

BATTLE OF THE CLASSES PURSUIT RACE

Sunday 17th September 2017

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. If there is conflict between the Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the Notice of Race the SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.2. A boat shall observe the IPCAS (ColRegs) and local by-laws and regulations in respect of ships and vessels not racing.
 - 1.2.1. The Race Committee (RC) will protest a boat if a ship or Port Authority complains under 1.2. This changes RRS 60.2. The Protest Committee may apply a penalty of DNE.
 - 1.2.2. An engine may be used in order to comply with 1.2. Competitors shall report the use of an engine whilst racing to the RC who may protest that boat. If a significant advantage was gained the boat shall retire. The protest committee may apply a penalty other than DSQ.
- 1.3. All times in these SIs are in BST.
- 1.4. The Race Office will be located at Southampton Water Activities Centre (SWAC).

2. RULES

- 2.1. Races are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) at SWAC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Changes to the SIs may be made at any time up to and including the 1200 briefing to be held at SWAC on the day of the race. Changes will be posted before 1330 that day.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff at the top of the SWAC launching ramp. Signals made afloat will not be repeated ashore.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. There will be one pursuit race.
- 6.2. The start time for each class will be announced at the briefing at 1200 at SWAC on the day of the race. Each start time will be expressed as a number of minutes delay from the first start. See also 10.4

- 6.3. The warning signal is scheduled to be at 1425. At the warning signal flag "W" shall be displayed with one sound. This changes RRS26.

- 6.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an Attention Signal at least five minutes before a warning signal of a sequence is made.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area is shown in Appendix 1.

8. COURSE

- 8.1. The course will be announced at the 1200 briefing.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks will be detailed in the course and will be a combination of laid inflatable buoys and fixed Southampton navigation and race marks. Appendix 2 shows examples of these types of marks.
- 9.2. The outer distance mark (ODM) and inner distance mark (IDM) are likely to be laid inflatable marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The start line will be between the mast of the Committee boat displaying an orange flag and the ODM.
- 10.2. When an IDM is laid near the committee vessel it is a starting limit mark that shall be left on the same side as that vessel.
- 10.3. RRS 26 will apply to the first start (5-4-1-go).
- 10.4. After each start a "delay minute number" will be displayed to indicate the delay to the next start expressed as the number of minutes after the first start. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.
- 10.5. At each start, the delay minute number (10.4) will be removed with one sound signal and replaced with the next delay minute number. This changes RRS 26 and Race Signals.
- 10.6. After the warning signal boats that are not involved in the next start shall not approach within 50m of the start line.
- 10.7. Individual recalls: Flag "X" will be displayed (with one sound signal) for a maximum of 40 seconds to notify individual recalls. This changes RRS 29.1

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. The finish line will be a line passing through the masts displaying orange flags on each of two committee vessels and extending in both directions from them.
- 11.2. It is anticipated that the race will be shortened at 90 minutes after the first start.
- 11.3. To indicate that the first boat has finished flag "F" shall be displayed with four long sound signals. This changes Race Signals.
- 11.4. After the first boat has finished, each boat shall continue racing without moving ahead of the next boat in front or moving behind the next boat astern until they cross the finish line.
- 11.5. Trackers, which competitors shall install on the mast of each boat, will be used in conjunction with observations by the RC on the water to determine finish positions.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1. The time limit for each boat is 20 minutes after the first boat finishes. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS

- 13.1. An intention to protest shall be lodged with the race committee within 30 minutes of the finish.
- 13.2. A schedule of protest hearings shall be displayed on the ONB as soon as possible.
- 13.3. The Exoneration Penalty and the Arbitration procedure of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures will also be available.

14. SCORING

- 14.1. Each boat's score shall be their finishing place in the race.

- 14.2. Any boat touching an anchored committee boat used as a starting mark or finish mark shall be given a 3 place penalty without a hearing. If damage or injury is caused the boat shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 31, A4 & A5.

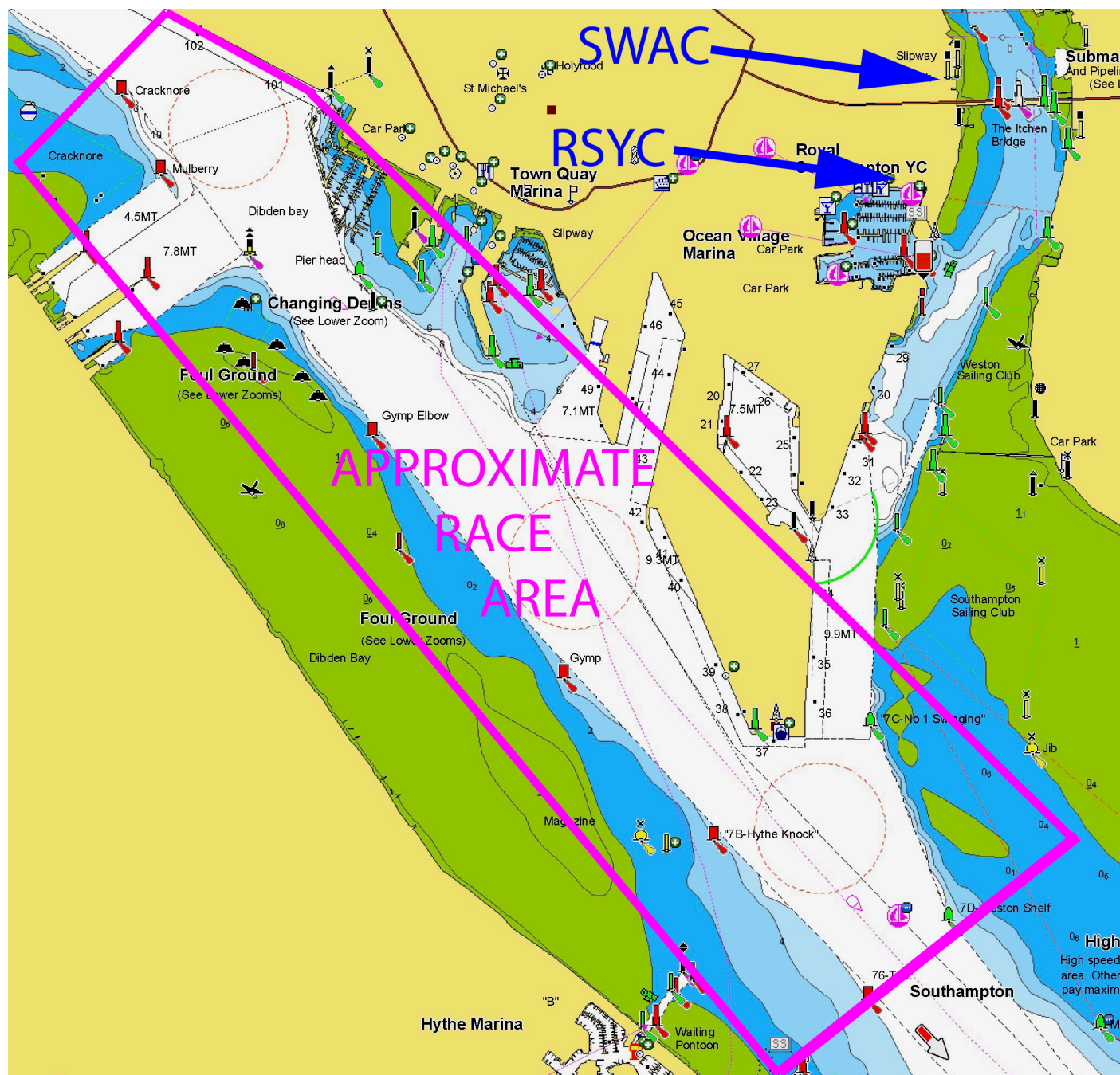
15. SAFETY

- 15.1. Flag Y will not be used. All competitors whilst afloat must wear an adequate flotation device. Wetsuits or drysuits are not sufficient on their own. This changes RRS 40.
- 15.2. A tally system will be in operation. Each boat will be assigned a unique tally number.
- 15.3. Tallies will be large elastic bands worn on the wrist.
- 15.4. Competitors shall collect their tally and tracker before going afloat and return them within 30 minutes of coming ashore.
- 15.5. The tally board will be located at the top of the launching area.
- 15.6. All competitors failing to tally or return trackers will incur a £5 fine that will be donated to the RNLI and scored DNF.
- 15.7. A boat that retires shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.8. Suitable clothing shall be worn for the conditions of the day
- 15.9. A safety briefing will follow the 1200 briefing

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. A prize giving will be held at the Royal Southampton Yacht Club on the day of the race as soon as possible after racing. Further details will be announced at the 1200 briefing.
- 16.2. Prizes will be awarded to:
 - The first, second and third boats overall
 - The first placed boat with all under 18 crew

Appendix 1 – Race Area



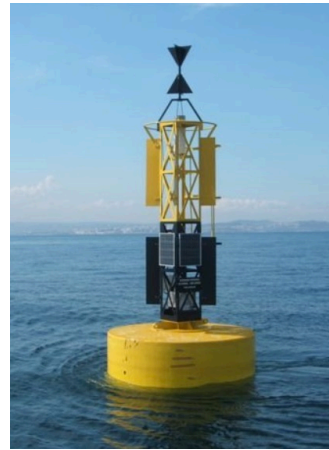
Appendix 2 – Racing Marks

A variety of marks may be used to define the course. Some may be marks laid on the day and some may be permanent navigation and racing marks. Below are examples of the kind of marks that may be used:

Laid Marks



Permanent Navigation Marks



Permanent Racing Marks

