

# **TAY CORINTHIAN BOATING CLUB**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2009**

### **1. RULES**

Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012, The RYA Prescriptions, the rules of each class concerned and these sailing instructions.

### **2. SAFETY**

The safety of a yacht/boat and her entire management including insurance is the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the yacht/boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by crew sufficient in number and experience, and physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, engine and all other gear. The owner/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date, and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

The crew is none the less advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment on board and insurance arrangements.

Personal Buoyancy – It is strongly recommended that a lifejacket is worn at all times when afloat.

The Tay Corinthian Boating Club shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused by the owner/competitor, skipper, crew or other persons involved in the management of any event as a result of their taking part in events organised by the Club. Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the event organisers, nor the inspection of the yacht/boat under these conditions abrogates the responsibility of the owner/competitor.

### **3. INSURANCE**

All boat owners must have and maintain insurance cover against Third Party and Passenger Liability for an amount of at least £2,000,000 or as prescribed by Class Rules, whichever is the greater.

### **4. RIVER TRAFFIC**

While racing any yacht/boat which is unable for reason of lack of wind, or any other cause to sail clear of any commercial vessel passing up or down the river, shall start her engine and or paddle in order to get clear, and thereafter retire from the race and so notify the Race Officer accordingly. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Attention is drawn to Rule 9(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Dundee Port Authority Bye-laws listed below:

Bye-laws for the Regulation of Vessels Navigating the River Tay Estuary

No Obstructions to Other Vessels

A vessel whether under power or sail which is not confined to the main channel, shall not make use of the main channel as to cause obstructions to other vessels which can only navigate within such a channel, and shall give other vessels a clear course and as wide a berth as safe navigation requires.

Vessels not to Impede or Endanger Other Vessels

No vessels shall enter or cross the main channel except when the channel in the vicinity of the vessel is clear and only in such a manner as not to impede or endanger other vessels navigating the channel.

## 5. HANDICAPS

The RYA Portsmouth Handicap System will be used for all races

The results of the racing will be calculated by the conventional corrected time method.

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS

The Tay Corinthian Boating Club will use VHF channel 9 for all inter boat communication.

## 7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be letter flag K

## 8. COURSES

Courses will be displayed at the caravan prior to the scheduled start time.

For any course that goes under the Road Bridge, competitors may only use the Navigation Spans, and one span to the north and one span to the south as part of the course.

## 9. STARTING PROCEDURE

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. Unless otherwise advised by the Race Officer of the day all boats will start together. Note engines must be switched off by the 5-minute signal. Failure to do this will result in disqualification.

Sound signals will also heard on VHF C9

I.E.	10 mins to start	K flag will be raised with one sound signal
	5 mins to start	P flag will be raised with one sound signal
Start		K & P flags lowered with long sound signal

## 10. START

The starting line is the line between the flagpole and the orange buoy, which will also be the outer mark. This start line will be used for all races started from the shore.

Off Shore races started from a participating boat maybe started from a line defined by the starting boat skipper and crew, provided ALL the participating boats are clearly informed of the start line before leaving the harbour. The starting procedure detailed in paragraph 9 will apply except there will be no visual signals.

## 11. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1. Flag X will be flown until the offender returns or 4 minutes has expired, when the flag will be lowered. Offenders will also be notified by hail on VHF if possible.

## 12. GENERAL RECALLS

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2

## 13. SHORTENING COURSE AFTER THE START

Courses maybe shortened at any mark on the course by the Race Officer. This will be signalled by flying flag S. This should be accompanied by 2 sound signals to draw attention to the shortened course.

## 14. PENALTIES

RRS 44.2 shall apply when a boat is racing.

## **15. FINISHING**

All races will finish at the start line, i.e. the line between the flagpole and the orange outer buoy crossed from the direction of the previous mark on the course.

When a boat crosses the line the Race Officer will blow a sound signal to confirm that the boat has completed the course.

On Offshore races finishing away from home, or where no Race Officer is on duty, the skipper/crew should take their own time.

## **16. RETIRALS AND DECLARATIONS**

A declaration is required immediately from the helmsman or owner's representative of Yachts that have retired from the race. Indicated by flying their ensign.

## **17. PROTESTS**

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer, and on completion, lodged with the race officer immediately following the race.

The time and place of any protest hearing will be notified to competitors. It is the duty of a yacht to find out whether there is protest against her and to collect witnesses where appropriate.

## **18. SCORING**

Scoring will be in accordance with RYA Appendix A 4.1. Two or more boats will constitute a race.

## **19. TIME LIMITS**

A time limit, (typically 2 ½ hours), suitable to the course set will apply to inshore races. The time limit will be written on the race sheet for the day.