

PAGHAM YACHT CLUB

2021

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

All races will be governed by the current racing rules of sailing (ISAF RRS), except where any of these are changed by the sailing instructions (SI) below.

2. CONDITIONS OF RACE ENTRY

- 2.1 All boats must be entered by completing a Pagham Yacht Club registration form.
- 2.2 All boats shall be insured against third party liability with cover for racing for a minimum of £2,000,000.
- 2.3 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of a boat for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew of a boat as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge of a boat warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races. For a youth member the owner/person in charge is the parent/guardian.
- 2.4 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the race or event. Neither a wetsuit nor a dry suit constitutes adequate personal buoyancy. This changes rules 13 and 40.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in these sailing instructions will be displayed on the notice board within the PYC club house.

4. RACING AREA

- 4.1 The racing area will be in front and to the east of the club house.
- 4.2 In front of the club house marked by a RED WARNING POST is a Second World War section of MULBERRY HARBOUR. The harbour itself is visible at low tide. The post is located next to the north east corner of the harbour. DO NOT approach within 50m from any direction.

- 4.3 To the west of the club house lies a rock shelf that extends from approximately 40m to the west of the club house out to west of the mulberry harbour. This is a danger to boats for 3 hours either side of low water. Beyond the first groin to the west of the club house are shingle banks that are exposed at low tide. DO NOT sail to the west of a line running perpendicular from the beach starting at a point 30m west of the club house for the 3 hours either side of low water.

5. THE COURSES

- 5.1 The courses will be displayed at least 30 minutes prior to the 5 minute warning signal within the club house. This will include: the identification of the marks used, whether port or starboard rounding, location with respect to the start line, the use of a start and finish distance marker on the start line and number of laps.
- 5.2 Marks will be inflatable orange buoys (marked 1, 2 and 3). The course when Displayed will indicate the number on each mark. If a mark of different colour or identification is used it will be shown.

6. STARTING AND FINISHING

- 6.1 The race or races can be started and finished either from Pagham yacht club's bridge (on top of the club house) or from a committee boat.
- 6.2 If from the bridge lights and horns will be used to start the race. The starting sequence is (note, the failure of a sound signal should be disregarded)

5 minutes to start	1 Horn sound	5 lights on display
4 minutes to start	1 Horn sound	4 lights on display
3 minutes to start	No sound	3 lights on display
2 minutes to start	No sound	2 lights on display
1 minute to start	1 Horn sound	1 light on display
START	1 Horn sound	NO LIGHTS

- 6.3 The start line will be a transit from the triangle on the bridge and an outer distance mark.
- 6.4 The finish line will be the same as the start line.
- 6.5 If from a committee boat flags and an air horn will be used. The start and finishing line will include the committee boat and an outer mark. The start and finishing line need not be the same. But will be indicated on the course display in the club house at least 30 minutes before the 5 minute warning.

7. START TIMES

- 7.1 Morning race warning signal 10.55, race start 11.00.
Afternoon race warning signal 13.55, race start 14.00
- 7.2 Evening race warning signal times will vary according to sunset times. Start times will be decided at least one week before race and displayed on notice board in club house.

- 7.3 In the event of 2 races running back to back the warning signal for the second race normally will be given 5 minutes after the last boat to finish the first race.
- 7.4 If for any reason start times have to be changed they will be shown on the course display in the club house. At least 30 minutes before start time.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The Portsmouth yardstick handicap system will apply.
- 8.2 The number of races to count in any series or trophy event will be displayed in the club year book and on the web site.

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 9.2 It is advisable that all boats should carry a paddle and a suitable length of rope for towing.
- 9.3 It is advisable that all helms/crews carry a compass in case of bad visibility.