

Sussex Regatta 2014

Hosted by **Sussex Yacht Club**

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by:
 - The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016
 - The prescriptions of the RYA Racing Charter (www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter),
 - The prescriptions of IRC or SCCHC as applicable to the fleet,
 - The ORC regulations or, where such rules are in place, the class rules of the entered yacht.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English language will take precedence.
- 1.3 All competing yachts shall display the appropriate class pennant from their backstay, or in the absence of a backstay some other conspicuous position at the stern of the yacht, to indicate which class they are competing in.
- 1.4 In addition to her mainsail, yachts competing in SCCH shall carry on board no sails whatsoever other than a sail defined under rule 50.4 of RRS.
- 1.5 Yachts displaying sail numbers different to that shown on their rating certificate and/or entry form must apply to the Sussex Combined Clubs Committee before the first race and receive their written permission where that sail number will be displayed. No yacht will be permitted to display different sail numbers, on any part of the boat at the same time.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board located within the Sussex Yacht Club. International code flag "L" will be displayed on the flagstaff at Sussex Yacht Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal mast situated within Southwick Marina.
- 4.2 When flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal "AP"
- 4.3 When I C flag "Y" is displayed ashore or on a vessel involved in the management of the meeting, RRS Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This instruction changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing will be held for all classes on Friday 18th April, Saturday 19th April, and Sunday 20th April 2014.
- 5.2 Number of races:

Date	IRC 1	IRC 2	SCCH
18.04.14	2	2	2
19.04.14	3	3	3
20.04.14	2	2	2

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is as follows:

Date	Time
18.04.14	14:25
19.04.14	10:55
20.04.14	10:55

- 5.4 A maximum of 1 additional race per day may be sailed.
- 5.5 At the start of a postponement the orange flag will be lowered. RRS Rule 27.1 shall apply.
- 5.6 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound for at least five minutes before a warning signal is displayed. This changed RRS Appendix L 5.4.
- 5.7 Except after a general recall, no warning signal will be made on the last day of the regatta after 15.00hrs.

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6.0 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The class flags will be as follows:-
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| IRC 1 | Numeral pennant 1 |
| IRC 2 | Numeral pennant 2 |
| SCCH | International code flag G |
- 6.2 When a numeral pennant is displayed below the "AP" its meaning shall be the length of the postponement in hours and shall not relate to one of the classes shown above.

7.0 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will take place in the English Channel within an area five miles offshore from the main entrance to Shoreham Harbour

8.0 COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the preparatory signal for each class along with an approximate compass bearing of the first mark. The race committee will make all possible efforts to convey this information to competing yachts by VHF transmission using channel 77. Failure to make such a transmission, wholly, partly, or at an incorrect time will not be grounds for redress. This instruction changes RRS Rule 62.1(a)

9.0 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be a mixture of fixed marks and inflatable buoys.

10.0 THE START

- 10.1 All races will be started as laid down in RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal being displayed 5 minutes before the start.
- 10.2 The start line will be between a mast or staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the adjacent inflatable mark.
- 10.3 The committee boat will be a blue hulled motor launch named Admiral Jack with the wording "Race Control" on each side in orange letters.
- 10.4 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and avoid impeding those yachts about to start in earlier races.
- 10.5 A yacht starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This instruction changes RRS Rules A4 and A5.

11.0 THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a mast or staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the adjacent inflatable mark.

12.0 TIME LIMITS

- 12.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Time Limit (minutes)	Mark 1 Time Limit (minutes)	Target Time (minutes)
IRC 1	150	45	90
IRC 2	150	45	90
SCCH	150	45	90

- 12.2 If no yacht has passed mark 1 within the mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 12.3 If any yacht finishes within the time limit all subsequent yachts will be classed as finishers if they finish within 30 minutes of the leading boat. All other remaining yachts shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This instruction changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

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13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The provisions of RRS Appendix P1 to P4 inclusive shall apply; RRS Appendix P5 shall not apply. This changes RRS Appendix P.
- 13.2 Except where an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS Rule 30.3 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P1 applies, a yacht that has broken a rule of RRS Part 2, RRS Rule 31 or RRS Rule 42 may accept a penalty.
- 13.3 A yacht that takes a penalty under Article 14.1 shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage.
- 13.4 A yacht committing a breach of RRS Rule 31, which has not taken a penalty under RRS Rule 44.1, may, after finishing and at any time before a protest is heard, accept a scoring penalty under RRS Rule 44.3.
- 13.5 The scoring penalty shall be 2 places except that such a penalty shall not result in a score worse than DNF.
- 13.6 A yacht that has taken a penalty under RRS Rule 44.1 or a yacht accepting a scoring penalty under RRS Rule 44.3 or RRS Appendix P shall complete the Penalty Form, within the protest time limit; copies of the Penalty Form are available via the Organising Authority.
- 13.7 In the event a yacht is disqualified as a result of a protest this shall be scored as "DNE".
- 13.8 Failure to declare under Article 5.5 of these sailing instructions will result in being scored DND which shall carry a race score of Number of boats competing plus 1.

14.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Where a competitor, protest committee or member of the Race Management Team is subject of an incident relating to a rules infringement and where said party has no wish to register a protest or a request for redress, said party may request an advisory hearing via the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority shall notify any additional parties involved in the incident, arrange for an adviser and call a hearing to learn the circumstance of the incident. The Advisor will state whether any rule may have been broken, and by which party. A decision by the advisor is for educational purposes.

- 14.2 With exception of RRS Rule 66; where a protest is registered, the defending party may request, or, the Organising Authority or Protest Committee may recommend, RYA Arbitration. If the parties concerned and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable a single arbitrator will hear the evidence and decide whether or not a rule has been broken, and, if so, which rule(s) and why. The arbitrator will invite the person-in-charge of the yacht that appears to have broken a rule to accept an Exoneration Penalty. Where an Exoneration Penalty is accepted, the yacht that takes a penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage. Where an Exoneration Penalty is not accepted, the protest hearing may follow; however, the offer of accepting an Exoneration Penalty shall remain open until time of the hearing and, if taken before the hearing, will avoid the possibility of disqualification.
- 14.3 Protests shall be notified to the Organising Authority as soon as possible which, in all cases, shall be no later than 90 minutes (60 minutes for the last race on Sunday 20th April) after the yacht has finished the last race of the day - this changes RRS Rule 61.3.
- 14.4 Copies of the Protest Form are available via the Organising Authority.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room or area deemed suitable for these purposes
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the Race Management Team will be posted to inform yachts under RRS Rule 61.1(b).
- 14.7 A first protest hearing shall take place as soon as possible, preferably on the day the protest was registered; in any event, no later than the end of the last day of the regatta
- 14.8 A list of yachts that, under Article 14.1 have been penalised for breaking RRS Rule 42 will be posted before the protest time limit.

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15.0 SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system shall be used.
- 15.2 The prescriptions as set out under RRS Appendix A shall apply.
- 15.3 Organising Authority wish to draw the competitor's attention to the provisions of RRS Rule 90.3.
- 15.4 Corrected times for a race shall be rounded to the nearest second with 0.5 seconds rounding up.
- 15.5 The number of discards allowable is given in the Notice of Race.
- 15.6 A list of race results will be posted on the Race Notice Board as soon as possible after the last yacht has finished the race. Series results will be based on official race results published following the last race of the Series

16.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A yacht may be inspected for compliance with safety requirements at any time by a person appointed by the Organising Authority for that purpose.
- 16.2 Any yacht refusing, failing or unable to comply with any of the safety regulations may be subject to protest.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The race frequency shall be Marine Band VHF Channel 77.
- 17.2 During the race, the Organising Authority call-sign shall be SYCO Race Control.
- 17.3 General announcements to competitors shall be announced using the call-sign "Sussex Regatta Fleet".
- 17.4 Except in an emergency, a yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to portable radio-telephone equipment.

18.0 BEHAVIOUR

- 18.1 Skippers of all yachts taking part in the Combined Clubs Regatta will be held responsible for the behaviour and actions of all crew at all times during the event. Any misbehaviour which is deemed likely to bring the name of the event into disrepute will render the yacht concerned disqualified without a hearing; serious occurrences could result in the yacht being banned from taking part in any event associated with their home club.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

20.0 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating yacht shall be insured for racing with third-party liability insurance in the name of the Person-in-Charge and any surrogate with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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for use in notifying acceptance of a Penalty under RRS Rule 44.1 or RRS Rule 44.3

DATE

YACHT(S) INVOLVED

RACE AND SERIES

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT LEADING TO ACCEPTING A SCORING PENALTY

PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PENALTY ALREADY TAKEN

DECLARATION I DECLARE THIS STATEMENT TO BE A TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT

SUBMITTED BY

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DATE	RACE AND SERIES
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DETAILS OF PROTESTING YACHT

PERSON IN CHARGE

EMAIL	CONTACT NUMBER
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YACHT NAME	SAIL NUMBER	FLEET
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DETAILS OF INCIDENT

LOCATION OF INCIDENT

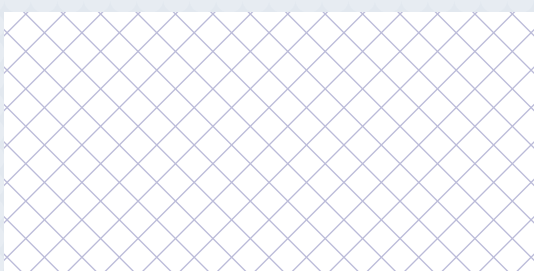
RULES ALLEGED BROKE

WITNESSES

INFORMING PROTESTED YACHT HOW WAS PROTESTED YACHT INFORMED OF YOUR INTENTION TO PROTEST AND HOW LONG AFTER THE INCIDENT?

HAILING	<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN? (SECONDS)	WORDS USED
RED FLAG	<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN? (SECONDS)	
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>	WHEN? (SECONDS)	

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT USE ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY. DIAGRAM: 1 SQUARE = HULL LENGTH; SHOW YACHT POSITIONS, WIND AND CURRENT DIRECTIONS; MARK LOCATION(S)

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