

LASER PERISHER SERIES SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2012

1.0 GENERAL

- 1.1 In these sailing instructions, PYC SI means 'the 2009 Edition 1 of the PYC Sailing Instructions' and no other later Editions that maybe made available during the course of the series. RRS means 'The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012'.
- 1.2 Racing shall take place under Parkstone Yacht Club Sailing Instructions amended as detailed in these Sailing Instructions (SI's). In the event of conflict, these SI's shall prevail.
- 1.3 The series is not run under the authority of the Parkstone Yacht Club. No liability attaches to the PYC or to the Organisers of the series, for any loss, damage, death or injury suffered by any competitor or yacht as a result of taking part in the series.

2.0 RACES

- 2.1 Start time: 10.45 am.
- 2.2 Dates: Sundays from 5th February till 1st April as Notice of Series.

3.0 ENTRY FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The entry fee for the series or individual races shall be paid in accordance with the entry form before racing.
- 3.2 Each entry shall be considered as a unique helmsman/boat entry and any change to either shall rank as a separate entry, except with the express permission of the race committee.

4.0 SAFETY

- 4.1 Adequate personal buoyancy and either a **full wet, ¾ length wet suit when worn with other thermal clothing or dry suit** SHALL be worn by all competitors whilst racing. A wet or dry suit alone does not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 4.2 Attention is drawn to PYC SI 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3, and to the clauses excluding liability on the official entry form.
- 4.3 Since the normal Club Rescue facilities will not be available, it is every competitor's responsibility to look out for anyone in difficulty and go to their aid if required. Redress will be given to any competitors assisting others.

5.0 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Regardless of PYC SI 4.0 and RRS Race Signals, communications with competitors may be made orally.
- 5.2 Regardless of RRS 26, the sound signal shall be used for timing. Timing shall be taken from the start of each sound signal. Visual signals may or may not be given.

6.0 STARTING

- 6.1 Gate starts: The following system shall apply:
 - 6.1.1 At approximately 10 seconds before the starting signal, the pathfinder shall pass close astern of the moored committee boat travelling at full speed close-hauled on port tack. At and after the starting signal, yachts may start by passing between the pathfinder and the committee boat.
 - 6.1.2 The starting line shall be the line between the centre of the pathfinder and the black and yellow staff on the committee boat, and ends 30-60 seconds after the start signal, whether the Pathfinder has tacked or not, during which period she shall have right of way over all other starters.
 - 6.1.3 **Any other starter who impedes the progress of the path finder during the starting sequence shall, regardless of RRS 44, be disqualified without a hearing. For the purpose of this SI, the word of the pathfinder, or of the race officer, shall suffice.**
 - 6.1.4 At a time not exceeding one minute after the starting signal, the pathfinder shall be released to join the race by repeated sound signals. If she does not hear the "release" signal by that time, she may assume that it has in fact been given.
 - 6.1.5 Yachts may start at any time between the starting signal and the time that the pathfinder tacks. Yachts purporting to start after that time may be accepted as late starters at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.2 Fixed line starts: The starting line is defined as the line between the black and yellow staff on the committee boat and the centre of the nearby starting mark.
- 6.3 Recalls: RRS 29.1 & 29.2 and PYC SI 6.1 shall not apply. Recalls shall be notified orally.
- 6.4 Pathfinder: The pathfinder shall be nominated by the race committee and will usually be a yacht that finished in the top third of the fleet in the previous race, save that no yacht shall be compelled to act as pathfinder in consecutive races.
- 6.5 Sail Over: At least 2 yachts shall start, according to the RRS A4.1 definitions for points to be awarded, or the race shall be declared cancelled.

7.0 FINISHING

- 7.1 The finishing line is defined as the line between the finishing mark and the black and yellow staff on the committee boat that may not be present.
- 7.2 In the event that the committee boat is not on station at the finish, the finishing positions shall be determined by the race committee in the most equitable manner available, including results at previous marks, evidence from third parties, or if still in doubt the boat nearest the mark is considered in front.

8.0 TIME LIMIT

- PYC SI 9.1.1 shall apply except that the time shall be 1 hour.

9.0 DECLARATIONS AND RETIREMENTS

PYC SI 3.5.2 shall not apply. Any competitor who retires from a race shall notify the race officer before returning to the shore, or within 15 minutes of the last party coming ashore. Failure to notify retirement may be grounds for disqualification.

10.0 SCORING

The Scoring System shall be the 'Low Points System' as specified in RRS A4.1, ties being resolved according to RRS A8. One half of the races actually sailed (rounded up) shall be allowed as discards.

11.0 COURSES

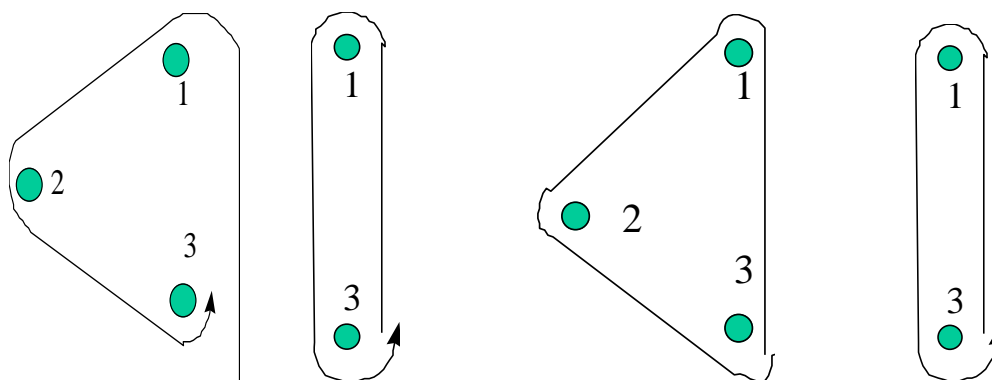
11.1 Courses shall be described orally from the committee boat and/or as shown on the following sketches.

11.2 Shortening courses: PYC SI 8.1 shall not apply. Visual signals may or may not be given.

12.0 RACE COMMITTEE

The race committee shall consist of the PYC Laser Class Captain and the Principal Race Officer or their representatives. The Race Committee's interpretation of these SI's shall be final.

COURSES



Round 1

Round 2

Round 3

Final Beat

- a) Marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be either permanent navigational features, or specially laid buoys or a mixture of the both.
- b) Mark 3 has no required side on the first leg of the course, unless it is itself a starting mark (fixed line start only).
- c) The diagrams are schematic only and do not show relative distances or angles.
- d) The diagrams show a port-hand course. If set, a starboard-hand course is its mirror image.
- e) ALTERNATIVELY, ANY OTHER COURSE MAY BE SET if unable to set the above.

13.0 PENALTIES

13.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of RRS while racing may take a One-Turn penalty to include 1 gybe and 1 tack. This alters RRS 44.1. Other requirements of RRS 44.1 remain unaltered. A boat taking such a penalty will follow the requirements of RRS 44.2.