

Royal Northumberland Yacht Club with NECRA Blyth to Sunderland Feeder Race 2008

Sailing Instructions

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1. Rules and Responsibility

- 1.1 The Blyth - to Sunderland feeder 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

Saturday 23rd August

| Race | Class | Warning | Preparatory | 1 Minute | Start |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Feeder | All Classes | 09.55 | 09.56 | 09.59 | 10.00 |

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.

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 will be made in accordance with the RRS 29.1.
- 8.2 General recalls shall follow RRS 29.2

9. Penalties

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 will apply.

10. Finishing Line

- 10.1 A line between the SYC race office and the northern most point of the masonry on the South pier of the entrance to Sunderland harbour. Competitors must take their own times (BST) on finishing.

11. Protests

- 11.1 Protests shall be lodged in accordance with RRS part 5. They shall be delivered in writing to a member of the RNYC sailing committee by 5pm on Saturday 23rd August.

12. General

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 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.