



# THE IRC SUSSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS REGATTA 2018

## EASTBOURNE

### 16-17 JUNE

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the UK national authority will apply:
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located within Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 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 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.
- 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 flag Y is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 *Racing will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018*

- 5.2 Number of races:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Races per day</u>
IRC & NHC	3
Cruiser Class	2

One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to instruction 3.

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 09:55.
- 5.4 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 four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
1	Numeral 1
2	Numeral 2
3	Numeral 3

**7 RACING AREAS**

The race area shall be the English Channel adjacent to the entrance of Sovereign Harbour Marina Eastbourne between longitude 0 deg 18.00'E (Premier Buoy) and longitude 0 deg 23.20'E (Bates Wharf Buoy) and up to 5 NM offshore.

**8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagrams in the course sheets section on the regatta web site show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

**9 MARKS**

- 9.1 All marks will be inflatable marks.
- 9.2 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

**10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- The area covered by radius of 200mtrs adjacent to the entrance to the Sovereign Harbour or other inland waterway is excluded from the race area in order general marine traffic may navigate unhindered.

**11 THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 4 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

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- 11.4 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.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.1.

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 5 places.
- 14.2 For the all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.3 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.

## 15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
NHC &	120	45	90
IRC	minutes	Minutes	Minutes

If no boat 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).

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. With the exception of the last day of the regatta when the protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 16.3 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, located at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as set out in Appendix A of the RRS.
- 17.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

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17.3 (a) When five races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 21 ADVERTISING

Boats maybe required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

## 23 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.

## 24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

## 25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Radio communications to competitors will be made via Marine Band VHF radio on the race Frequency Chanel 77

## 26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing 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 regatta.

## 27 RACE Q'S APP

The Race Committee is trialling a free tracking App RaceQs <http://raceqs.com/> to help with racing management etc. This runs on any smart phone and records a boat's track in a consistent way so that it can be used after the event. We would like to trial it for this event so please consider downloading it. We have written a few notes to help you get started.

### Quick setup and overview of the RaceQs App

The SCC Race Committee has been considering the use a tracking technology for some while as an aid to race management.

The App is free to download and use and basically works on any smartphone.

### Set up online

Go to <http://raceqs.com/> and set up an account using your email address etc in the usual way.

As a minimum in Profile enter your name, club and boat name. In Boat enter boat name, sail number (in full please e.g. GBR1234X), boat model, LOA.

Leave other Settings as default; this will enable other skippers to see the race after the event with all RaceQs boats included.

### Setup your Phone

Find and download the RaceQs App in the usual way for your own particular phone.

You will need to setup your account using your email address etc. Otherwise by default the App will be ready to record your first trip, just switch on your GPS tracking and Start Tracking. When you have finished use the Save & Upload option.

### Viewing Online

Log into your online RaceQs account and you should then see the race that you have tracked and uploaded.

**Before you go any further one word of advice – Do NOT be tempted to click on Back to classic view (bottom right hand corner), the feature doesn't work and the most likely result will be that you have to clear all your browsing history and cookies etc to recover the situation!!!**

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Other than that you can explore the features without too much problem.

After (a number of) boats have completed a race using RaceQs any participant should be able to see the whole race play back with all the RaceQs tracked boats shown. The default viewing position appears to be that if one person views a race on a particular piece of water at a particular time then they should be able to see their boat and all other boats that uploaded a track in the same race.

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