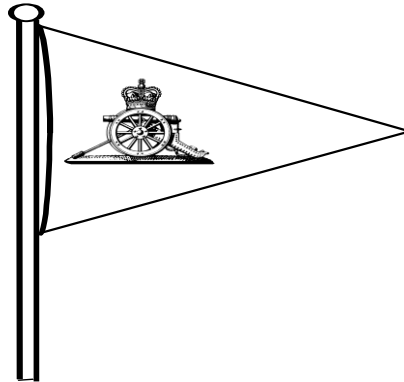


# ROYAL ARTILLERY YACHT CLUB



## OFFSHORE REGATTA 2010

THE RAYC OFFSHORE REGATTA BEING HELD AT  
THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

### **NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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**RAYC OFFSHORE REGATTA YARMOUTH**  
**SATURDAY 04 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2010**

*(all timings shown in these instructions are BST)*

**GENERAL**

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

1. The organising authority for the RA Regatta is the Royal Solent Yacht Club (RSYC) who will provide the Race Committee and Race Officers for the Regatta.

**RULES**

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation 2009 – 2012 including International Sailing Federation (ISAF) approved amendments to date, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the class rules of each class concerned, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions, and by these Sailing Instructions (SI) and any supplemental sailing instructions that may be issued. In addition, RSYC yachts racing in the RSYC cruiser class category, XOD and YOD are to race in accordance with the RSYC Standard Sailing Instructions. Folkboats taking part in the Folkboat Southern Area Championship will race in accordance with separate Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Each JSASTC yacht shall sail carrying the complete inventory of equipment issued by JSASTC to it on takeover.
- 2.3 RRS 35 (time limit) is changed by SI 13. RRS 60 (Protest) is changed by SI 16.4 , RRS 89.2 (amdt to SI) and Race Signals are changed by SI 8.1.

**SAFETY & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- 3.1 The RAYC and RSYC accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to competitors or damage to any vessel. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue a race.
- 3.2 All competitors must sign the RSYC Condition of Entry. This is attached at Appendix 1 and also contained within RSYC Standard Sailing Instructions 2010. Copies will be available at Race Office prior to the regatta.
- 3.3 Competitors are reminded of the need to have valid racing risks and third party insurance.

**CLASSES TO RACE**

- 4.1 The following classes will be available:
  - (a) Bantry Cup. IRC Handicap races for fast cruiser/racers owned, borrowed or chartered by the RAYC or its members.
  - (b) Bhopal Cup. RAYC Handicap races for cruisers owned, borrowed or chartered by the RAYC or its members.
  - (c) Admirals Cup. RAYC Navigation Competition for JSASTC Victoria 34 yachts chartered by RA units or Establishments
  - (d) RSYC Cruiser Class. RSYC members yachts with a RSYC approved handicap<sup>1</sup>.
  - (e) Folkboats
  - (f) XOD
  - (g) YOD

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<sup>1</sup> RSYC Cruisers may join the Bhopal Cup fleet at discretion of committee and Rear Commodore (Offshore) RAYC; this would be in the event that there are too few RSYC yachts to make their own start viable. However, they would be excluded from the RA race scores and placings for the award of RAYC trophies.

## SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1 Schedule of Races for RAYC and RSYC Cruiser Classes (See SI 9 for start sequence).

Class and Race	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Time Limit*
<b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>				
Bantry Cup Class Race 1	R	0950	1000	1200
Bhopal Cup Class Race 1	NP 1	1000	1010	1210
RSYC Cruiser Class	NP2	1010	1020	1600
Subsequent races as determined by the Committee each with a time limit of two hours.**				
<b><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>				
There will be a single race from the RSYC Committee Boat start line to Gilkicker Point for RAYC yachts heading back to the Eastern Solent. Each yacht is then to take their finish time as they cross the line at Gilkicker – see Para. 10.12				
Bhopal Cup & Bantry Class	R	0950	1000	

\* For interpretation of Time Limits see SI 13

\*\* Note: If these starts follow the Folkboats, XODs or YODs, yachts should keep clear keelboats of the starting area.

### 5.2 Schedule of Races for Folkboat, XOD and YOD classes.

Class	Class Flag	Warning Signal	Starting Signal	Time Limit*
<b><u>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>				
FOLKBOATS 2nd Race as soon as possible after the finish of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Race.	F		1100	1300
XOD	W	1415	1420	1720
YOD	NN2	1425	1430	1730
<b><u>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September</u></b>				
XOD	W	1025	1030	1230
YOD	NN2	1035	1040	1240
FOLKBOATS	F	1055	1100	1330

For interpretation of Time Limits see SI 13

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR, XOD AND YOD CLASSES

6. Races for XOD and YOD classes shall be governed by the RSYC Standard Sailing Instructions 2010 copies of which can be obtained from the RSYC, except that the time limits for XOD and YOD classes shall be amended to those shown above.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRUISER CLASSES

### NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 7.1 Notices to competitors will be posted in the RSYC foyer.
- 7.2 Changes to SI will be available from the RSYC and the main committee boat on request.
- 7.3 Changes to SI may be made orally via VHF radio Channel M (37) from the committee boat (SOLENT CONTROL). It is the responsibility of competitors to keep a listening watch at all times on that frequency, failure to hear a signal broadcast to competitors on VHF Channel M shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

### SIGNALS AND FLAGS

- 8.1 Signals afloat will be displayed from the main committee boat. RRS Race Signals "L" is changed in that Flag "Third Substitute" means "a change has been made to the SI". When the committee boat flies flag "Third Substitute" it is the responsibility of each competitor to obtain the change in SI from the committee boat either orally or by VHF radio. Such amendments will be designated by a number - **the first designated by the number 3**, the second by the number 4 and subsequent amendments by sequentially larger numbers. The numeral pennant for the number designating the latest amendment, as described above, will be flown inferior to Flag "Third Substitute". This changes RRS 89.2 (c).
- 8.2 The main committee boat will be identified as a vessel flying a white flag with "Royal Solent YC committee" thereon. It may be a single hull blue vessel with a white wheelhouse: 'COUNTDOWN'.
- 8.3 Each boat, other than any of the JSASTC boats described in SI 8.4, shall strike her ensign before her preparatory signal and, whilst racing, wear on her backstay the class pennant indicating her class.
- 8.4 JSASTC boats participating in the Admirals Cup Class navigation challenge shall not wear class pennants but shall wear their ensigns in the normal position.

### STARTING SIGNAL SEQUENCE

9. The starting signal sequence will be as follows.

Signal	Flag	Sound Signal	Minutes before Starting Signal
Warning	Class flag	1 Sound	10
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	1 Sound	5
One Minute	Preparatory flag lowered	1 Long Sound	1
Starting	Class flag lowered	1 Sound	0

## COURSES

- 10.1 The racing area is within the Western Solent and/or the Western Approaches to the Solent. A list of the Racing Marks that may be used is shown at Appendix 2.
- 10.2 Boats, in whatever direction they are racing, shall pass to the Southwards of:
  - (1) “Cross Boom” and all booms, beacons and posts in the Lymington River entrance. Boats may pass either side of “Jack in the Basket”.
  - (2) The Royal Lymington Yacht Club starting platform.
- 10.3 Boats shall not pass through the barrier South of Durn's Point which is an obstruction to sea room.
- 10.4 Whilst racing, yachts shall not pass inshore of any of the buoys forming the outer trot of RSYC moorings eastward of the Yarmouth harbour pier. This area ranks as an obstruction.
- 10.5 Courses will be displayed at or before the warning signal in a frame on the main committee boat. Letters or numbers on a red background indicate that such marks of the course shall be rounded to port and letters or numbers on a green background indicate that such marks shall be rounded to starboard. The numeric or alphabetical designations of marks used are shown in Appendix 2. **Note that these designations are different from those used by clubs in the central and eastern Solent.**
- 10.6 When two or three diamond shapes are displayed with the course signal, the course shall be sailed two or three times round respectively. Boats shall pass through the gate formed by the committee boat and a Distance Mark, from the direction of the previous mark, at the end of each round before commencing the next round.
- 10.7 If  $\square$  is displayed as part of the course signal, it indicates that boats shall, pass through the gate described in 10.6 above from the direction of the previous mark.
- 10.8 If letter “S” is displayed over letter “H” by the committee boat, adjacent to a mark of the course, it denotes that boats shall pass that mark in the required manner and shall then proceed directly to cross the finishing line from the direction of that mark. The committee boat may make repeated sound signals to draw attention to the visual signal.
- 10.9 If Moveable Mark (Designation M) is laid as a mark of the course its approximate position will be indicated on a board displayed at the main committee boat either as an approximate magnetic bearing and distance (in NM) from the main committee boat or as an approximate latitude and longitude (degrees, minutes and decimal minutes format).
- 10.10 The starting and finishing lines will be formed in the vicinity of the start as described in SIs 11.1, 11.2 and 12.1 by the committee boat. The same outer limit mark will be used for both purposes.
- 10.11 Competitors should take care to avoid the Lymington – Yarmouth Ferry, they have extreme difficulty in strong winds and tides when approaching or leaving Yarmouth Harbour and yachts should give way early if there is any possible doubt.
- 10.12 RAYC Sweepstake – The course for the RAYC sweepstake is a straight “drag race” from the start line off Yarmouth, leaving Isle of Wight to Port to the imaginary finish line at Gilkicker Point.

## THE START

- 11.1 Unless in the view of the Committee conditions dictate otherwise the main committee boat will establish the starting line in the vicinity of “**On the Rocks” Buoy** (Designation 8). In the event that the main committee boat establishes the starting line elsewhere the Committee may announce its location on VHF Channel M (37). In any event, competitors shall be responsible for ascertaining the location of the main committee boat and may contact callsign SOLENT CONTROL on VHF Channel M (37) if in doubt.
- 11.2 The starting line will be an imaginary line drawn between an orange flag on the main committee boat and the course side of the starting/finishing line outer limit mark. If an inner limit mark is laid in the proximity of the main committee boat, boats shall not pass between it and the main committee boat at any time whilst racing. The inner limit mark will not necessarily lie on the starting line.
- 11.3 Boats shall cross the starting line in the direction of the first mark, leaving the starting line outer limit mark to port or starboard as appropriate.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting line.
- 11.5 The inner limit, if laid, and the outer limit mark will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.
- 11.6 The main committee boat (SOLENT CONTROL) may announce the sail numbers or names or other appropriate identifying features of boats that are OCS at the start and subject to individual recall. However, a failure of the committee boat to announce the identity of a boat that was OCS at the start shall not be a breach of these SIs nor grounds for redress.

## FINISHING LINE

- 12.1 The finishing line will be an imaginary line between the last mark of the course and a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing Committee Boat. The Committee Boat will display a blue flag when on station at the finishing line. Boats shall cross the finishing line from the direction of the preceding mark. On Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> September the finishing Committee Boat will be a motor boat ‘Blue Angle’.
- 12.2 Finish line for the RAYC Sweepstake will be an imaginary line running 120 degrees mag from Fort GILKICKER (Tower). Yachts are to take their own times and declare their actual time taken to complete the race. Times should be submitted by email or telephone to the Rear Commodore (Offshore) who will correct them based upon ratings and publish results by email.

## TIME LIMITS

13. RRS 35 is varied in that:
  - (a) If one boat sails the course as required in RRS 28.1 and finishes within the time limit, boats that do not finish within the time limit or within 50 minutes of the first boat, whichever is the later, will be scored 'Did Not Finish'.
  - (b) For a race of more than one round; if one boat sails the course as required in RRS 28.1, completing one or more rounds of the course but failing to finish within the time limit, the result will be determined by the placings at the end of the last completed round.

- (c) When the first boat in her race fails to complete the course by the time limit and SI 13(b) cannot be applied but '□' is a mark of the course, the results of the race may at the discretion of the Committee be determined by the ultimate placings of boats through the gate.
- (d) Notwithstanding the above, when the first boat in a race fails to finish within the time limit or complete one round of the course or pass through the starting/finishing line in a race in which □ is a mark of the course, the race will usually be abandoned. However in exceptional circumstances in which the Committee believes that the proximity of the leading boat to the starting/finishing line is such that a small time extension would secure a result (whether or not such a result would require it to shorten course at this point), it may be extend the time limit by hoisting Flag 'E' superior to the class flag of the class concerned and making 2 sound signals as the leading boat approaches the starting/finishing line. The time extension will cease as the first boat finishes and the flag signal will be dipped and re-hoisted. All remaining boats in class will then have a further 50 minutes in which to finish. The extension signal will be lowered when either all boats in class have finished or retired or 50 minutes has elapsed since the first boat finished, whichever is the earlier.

## **14 PENALTIES**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 (720 turns) will apply to boats that have broken a rule of Part 2 of RRS whilst racing.

## **15 RETIRING**

- 15.1 Boats intending to retire from a race shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. The Committee may be contacted by hailing or calling SOLENT CONTROL on VHF Channel M (37). If neither option is feasible, a message may be left with the RSYC on telephone 01983-760256.

## **16 PROTESTS**

- 16.1 A protesting boat shall notify the race committee, aboard the main Committee Boat where possible, of her intention to protest as soon as possible after finishing or as soon as possible after retiring from a race and advise the number(s) of the protested boat(s) and receive acknowledgment. RRS 61.1 (a) still applies.
- 16.2 Protests shall be written on RYA style protest forms available from the RSYC and the completed protest form shall be transmitted to the RSYC within 2 hours of the protesting boat's finishing time of the last race of the day.
- 16.3 The time and place of protest hearings will be posted on the Notice board in the hall of the RSYC. It is responsibility of the protestors and protestees to acquaint themselves with this information and to present themselves at the appropriate time with any witnesses they may wish to call. In the event of either party failing to be present at a hearing the protest may be heard in their absence.
- 16.4 The Race Committee and the Protest Committee may open a hearing or initiate a protest when they are advised by any means of damage caused in an incident even if notification is by way of an invalid protest. This changes RRS 60.

## DISCLAIMER AND DISPUTES

17. Competitors attention is drawn to SI 3.1 and RRS 4.

## SCORING

- 18.1 The Scoring System will be the low point scoring system in Appendix A of RRS. There will be no discards. A minimum of one race will constitute the series.
- 18.2 When there is a tie in series points between two or more boats, the tie will be broken in accordance with Appendix A of the RRS.

## PRIZES

19. The following prizes will be available:

- (a) **Bantry Cup.** Awarded to the winner of the RAYC IRC Handicap race (or series) on Saturday 06 Sep.
- (b) **Bhopal Cup.** Awarded to the winner of the RAYC Cruiser Handicap race (or series) on Saturday 06 Sep.
- (c) **The Admirals Cup.** Awarded to the winning team in the RAYC Navigation Competition on Saturday 06 Sep, sailed on Victoria 34s crewed by RA units or Establishments.
- (d) **Nawabzada Cup.** Awarded to the second placed yacht in the RAYC IRC Handicap race (or series) on Saturday 06 Sep.
- (e) **Morgan Trophy.** Awarded to the second placed yacht in the RAYC Cruiser Handicap race (or series) on Saturday 06 Sep.
- (f) **Trifle Cup.** Awarded to the second placed regimental or RA establishment team in the RAYC Navigation Competition on Saturday 06 Sep
- (g) **Golden Jubilee Trophy.** Awarded, at the discretion of the committee, to a yacht competing within either the Bantry or Bhopal fleet for special endeavours or similar.
- (h) **Challenger Trophy.** Awarded, at the discretion of the committee, to a regimental or RA establishment team participating in the RA Sail Training Week in a Victoria 34 for displaying the best act of seamanship, special endeavour or any such act deemed suitable by the committee and organizers of the RA Sail Training Week.
- (i) **Sweepstake.** 90% of total sweepstake entry fees<sup>2</sup> for each class will be awarded to (or split between) the winning yacht within each class and, if more than four boats start, the second placed yacht. If less than 3 boats start there will be no race and the sweepstake money will be refunded to individuals as appropriate.

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<sup>2</sup> Entry fees for the sweepstake are £10.00 per yacht and will be collected by Rear Commodore (Offshore), cash or cheque (payable to RAYC), on Sat 06 Sep or Sun 07 Sep in Yarmouth.