



BRITISH ISLES FLYING FIFTEEN ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

**SATURDAY 7TH JUNE – SUNDAY 8TH JUNE
2008**

Organising Authority

ROYAL TORBAY YACHT CLUB
TORQUAY, DEVON, ENGLAND

in conjunction with

BRITISH ISLES FLYING FIFTEEN ASSOCIATION

ALL TIMES ARE BRITISH SUMMER TIME (BST)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The championship will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at the inshore end of Haldon Pier.

4.2 Flag D with a sound means: 'The warning signal will be made not less than 55 minutes after flag D is displayed'. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until this signal is made.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing, number of races, and scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is:

Date	Races	Time of 1st Warning Signal
Saturday 6th June	1 to 3	1300 hours
Sunday 7th June	4 and 5	1030 hours

5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, international code flag 'F' will be displayed (with one sound) for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

5.3 On the last day of the championship no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
Open fleet	Naval numeral 6
Classic fleet	Pennant 6

7 RACING AREA

7.1 **Error! Reference source not found.** shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the course signals, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display on a blackboard:

- (a) The course to be sailed.
- (b) The approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

8.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2, 3, 3P and 3S will be yellow cylindrical inflated buoys.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be of the same shape and colour as the original marks.

9.3 Starting marks will be a race committee signal boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end, and a dan buoy with an orange flag at the port end.

9.4 Finishing marks will be a race committee boat displaying an orange flag, and a dan buoy with an orange flag.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the dan buoy displaying an orange flag at the Port end of the line.

10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.4 When there is a later race the same day, the sail numbers of boats scored OCS, ZFP, or BFD in the previous race will be displayed from the race committee signal boat before the next warning signal.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the finishing mark which will be a dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

13 TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Races/day scheduled	Target time	Time limit	Extension
2	75 minutes	120 minutes	40 minutes
3	60 minutes	90 minutes	30 minutes

13.2 Boats failing to finish within the extension time (see 13.1) after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35, A4, and A5.

14 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at RTYC Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 14.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 Breaches of instructions 4.2, 16, 19, 20, 21, and 22 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 3 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.
- 15.4 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 14.5 will be DPI.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay more than 100metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment, unless attending a boat in distress requiring assistance, or as directed by the race committee.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Boats shall not put trash into the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21 BERTHING

- 21.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned spaces either afloat or ashore.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.
- 22.2 The race committee will provide a start countdown on VHF Channel 77 and may also identify boats infringing starting rules on this channel.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

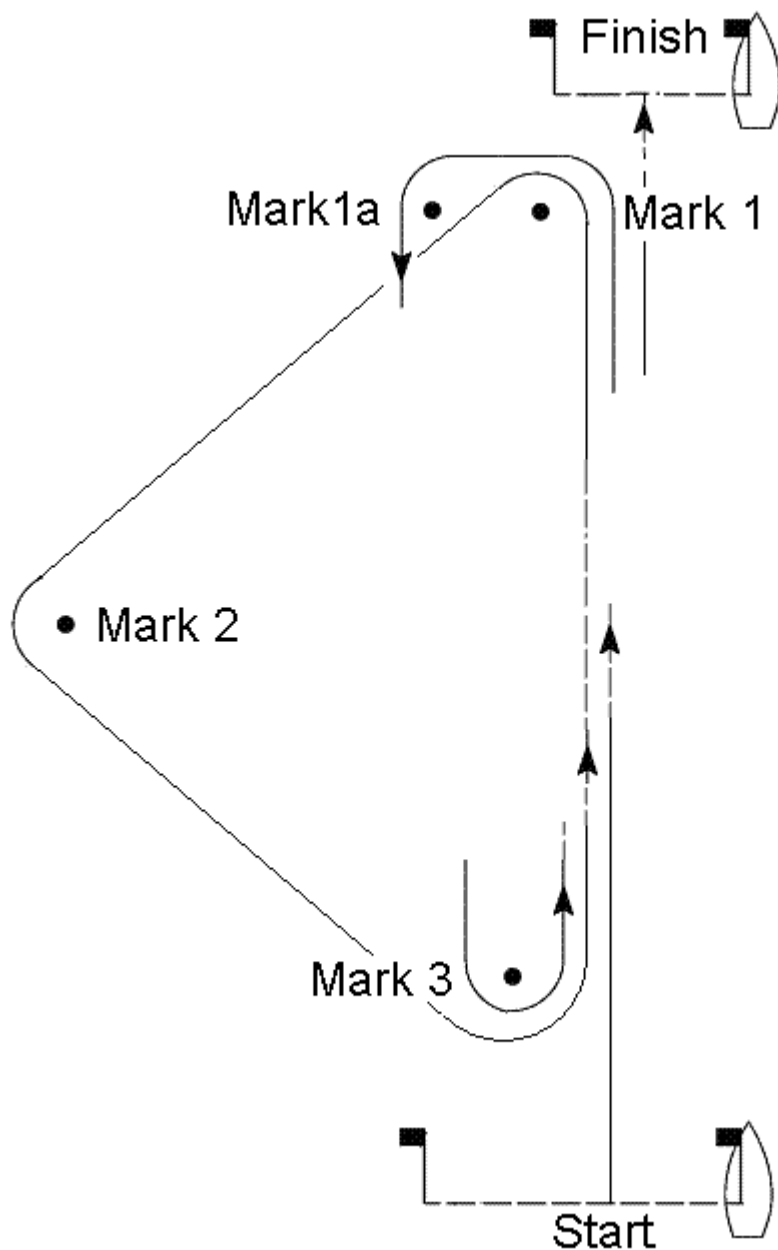
- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million per event or the equivalent.

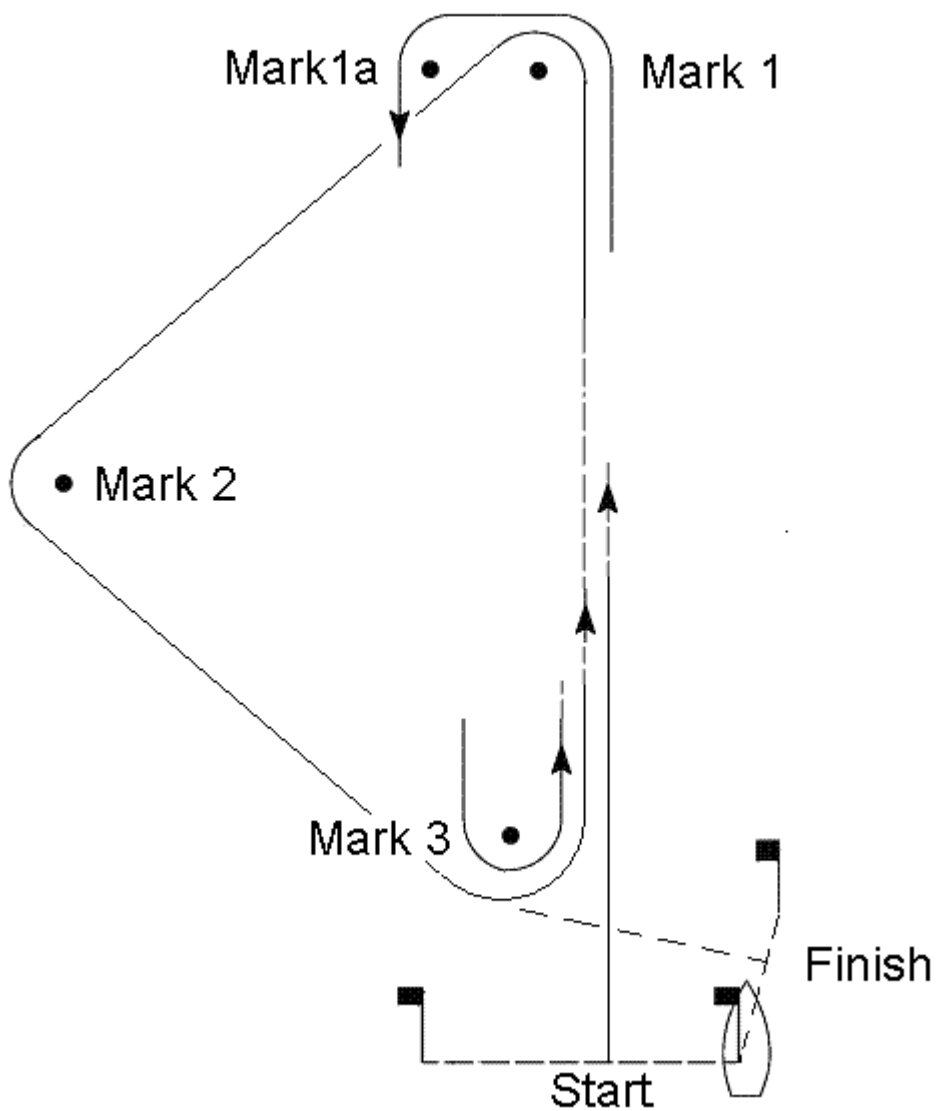
Attachment B
COURSE DIAGRAMS

TRIANGLE (LONG FINISHING LEG)



Signal	Mark rounding order
A 1	Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish
A 2	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish
A 3	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
A 4	Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

TRIANGLE (SHORT FINISHING LEG)



Signal Mark rounding order

- C 1** Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish
- C 2** Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish
- C 3** Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish
- C 4** Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1A, 3, Finish

WINDWARD - LEEWARD

