

Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club

ATF - NECRA Regatta

24- 26 May 2008

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The event will be governed by RRS, the prescriptions of the RYA and NECRA and the Sailing Instructions.

2. Conditions of Entry

- Boats must be registered with NECRA prior to the start of this event.
- Boats are encouraged to register their intention to race on the NECRA website.
- Boats must hold a valid NERR rating certificate.
- Boats must meet the safety regulations described below.
- 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 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 as a result of their taking part in a race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum safety equipment specified by NERR/NECRA.

3. Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the foyer of THYC and on the NECRA website.

4. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to Sailing Instructions will be posted in the foyer of THYC not later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled race.

5. Schedule of Races

		Class	Warning	Start
Saturday	24 May	sb,1&2	14.25	14.30
		3&4	14.30	14.35
Sunday – 1	25 May	sb,1&2	09.55	10.00
		3&4	10.00	10.05
Sunday – 2	26 May	As soon as possible after the finish of race 1		
Monday		sb,1,2	09.25	09.30
		3&4	09.30	09.35

6. Starting Procedure

All signals will be made from the THYC Race Station.

Warning signal	(5 Minutes)	One white light
Preparatory signal	(4 Minutes)	Two White Lights
	(1 Minute)	Three white lights
Start		All lights Extinguished

These signals may be supplemented by a VHF countdown on ch.M2.

7. Recalls

Individual recall - One white light after start. Light will remain on until offending yacht(s) have returned to start side of line or for 4 minutes.

General recall – Four white lights on after the start. The new starting sequence will commence 1 minute after the lights have been extinguished.

8. Postponement

Will be indicated by 4 white lights. The new start time will be broadcast on VHF ch.M2

9. Starting Line

The start line is a transit between a white light on the THYC clubhouse and a white pole at the end of the south pier carrying red harbour light and weather instruments. Please note, the outer and inner distance marks (orange spheres) are tide borne. Yachts must pass between the Inner and Outer distance marks at the end of each course specified.

10. Finishing line

A transit between a white light on the clubhouse and a white pole at the end of the south pier carrying red harbour light and weather instruments.

11. Courses

Courses will be selected from the attached course sheet and may consist of combinations of the THYC courses listed.

Courses will be announced on VHF ch.M2 approximately 15 minutes before the start.

12. Shortened Courses

Shortened course for any class will be indicated by two white lights displayed from the THYC clubhouse as the leading yacht in class approaches the last mark before the finishing line.

13. Hartlepool and Tees Channels

These are designated as Continuous Obstructions and **must not** be entered when racing. Yachts entering these Channels whilst racing will be disqualified.

14. Time Limit

As indicated on course sheet. If more than one THYC course is used, the time limit for the race is the sum of the time limits for each course.

15. Declaration and retirement

Written declarations shall not be required. In crossing the finish line, the yacht declares herself to have sailed the course fairly and in accordance with the rules. Skippers who cannot so declare should wear an ensign.

Any yacht retiring before or after finishing must inform the duty officer on the relevant VHF channel as soon as possible.

16. Penalties

If a yacht contravenes a rule of part 2 while racing she may exonerate herself by taking a 720° turns penalty in accordance with RRS44.

17. Protests

Protests must be advised to OOD by VHF ch.M2 immediately after the end of the race and protest forms handed in to T&HYC within 1 hour of the finish of the last boat.

18. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

19. Scoring

Race results will be calculated using the boats' NERR rating as shown in the Registered details on the NECRA Website at the time of the event. Scoring for the NECRA event Class winners will be as RRS Appendix A using low points.

20. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to class winners for each race. Depending on numbers, second and third prizes may also be awarded:-

Saturday	7.30pm THYC
Sunday	7.30pm THYC
Monday	12.30pm Kafiga Landing (pontoons)

21. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the race at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to or during this event.

22. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party insurance with a minimum cover of two million pounds sterling.

23. Safety Equipment requirements

Sports boats class – to satisfy ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 5 plus NECRA prescriptions.

Other classes - to satisfy ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 plus NECRA prescriptions.