

Royal Northumberland Yacht Club with NECRA Farnes Race 2008

Sailing Instructions

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1. Rules and Responsibility

- 1.1 The Offshore Farnes race 2008 will be governed by the racing rules of sailing 2005-2008 (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and rules of the Royal Northumberland Yacht club (RNYC), except as amended by these sailing instructions.
- 1.2 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 her crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise during the course of the race. Neither the establishment of sailing instructions or rules, their use by the race organizers, nor the inspection of a yacht in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge.
- 1.3 Conditions of entry:
 - 1.3.1 All skippers must sign on in the RNYC race office (HY Tyne) by completing the entry form.
 - 1.3.2 Yachts registered with NECRA prior to the start of the race and/or yachts entering the RNYC club race.
- 1.4 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the notice board of the RNYC House Yacht Tyne. If any are posted then the committee boat will fly international code flag L. Competitors may approach the committee boat before the warning signal only for verbal communication of the notice but they do so at their own risk. Any allegation of incorrect information being received verbally will not be grounds for protest of redress under RRS part 5.
- 2.2 The race committee reserves the right to make any alteration to the sailing instructions they consider necessary. Any alterations will be posted on the notice board of House Yacht Tyne at least one hour before the start of the race.

3. Classes, Class Flags and Identification

- 3.1 Yachts shall sail in the following classes:

Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4 (white sail)

- 3.2 The warning signal for all classes will be numeral pennant 1. This changes RRS 26
- 3.3 Classes may be altered, amalgamated or divided at the discretion of the race committee.
- 3.4 All yachts must have a sail number easily identifiable from the committee boat. Sail numbers on all headsails, including spinnakers, must be the same as those on the mainsail unless previously agreed with the race committee.

4. Schedule of Race

Friday 9th June

Race	Class	Warning	Preparatory	1 Minute	Start
Farnes	All Classes	05.55	05.56	05.59	06.00

5. Course

- 5.1 This will be posted on the notice board of the House Yacht Tyne at least one hour before the start of the race
- 5.2 Marks may be a combination of fixed marks and large orange inflatable marks. See appendix A for a list of marks that are likely to be used.
- 5.3 If the course is to be altered during the race, the race officer will announce the changes on VHF channel 72 at 09.00 on Saturday the 12 June.

6. Starting Line

- 6.1 The starting line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and an outer distance mark.
- 6.2 An inner distance mark may be laid close to the committee boat. If such a mark is used competitors shall not pass between the committee boat and the inner distance mark.

7. Starting Races

- 7.1 The race will be started in accordance with RRS 26, except see section 3.2.
- 7.2 Start time see section 4.
- 7.3 A yacht arriving late for the start may remain under power provided that after stopping her engine, she carries out two full continuous 360° turns on the pre start side of the starting line. A late starting yacht must keep clear of other yachts until she has completed her turns and has started.
- 7.4 The race committee may announce the starting sequence on VHF channel 37.

8. Starting Penalties and Premature Starters

- 8.1 Individual recalls. A boat that is OCS shall not return to try to correct her fault or restart; this changes RRS 29.1 Instead she shall be scored with a time penalty of 5% of the boats elapsed time rounded to the nearest second, unless the race committee decides that the boat has gained a significant advantage in the race, in which case she will be scored as OCS.
- 8.2 The race committee may announce sail numbers of boats that are OCS and failed to start correctly. Any failure to broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.
- 8.3 General recalls shall follow RRS 29.2

9. Penalties

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

10. Finishing

- 10.1 The finish line will be in the river Blyth fairway between a flag on the inner west

pier and the green beacon on the east side of the fairway. The race officer will endeavor to finish all yachts but please note; competitors must take their own times (BST) on finishing and enter it onto a finishing time declaration sheet aboard HY Tyne.

11. Shortening or Abandoning after the Start

11.1 In the event of the race committee needing to shorten or abandon the race, competitors will be advised by radio on VHF channel 72 (also see section 5.3). No acknowledgment to these announcements will be necessary.

12. Time Limit

12.1 The time limit for all classes will be 24 hours.

13. Protests

13.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS part 5. They shall be delivered in writing to the race office (HY Tyne) within one hour of the finishing yacht entering the harbour.

13.2 Protest forms are available at the race office.

14. Safety

14.1 All yachts must comply with current NESS regulations (offshore category 4). Any yacht found deficient in safety equipment will be considered to have infringed rule one of the RRS and maybe disqualified. Safety inspections are now part of racing - be warned.

15. General

15.1 Use of VHF radios by competitors will only be responded to by the race officer for matters concerning safety and retirements. A radio silence is requested during the starting sequence.

15.2 Whilst racing, boats shall neither send nor receive radio transmissions which are not available to all boats whilst racing. This restriction also applies to mobile phones where the content could be relevant to the race outcome.

15.3 Blyth Harbour is a working harbour. Yachts must not impede the passage of commercial vessels and yachts doing so maybe disqualified. Yachts must not proceed up river under sail further than is necessary to clear the round end of the inner west pier.

Appendix 'A'

The course will be decided by the race office and be posted at least one hours before the start of the race.

Positions of fixed marks are approximate:

Name	Lat (N)	Long (W)	Description
Meggies Burn	55-06.50	01-29.30	Large Orange Flag
Astley Arms	55-05.60	01-28.30	Large Orange Flag
Mine Buoy	55-04.00	01-25.18	See Chart
Bell Buoy	55-06.60	01-28.50	See Chart
Swedman	55-37.65	01-41.52	See Chart
Goldstone	55-40.15	01-43.40	See Chart
North Sunderland	55.34.62	01-37.02	See Chart
Ridge Buoy	55-39.70	01-45.87	See Chart
Newton Rock	55-32.20	01-35.50	See Chart
Shoreston	55-35.90	01-39.30	See Chart