix One shows courses A, B, C and D and the order in which marks are rounded.
 - 14.2 All marks of a course are to be left to port, except for CB and SB/RIB used for finishing.
 - 14.3 The approximate compass bearing of the first mark will be displayed on a board on the CB
 - 14.4 The Committee Boat will display a board, A, B, C or D, and a number board, prior to the Warning Signal to indicate the course and the maximum number of laps to be sailed.
 - 14.5 For the Sir William Burton Cup Race, any course in Appendix One may be used, no number of laps will be displayed. The Minimum Race Time (MRT) for the leading boat will be not less than 2 hours, after which the race will be finished see SI 17.6.
- 15 THE START
 - 15.1 Races will be started using rule 26 (5-4-1-off).
 - 15.2 The starting line will lie between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CB (starboard end) and an orange cylindrical inflatable buoy (port end mark).

15.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

15.4 For races started under rule 30.4 (Black Flag) that are subject to a general recall, identified OCS/BFD numbers will be displayed on the back of the CB for a minimum of 3 minutes after a long sound signal.

16 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG

To change the next leg of the course, a MB/SB will lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

To signal a change of course a MB/SB may display flag C at the start of that leg.

17 THE FINISH

17.1 The Finish Line will be between a staff on the CB displaying a blue flag and a small yellow cylinder buoy with a blue top, or a MB/SB with flag S displayed and a nearby mark of the course, except for Mark 3 (or 4 in Course C) or 1A spacer).

17.2 In all races, except for the Sir William Burton Cup Race the course may be shortened by the CB at the finishing line (flag S displayed with two sound signals).

All boats shall then complete the lap they are sailing and, after passing mark 3 (or 4 in Course C), to port, proceed to the Finishing Line. This applies to ALL boats regardless of whether they are on the same lap as the leading boat. This changes and is additional to rule 32.2.

17.3 Boats not on the same lap as the leading boat will be scored in the order they cross the finish line behind all boats on the same lap as the leading boat.

Some tail end boats may thus sail fewer laps. This changes rules 28, 32.2, 35.

17.4 Where a Race has not been shortened.

When the Leading boats are on their final Lap and there are a small number of boats clearly detached from the fleet who have yet not started theirs, a MB/SB displaying flag K may be positioned adjacent to Lee Mark 3 (or 4 in Course C). All boats should then complete the lap they are on and proceed to the finish line as 17.2. This is an addition to Signals.

17.5 The course may be shortened at any mark other than 3 (or 4 in Course C) or 1A (spacer) by flag S and two sound signals from a MB/SB which will record the finish order.

17.6 After a shortened course has been signalled a boat's race position may be recorded at another mark or leg of the course by an MB/SB boat displaying Flag W with a sound signal, verbally hailing the boat that she has been recorded as finished.

17.7 For the Sir William Burton Cup Race the end of the MRT will be signalled by the display of Flag S and two sound signals from the CB. A finish line will then be activated. The leading boat and following boats will continue to sail the course to the finish line.

The finish line will be between the CB or MB/SB displaying Flag S and either:

a) a mark of the course or

b) a stick or cylinder buoy with a blue top.

The finish line location will be:

a) at the next mark the leading boat would round (excluding Mark 1A and Lee Mark 3/4), or

b) at a finish line positioned along the leading boat's current or next leg of the course, or

c) at the CB after Lee Mark 3/4; the standard finish line, 17.1.

The finish line will remain open for 45 minutes after the first boat has finished. After this time boats may be finished in accordance with 17.6.

17.8 These actions will be at the absolute discretion of the RO whose decisions shall be final and not grounds for redress under Rule 62.1a.

18 RETIREMENT

A boat that retires from a race shall notify a CB or MB/SB as soon as possible. If that has not been possible then notify the Beachmaster or Race Office on your return ashore.

19 TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

19.1 For all races, except the Sir William Burton Cup Race.

19.2 The target time for the finish of the lead boat is 55 minutes. Failure to meet this target time is not grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1a.

19.3 The time limit for the leading boat to finish each race will be 2 hours.

19.4 Unless SI 17. 6 is applied, after the first boat has finished, the finish line will remain open for 30 minutes, after which boats will be scored DNF. This adds to rule 35.

19.5 If no boat has rounded mark 1 within 40 minutes the race will be abandoned, except for the Sir William Burton Cup Race when this limit will be 50 minutes.

20 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

20.1 Protest forms will be available at the Race Office.

20.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This same protest time limit applies to protests by the race committee or protest committee (except under the last sentence of rule 61.1(b) and to requests for redress). This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2.

20.3 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.

20.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee (PC) will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

20.5 Breaches of instructions 8, 9, 18, 24, 25, 27, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and for Class rule infringements may be less than disqualification if the PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation of a discretionary penalty will be DPI. This changes rule 64.1.

20.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either:
a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day, or
b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 66.

20.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

20.8 Notices of Protests and Redress hearings posted on the ONB shall be considered sufficient notice to all parties and witnesses. It is the responsibility of parties to consult the ONB at or before notice expiry time before leaving the venue for the day. This changes rule 63.2.

21 SCORING

21.1 The event will use the Low Point Scoring System.

21.2 Seven races are scheduled; three completed will constitute a series.

21.3 If only 3 races are completed, a boat's series score will include all three race scores. If four or more races are completed, the boat's worst race score will be discarded. This changes rule A2.

21.4 If the race programmed as the Sir William Burton Cup Race has to be shortened to less than 2 hours, the results will not count for the Sir William Burton Cup Trophy, but will be awarded to the next scheduled point's race. The Sir William Burton Cup Race will, if possible, be rescheduled. If a Sir William Burton Cup Race has not been completed by 18.00 on the final day, the Cup will not be awarded but may be sailed for at an event later in the year. If a seventh points race has been sailed the Sir William Burton Cup place prizes will be given for that race.

21.5 The results of races that are shortened to fewer than four legs will not count towards the Yachting World Silver National Points Trophy. The short leg from Mark 1 – 1A (course D) and from Marks 3 (or 4 in Course C) to the finish line or any leg shortened by more than 50% shall not count as legs for this purpose.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

22.1 The NTOA Measurement Coordinator at the event will decide upon applications made under NTOA Class Rules.

22.2 Any request to substitute a nominated crew shall be submitted at the Race Office before going afloat. The full name of the replacement crew must be provided in accordance with the Notice of Race. Substitution of a crew must not be used for the purpose of gaining an advantage in the race series.

23 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

Boats may be measured or checked at any time to monitor compliance with the Class Rules.

24 EVENT ADVERTISING

Burton Week is sponsored by 'Allen' and the event is part of the 2022 'Dinghy Shack' National Series. Event sponsors' advertising may be supplied and required to be displayed in a position to be specified at registration.

25 OUTSIDE HELP

Any boat that receives outside help, whether permitted by rule 41 or not, shall report the facts to the RC within the time period for protests.

26 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay more than 100 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement or abandonment, unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the race committee. NOTE – This SI does not permit such boats to enter the area during a general recall. Any support boat interfering with the racing in any way including, in the opinion of the race committee, making excessive wash across the race course could result in a protest against the competitor associated with that support boat and possible disqualification of that competitor. Any support boats should carry radios and shall have attended the safety briefing the morning of that day's racing.

27 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats except the Committee Boat. Breaches of RRS 55 may incur a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC.

28 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

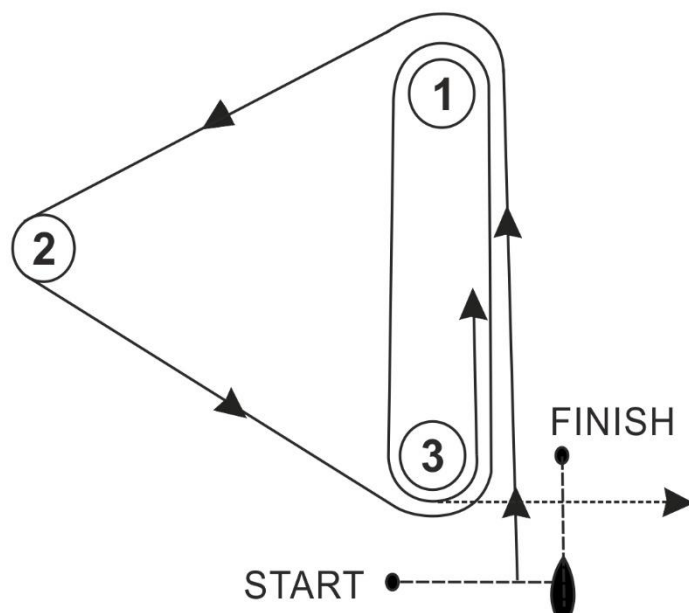
29 PRIZES

Trophies & Prizes are listed in the NOR and the event booklet.

APPENDIX ONE - COURSES

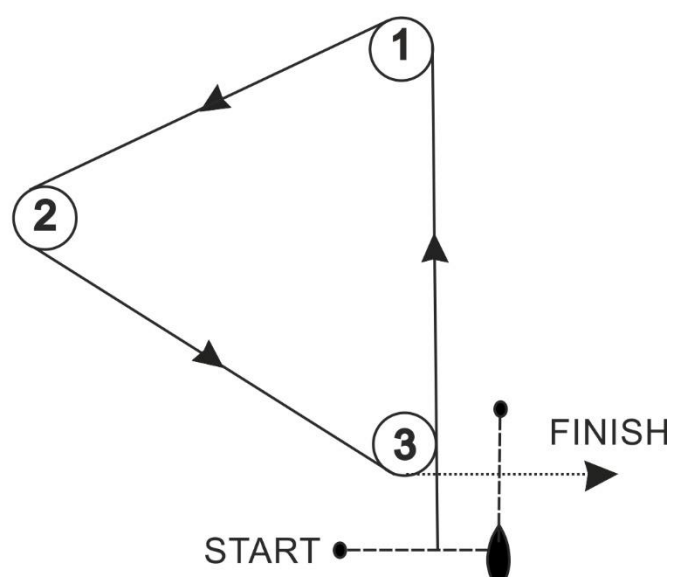
COURSE A

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| First and all Subsequent odd rounds |
| Mark 1 to port |
| Mark 2 to port |
| Mark 3 to port |
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| Second and all Subsequent even rounds |
| Mark 1 to port |
| Mark 3 to port |
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| Finishing leg |
| From Mark 3 to Finish line |



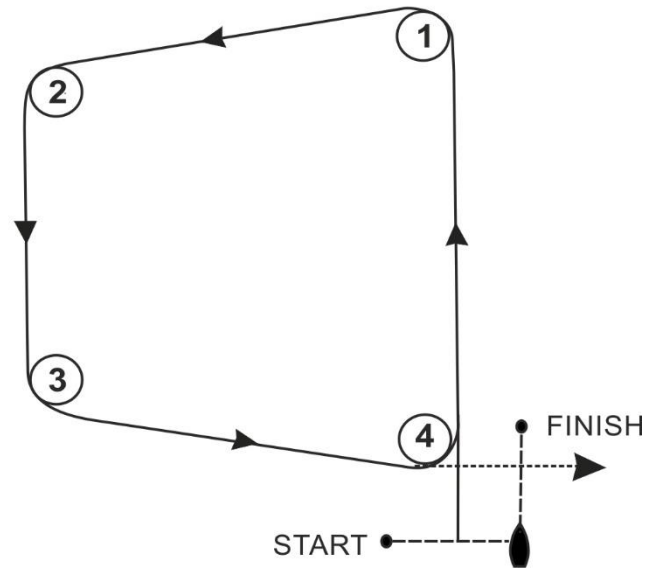
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| First and all Subsequent rounds |
| Mark 1 to Port |
| Mark 2 to port |
| Mark 3 to port |
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| Finishing leg |
| From Mark 3 to Finish line |



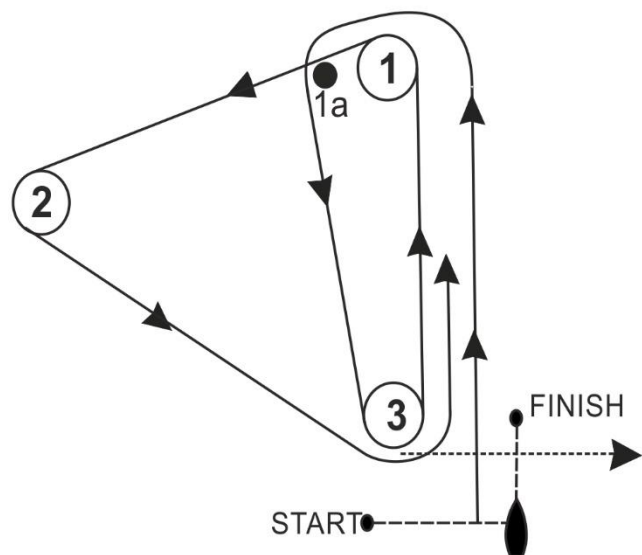
COURSE C

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| First and all Subsequent rounds |
| Mark 1 to Port |
| Mark 2 to port |
| Mark 3 to port |
| Mark 4 to Port |
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| Finishing leg |
| From Mark 4 to Finish line |



COURSE D

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| First and all Subsequent odd rounds |
| Mark 1 to port |
| Mark 1a to port |
| Mark 3 to port |
| |
| Second and all Subsequent even rounds |
| Mark 1 to port |
| Mark 1a to port |
| Mark 2 to Port |
| Mark 3 to Port |
| |
| Finishing leg |
| From Mark 3 to Finish line |



Note: These maps are for information only. They are not intended to give any idea of length, angle or direction of legs in any way.

In the event of significant tidal stream across the course axis, windward and leeward legs may be adjusted to restore true tactical legs as far as possible. These adjustments will be "downtide" and depend on the strength of the tide relative to the wind strength. In light airs it is possible Course C could be configured to give optimum tactical beat and run with one reach.