



Squires Cup and Cats Cup



20th May 2018

Starcross Yacht Club, Exeter, Devon

Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subsequent amendments thereto and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of there being any conflict between the aforementioned, these sailing instructions will take precedence at all times.

2. Notices to Competitors

Before the event, notices will be posted via the event news article on the club website (<http://www.starcrossyc.org.uk>). During the event, notices to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard mounted on the side of the club race box.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect. Changes in the Sailing Instructions will be signalled by displaying Flag L from the flagpole adjacent to the race box.

4. Signals made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole adjacent to the race box. When AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes". This changes the meaning of AP in the RRS Race Signals.

5. Race Schedule and class flags

The race warning signals will be as follows:

Multihulls - Squires Cat Cup 1025hrs - Numeral Pennant no.1

Monohulls - Squires Cup 1030hrs – Numeral Pennant no. 2

6. The Start

The races will be started from a committee boat using RRS 26 (i.e. a 5,4,1 minute start sequence). The start line will be between the main mast of the committee boat and a small cylindrical pink buoy marked with a "J". Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

7. The Finish

The finish line will be defined in the course details provided at the competitor briefing. Shorten course and finishing sound signals will be made from the SYC Race Box using flags.

8. Racing Area/Courses – Competitor briefing

Racing will take place in the Exe Estuary in the vicinity of Starcross Yacht Club. The course and number of rounds will be defined at the competitor briefing.

A chart of the SYC marks available to use can be found at: www.starcrossyc.org.uk/racing/essentials/courses/buoy-chart

Competitors not sailing the correct course will be scored DSQ for the race without a hearing.

9. Marks.

The marks used will be large orange cylinder buoys. Multihull marks will be large orange cylinder buoys fitted with a black band. Navigation buoys may also be used as marks of the course.

10. Changing Course

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark to a new position. If the change is significant it will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the new leg, although the mark may not yet be in its new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain course configuration.

11. Penalties

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turns penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

12. Time Limits and Target Times

The target time shall be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish. The time limit will be 30 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course. This changes RRS

35, A4 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter. If no boat has passed the first mark within 20 minutes the race will be abandoned.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protest forms are available at the race office, located next to the club house. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Notices will be posted and/or announcements made no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the time/location of the hearing.

14. Scoring

The Low Point System of Appendix A will be used for scoring with tie resolution based on Appendix A8.1 (best scores) and then Appendix A8.2 (last race scores). At least one race must be sailed to constitute a series.

15. Safety/Environment Regulations

Competitors shall comply with safety procedures described at the event briefing. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. **Boats seen discarding rubbish (this includes food) into the water will be scored DSQ without a hearing.**

16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19. Equipment and Measurement Checks

No measurement checks will be undertaken at the event. Competitors "signing on" via the online system is a declaration that their boat complies with all class rules and where applicable has a current measurement certificate.

20. Advertising

Advertising is permitted.

21. Prizes

The prize giving will take place in the club house as soon as possible after the final race.

22. Disclaimer of Liability

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

23. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect.