



## SECTION 3

### COMBINED CLUBS SHORT COURSE CHAMPIONSHIP

The following Sailing Instructions, in addition to those detailed in Section 1, are applicable to all Groups in the Short Course Championship

#### 1. SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	RACE	STARTING	HOST
21 Oct '17	Day 1	Mid-river	DSS
02 Dec '17	Day 2	Mid-river	BYC
24 Mar '18	Day 3	Mid-river	RYCT
07 Apr '18	Reserve	Mid-river	

#### 2. GROUPS

The Short Course Championship will be conducted in allocated groups. The Combined Clubs Race Committee will allocate boats according to size, known performance and TCF handicaps (where known). The composition of each group will be displayed on each clubs noticeboard and be available from 1600 hours on the Friday before the first race of the series.

#### 3. FIRST WARNING SIGNAL TIMES & GROUP IDENTIFIERS

The Starting Signal will be 5 minutes after the Warning Signal. No Warning Signal will be made after 1630.

GROUP	WARNING SIGNAL	STARTING TIME	GROUP NUMERAL
Group 1	1155	1200	1
Group 2	1200	1205	2
Group 3	1205	1210	3
Group 4	1210	1215	4
Group 5	1215	1220	5

To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least (5) five minutes before a warning signal is made.

There will be a maximum of (5) five races sailed per day.

#### 4. STARTING AREA, STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

##### 4.1. STARTING LINE – COMMITTEE BOAT

The Starting line will be between an Orange staff or Orange flag on the Committee Boat and a Yellow inflatable buoy.

The name of the Committee Boat for the day will be posted on the handicap sheet. It will be standing by on VHF Channel 9 if competitors require directions to the Starting line.

##### 4.2. FINISHING LINE – COMMITTEE BOAT

Finishing Line will be between an Orange staff or Orange flag on the Committee Boat and a Black and White chequered inflatable buoy. Boats shall finish from the course side.

#### 5. STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

After each start there may be a 30 second time lag in the displaying of the new Group Identifier and Course flag but the time for the succeeding group shall be taken from the signal indicating the start of the previous group.

Competitors may be advised of starting procedure signals on VHF Channel 9.

Note: Boats should not transmit on VHF Channel 9 whilst a starting sequence is in progress except in an emergency.

6. **RECALLS**

Individual and General Recalls may be subsequently announced on VHF Channel 9. Failure to notify individual recalls by radio shall not be grounds for redress.

7. **SHORTENING COURSE**

Should the Race Committee decide to shorten course, Code flag S will be displayed on the Committee Boat. This will be accompanied by two sound signals and shall apply to all groups unless group numeral signals are displayed, in which case it shall apply only to those groups whose signal is displayed.

Display of the Shorten Course will mean that boats shall sail from the last mark through the finishing line. If the course is shortened mark 4 does not have a required side.

This changes RRS 32.

8. **COURSE SIGNALS**

Courses will be indicated by flags flown from the Committee Boat.

9. **COURSES**

The bearing and approximate distance (in nautical miles) to the first mark may be indicated at or before the warning signal.

9.1. **COURSE DIAGRAM**

(not to scale)

• 1 Orange

• 2 Yellow with Black Band

• 3 Orange

• 4 Orange

Yellow •-----△-----• Black & White  
Starting Line          Finishing Line

9.2. **COURSES – MID-RIVER START WINDWARD/LEEWARD, TRIANGLE RACES**

COURSE ALL MARKS ARE TO BE ROUNDED AND LEFT TO PORT

**WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES**

A Start to 1 → 4 → 1 → 4 → 1 → Finishing Line

B Start to 1 → 4 → 1 → Finishing Line

C Start to 2 → 4 → 2 → Finishing Line

D Start to 1 → 4 → 2 → Finishing Line

**TRIANGLE COURSES**

E Start to 1 → 3 → 4 → 1 → Finishing Line

F Start to 1 → 3 → 4 → 2 → Finishing Line

10. **MARKS**

1 Orange inflatable buoy laid approximately to windward of the start line and mark 2

2 Yellow inflatable buoy with black band laid approximately to windward of the start line

3 Orange inflatable buoy laid approximately 45 degrees to a line between marks 1 and 4

4 Orange inflatable buoy laid to windward of the starting line 1

## 11. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

The course may be changed in accordance with RRS 33.

When a change of course is signalled the new marks will be a green inflatable buoy for Mark 1 and a red inflatable buoy for Mark 2.

Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

When in a subsequent change of course a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.

The approximate compass bearing and distance to the new mark may be displayed on the Committee Boat and may be broadcast on VHF Channel 9.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

For races other than the last race of the day (the Race Committee will announce the race status on VHF Channel 9), boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat to finish in their group will be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing.

The time limit for the last race of the day will be 1800 hours. Boats that have not then finished will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing.

This changes Rule 35, 63.1, A4 and A5.

## 13. RADIO INSTRUCTIONS

All competitors shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 9 for announcements by the Race Committee. Competitors should also monitor VHF Channel 16 at all times.

The Race Committee may broadcast the course to be sailed, names/sail numbers of OCS boats and/or other information of interest to competitors on VHF Channel 9.

## 14. HANDICAPS

Competitors in the Short Course Championship will have a PHS handicap. The Combined Clubs Handicap Committee will set the handicaps before the first race and these may be adjusted after each race. The Race Committee may, subject to minimum entry requirements as per the Notice of Race, permit an AMS and or an IRC result. The Race Committee's choice of handicap is final and shall not be grounds for protest.

## 15. RESULTS

Official provisional result sheets will be displayed on the official notice board of each club before 1200 on the first working day following the race. The time of posting thereof will be shown on the result sheet.

15.1. The only recognised official results will be those posted on the official notice board and are subject to protest or request for redress. Any times or results, given verbally or displayed elsewhere or faxed to other clubs or published in a newspaper or electronically on a website or similar are for information only and may be subject to correction. The results are therefore not official and shall not be subject to protest or request for redress. Where possible results may be published on each club's website as soon as possible after a race.

15.2. Races will be scored based on PHS handicaps and/or AMS and IRC ratings.

## 16. SCORING

### 16.1. MINIMUM NUMBER OF RACES

Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

### 16.2. SERIES SCORE

When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.

When six (6) to eight (8) races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

When nine (9) or more races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**17. PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged at the RYCT, BYC or DSS by 1400 hours on the Monday following the race. The protest will be heard at a time determined by the Combined Clubs Protest Committee.

**18. PRIZES**

18.1. Prizes for the series winners and placegetters will be awarded by the Combined Clubs Race Committee based on the following number of entries:

- Five entries                      1st prize
- Six to nine entries              1st and 2nd prizes
- Ten or more entries            1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes

18.2. Individual race prizes – Trophies for placegetters in individual races may be awarded by the conducting club.

**19. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted on notice boards of the participating clubs by 1700 hours on the Friday before the race. In unforeseen circumstances competitors may be advised on VHF Channel 9 of any change to the sailing instructions before the Warning Signal of each Group.

**20. NUMBER OF CREW**

All boats are to carry a sufficient number of crew. The minimum number will be two (2).

**21. RETIREMENTS**

Any boat retiring must report the fact to the Race Committee as soon as possible.