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Burntisland Sailing Club Racing Rules



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1. General

- (a) All races will be sailed under the Racing rules of Sailing 2017-2020 and the appropriate class association rules except where modified by these instructions. The alternative penalty rule shall apply (720 deg. turn)
- (b) The committee shall have the power to vary the sailing instructions at any time by giving two weeks notice by posting on the Club notice board or by informing each competitor personally.
- (c) Personal buoyancy must be carried for each person aboard yachts at all times when racing. Personal buoyancy must be worn at all times aboard sailing dinghies when racing. All dinghies must be equipped with adequate buoyancy properly secured. An anchor of 4 lb. minimum attached to 60 foot of warp securely fastened to the dinghy and ready to use.
- (d) Every boat shall carry third party insurance of at least £500,000 or in accordance with class rules. The club reserves the right to ask for evidence of insurance.
- (e) BSC will accept no responsibility or liability for the loss or injury to person, or for loss or damage to any vessel or its contents.
- (f) Yachts must display on their mainsail their own registered number. Any alteration shall be notified to the O.O.D. before going afloat.
- (g) No boat shall be accorded racing rights or awarded points unless the combined racing and mooring fee and all other outstanding dues have been paid to the treasurer prior to the race.

2. Certificates

Where appropriate, competing yachts must have current class certificates that must be produced on demand. Failure to comply may result in the offending yacht being disqualified.

3. Courses

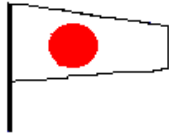
Courses must be selected from the club course card (2017) by the O.O.D. And will be indicated by showing the course number(s) alongside the class flag.

In exceptional cases i.e. incidence of fog or exceptionally light winds, the O.O.D. may create a special course for one, or all, groups to suit the prevailing conditions. The selection of a non-standard course will be shown by displaying the No 00 against the group(s) and the marks of the special course indicated from the bridge.

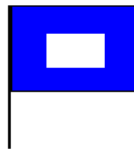
4. Starting

The starting line will be a line between the Club Flagstaff and the outer distance mark 'X'. An inner limit mark may be laid in the vicinity of the line in which case yachts shall pass between it and the outer distance mark when starting.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Flag uncovered</u>	<u>Flag covered</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Start -5	Pendant 1		5 min to start
Start -4	Flag 'P'		4 min to start
Start -1		Flag 'P'	1 min to start
Start		Class Flag Covered	START



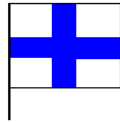
**Pendant 1
General Handicap**



Flag P (Preparatory flag)

5. Recalls

Boats on or over the line at the start and not returning will be disqualified. To assist competitors a sound signal will be made and a recall flag uncovered and where possible, the offending boat(s) will be hailed.



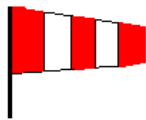
Flag X (Recall flag)

6. General Recalls

If all premature starters cannot be identified two sound signals will be made and the class flag uncovered. Exactly five minutes after the general recall the starting procedure will recommence, being indicated by the 6 minute (class flag) being shown together with a sound signal.

7. Postponements

Answering pendant accompanied by two sound signals means an indefinite postponement of the start(s). When it is lowered a sound signal will be made. After one minute the warning signal of the first start will be made. (See section 3 above)



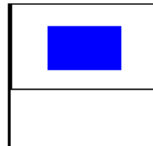
Answering Pendant (Postponement flag)

8. Means of Propulsion

The yacht Racing Rules of Sailing shall not apply within the harbour limits. Any yacht infringing rule 60 'Means of Propulsion' on its way to the start may exonerate itself by completing a full 720deg. turns after the start and when clear of other competitors.

9. Shortened Course

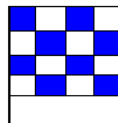
The hoisting of flag 'S' accompanied by two sound signals, made when the leading yacht is approaching the last mark of the shortened course, will indicate that the race will finish by crossing the finishing line from the direction of that mark. The course boards will be removed for the classes that have been shortened.



Flag S (Shortened Course)

10. Abandoned Race

At the discretion of the O.O.D., any race may be abandoned at any time by making three sound signals and hoisting flag 'N'. Abandoned points races will not be re-sailed.



Flag N (Abandoned flag)

11. Finishing Line

The Finishing line will be the same as the starting line.(Flagstaff to outer distance)

'X' is a mark on the course and must be rounded as per the other marks on the course unless the course has been shortened.

12. Time Limits

The time limit for afternoon races shall be 17.00 hrs. For evening races it will be as shown in the club fixture list. The expiry of the time limit will be signalled by one prolonged sound signal and all the course boards and flags removed. Yachts, which have failed to finish by then, shall be deemed to have retired. If one or more Yachts finish within the published time limit this shall then be extended for that class by 30 minutes.

13. Protests

Protests must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of £5.00
The O.O.D. will arrange for the protest to be heard, preferably on the same day if possible.

14. Handicap System

The Portsmouth Yardstick system as adjusted by the FYCA shall be used. All yachts shall be allocated a FYCA Number, which may be revised as the season progresses. In addition boats may be allocated a personal handicap number by the club racing committee.

15. Scoring system

For all series races the R.Y.A. system for long series shall be used.
For every three races sailed only two shall count.

One starter constitutes a race in series events.

Only the number of regular races plus one will be used for as the points scored for non participation.

16. Officer of the Day

O.O.D. duties shall be the responsibility of each yacht owner in turn as listed in the club fixture list. An O.O.D. carrying out his duties on the bridge will be awarded a 2nd place provided one or more boats finish in his class.

An O.O.D. who sails having made other satisfactory arrangements will be awarded actual finish place.

An O.O.D. who fails to undertake his duties or make other satisfactory arrangements will be disqualified from the series subject to written appeal to the club committee within 7 days

Any person acting as O.O.D. must sign the race sheet. If acting by prior arrangement for the designated O.O.D. this should be stated.

17. Starting Times

First sound signal will be: -

Early Series	ALL CLASSES 19:00
Club Championship	ALL CLASSES 19:00
Late Series	ALL CLASSES 18:30