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COGS 2017 - RACE 2

St Austell Brewery

FOWEY TO FALMOUTH

Sunday 16th April 2017

Organising Authority The organising authority is the Port of Fowey Race Organising Committee (POFROC), an unaffiliated body owned and controlled by the Royal Fowey Yacht Club (RFYC) and Fowey Gallants Sailing Club (FGSC).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - (a) rules 28.1, A4 and A5 - see SI 10.5;
 - (b) rules 35, A4 and A5 - see SI 12.2;
 - (c) rule 62.1(a) - see SI 3.3, 8.2 and 10.4.
- 1.3 The IRC Rules 2017 Parts A, B and C apply. IRC rule 22.4 does not apply. There are no limitations on crew number or weight.
- 1.4 Boats shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Race Category 4 Monohulls plus VHF radio. In addition, boats shall carry a partially inflated dinghy or a life raft each capable of carrying the full crew. Any boat that does not comply fully may apply to the Organising Authority for written dispensation.
- 1.5 **Fowey Harbour Byelaws and Notices to Mariners** published by the Fowey Harbour Commissioners (FHC) apply within the harbour and International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Colregs) apply between competitors and non-racing vessels at all times. The attention of competitors is drawn particularly to the requirement that commercial shipping has right of way within the harbour and its approaches. Boats failing to observe these rules or obey verbal instructions from safety boats or FHC staff will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 62.1(a).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RFYC, and may be copied on the COGS website www.cogsracing.org.uk/

No notices will be posted after 0830 on the day of the race.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day of the race.
- 3.2 Changes may also be copied on the COGS website.
- 3.3 The race committee may also broadcast verbal instructions on marine VHF radio channel M2. Failure to receive a broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RFYC flagstaff.
- 4.2 IC flag "L" displayed over flag "Z" will indicate a change to the sailing instructions.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Separate starts will be held for IRC and ByPN handicap classes.
- 5.2 IRC will start first.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the attention signal for the IRC class is 1000.
- 5.4 The time of the warning signal for the ByPN handicap class will be the time of the starting signal of the IRC class.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags displayed at the warning signal will be as follows:
 - (a) IRC - IC numeral pennant "1"
 - (b) ByPN - IC flag "E"

- 6.2 Boats shall display their class flag beneath IC flag “Z” on the backstay or mainsail leech.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the Cornish coast from Manacle Point to Fowey, and north of latitude 50° N.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be selected from the list of marks shown in appendix A, and will depend on wind strength and direction. Please note these are approximate positions.
- 8.2 The course will be broadcast including direction of rounding, by the race committee on marine VHF radio channel M2, commencing approximately 20 minutes before the warning signal and repeated at intervals until the warning signal is displayed. Failure to receive this broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks are described in appendix B.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26. (except for pursuit races – see 10.2 below)
- 10.2 An attention signal (orange flag) will be displayed five minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start or by VHF.
- 10.3 **Pursuit start races** will be started using line one, Start times in the Schedule of Race Series are based on Cruisers with a Byron handicap number of 1000. All start times will be posted on the official notice board a minimum of 12 hours before the scheduled start time. No starting flags, lights, sounds or individual recalls will be used for these races; Cruisers should start according to their published start times. Cruisers that start prematurely will be penalised by having ten times the difference between their actual starting time and their published starting time added to their elapsed time for the race. Boats should use GPS time. Start times for late entries will be notified directly to the competitors concerned, or they should use the default time of 10.00hrs.
- 10.4 **Handicap Starts** will use line 3. A countdown to each signal may be broadcast by the race committee on marine VHF radio channel M2. Failure to receive this broadcast will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.5 **Starting Lines**
Line One - a line extending from a transit formed by a white triangle with an orange border on the buildings behind the race office and the RFYC flagstaff limited by a line perpendicular to this start line that passes through mark B.
Line Three - a line between the mast of the committee boat and either a yellow inflatable outer distance starting mark or an adjacent course starting mark outside the harbour entrance.
To register as a starter on Line Three all competitors shall report to the committee boat by passing it on the opposite side from the starting line. Thereafter they shall keep clear of the line until their preparatory signal.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules 28.1, A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 Competitors are required to take their own time (GPS) if the course is shortened, on a line extending east on a transit formed by the orange triangle and the signals mast on the east side of Pendennis Point. The line will be bounded at the eastern end by Black Rock beacon and at the western end by the shore. (when their mast crosses the line.) Black Rock and the shore of Pendennis Point have outlying reefs.

Competitors are advised to familiarise themselves with the extent of these reefs on the appropriate chart, and to keep well clear.

11.2 **The finish line** is a transit through the RCYC flagpole and a triangle on the clubhouse, which is defined at it's inner end by the line of moorings and it's outer end by Flushing New Quay.

You should also add the following in AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

Falmouth Harbour mooring areas: Straight lines between mooring buoys (whether a vessel is attached or not) of the outer line on both sides of the fairway(excluding Frigate and Caldys buoys) are designated as continuing obstructions.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 Is 18.00 hrs. If any yacht finishes before 18.00hrs then the time limit will be extended by 1 hour . This changes rule 35.

12.2 Boats finishing later than the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protests are available at the race office of the HRSC. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing or of the race time limit, whichever is earlier.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1 In addition to the requirements of SI 1.4, the following safety regulations will apply:

(a) Crew Lists.

(1) All boats shall report their name, sail number and number of persons on board via VHF Ch. M2 to the race officer on Sunday 16th April no later than 10 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal. Radio silence shall be kept after this time except if called by the race committee or in an emergency.

(2) A full list of crew embarked must be held by a shore-based contact. The name and telephone number of the contact shall be e-mailed to chris.ogg@me.com cc pofroc@gmail.com , no later than 30 minutes before the start of the race:

(b) Retirement. A boat that retires from the race or is unable to cross the finish line before the time limit (SI 12.1) shall notify the race committee or the RFYC as follows:

Race committee - VHF Ch.M2

RFYC RO 07785382525.

(c) Merchant and naval shipping. Areas around commercial and naval vessels under way and constricted in their ability to manoeuvre are designated as moving exclusion zones. Such exclusion zones extend to 100m on all sides of the vessel and include tugs, pilot boats and official boats escorting the vessel. No boat is at any time to enter the exclusion zone, and, if becalmed, shall endeavour to use other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient

to move out of the exclusion zone, and the distance travelled should be the shortest necessary to keep clear.

(d) Diving activity. Exclusion zones extend 30m around a dive boat displaying international code flag "A", an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface, and a diver on the surface. No boat is at any time to enter the exclusion zone.

(e) Complaint by Falmouth Harbour Authority. The race committee will lodge a protest or submit a report to the protest committee following a complaint received from the Harbour Authority.

(f) Navigation. Cannis, Gwineas and Manacle cardinal buoys shall be passed on their correct navigational sides at all times except when a mark of the course shore.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

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 and Data.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as listed in the COGS 2017 notice of race. The prize-giving will be held at the RCYC as soon as practicable after the last boat has finished. A time will be announced on VHF Ch. 69./M2

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 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."

18.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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) 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.

19 COGS Two handed series

All boats enter the Byron or IRC series. If a boat competes two-handed and wishes to be included in this series, the race officer must be notified within 1 hour of the last boat to finish.

20 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.

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Appendix A

Marks

Name	Description	Approximate Position
Bay Buoy "N"	Yellow special buoy	50° 19.511'N 4° 43.052'W
Buoy "A"	Yellow special buoy	50° 08.50'N 4° 46.30'W
Buoy "B"	Yellow special buoy	50° 10.30'N 4° 45.00'W
Buoy "C"	Yellow special buoy	50° 10.40'N 4° 47.50'W
Cannis "G"	South cardinal mark	50° 18.40'N 4° 39.90'W
Gwineas	East cardinal mark	50° 14.50'N 4° 45.30'W
Rosemullion	Yellow spherical buoy with name "Ancasta"	50° 06.55'N 5° 04.24'W
The Beach "m"	Yellow spherical buoy	50° 20.041'N 4° 42.856'W
Bennett Jones "P"	Yellow spherical buoy	50° 18.00'N 4° 43.80'W

Manacle	West Cardinal mark	50° 2.778'N 5° 1.965'W
Black Rock	Isolated danger beacon	50° 8.723'N 5° 1.993'W

Appendix B

Supplementary information for competitors (not part of the SI)

C1 Moorings at Fowey. On Saturday evening a pontoon should be reserved for COGS competitors, but in case of problems call Fowey Harbour Office on 01726-832471 or channel 12

C2 Water taxi. Call on channel 6 (operates until 23.00hrs)

C3 Fowey Gallants S.C. can both provide meals on the evening of Sat 16th April and welcome all competitors. To assist the caterers would anyone intending to eat at either club please book as follows:-

At [FGSC 01726 832335](tel:01726832335)

C4 COGS Prize-Giving. Will be at RCYC Sailing Club as soon as possible after the last COGS boat to finish within the prescribed time limit.

C5 The RCYC launch will be available to ferry competitors to and from their boats. This service will finish at **1645**, thereafter the Falmouth water taxi will be available (**at a cost**) and can be contacted on **VHF Ch 12 or 07522 446 659**

<https://www.falmouthwatertaxi.co.uk>