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RYA National Hornet UK National Championship

August 15th -18th 2015

Brixham Yacht Club

The Organising Authority is Brixham Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – Version 1 February 2015

PREAMBLE

The Championship will be shared with the UK National Kestrel Championships

1. RULES

- 1.1 The championship will be governed by Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), RYA National Hornet Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3 Racing Rule Changes, the following Racing Rules are changed,
 - rule 27.1 notification of course
 - rules 28, 32.2, 35 and Appendix A additional definition for a shortened course and sweep back finish system
 - rule 35 additional time limits for races,
 - rule 40 and preamble to part 4 – No display of flag Y
 - rule 44.3 – will not apply
 - rule 62.1 limitations on grounds for redress
 - rule 66 Time limits for requesting redress on last day of regatta
 - appendix A2, number of discards in a series
 - appendix A4 and A5, scores determined by the Race CommitteeFull details of the changes are given in the appropriate instructions below

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) at the Brixham Yacht Club which is located in the window of the Regatta Office which is an outside office on the harbour side of the club called the 'Holman Room', near the top of the steps from the main club house to the dinghy compound.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 08.30 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 20.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect. The changes will be numbered sequentially and indicated by flying flag "L" together with the appropriate numeral pennant. Changes to the SIs may be posted on the event website and www.brixhamyachtclub.com Hornet and Kestrels Nationals page. Notices posted on the ONB shall

prevail over web based notices. Failure to post changes to SIs on the websites shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1a.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the flag staff in the dinghy compound adjacent to Oxen Cove slipway
- 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 Boats are not permitted to launch until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed sooner than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 4.4 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 60 minutes. This adds to the meaning of AP in RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES (all times are in BST taken from GPS time)

- 5.1 Registration: Will be at Brixham Yacht Club between 19.30 and 21.00 on Friday 14th August and between 09:00 and 12:00 on Saturday 15th August 2015.
- 5.2 Competitor Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 12.00hrs on Saturday 15th August 2015 in the main bar of Brixham Yacht Club.
- 5.3 Dates of Racing from Saturday 15th August 2015 to Tuesday 18th August 2015 inclusive, The scheduled time of the warning signal for the races are as shown below;

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Warning Signal</i>	<i>Time of High Tide</i>
Saturday Aug 15 th	Briefing followed by, Races 1 and 2	Briefing: 12.00 Points Race 1: Hornets 13.55 – Kestrels – 14.05 (or 10mins after Hornet start). Race 2 asap after Race 1	HW – 07.29 – 4.7m LW – 13.24 – 1.0m
Sunday Aug 16 th	Points Races 3, 4 and 5	Points Race 3: Hornets 10.55 – Kestrels – 11.05 or 10mins after Hornet start). Races 4 and 5 asap after Race 3	HW – 08.04 – 4.7m LW – 13.57 – 1.0m
Monday Aug 17 th	Points Races 6, 7 and 8	Points Race 6: Hornets 10.55 – Kestrels – 11.05 or 10mins after Hornet start). Races 7 and 8 asap after Race 6	HW – 08.38 – 4.6m LW – 14.29 – 1.1m
Tuesday Aug 18 th	Points Races 9 and 10	Points Race 9: Hornets 10.55 – Kestrels – 11.05 or 10mins after Hornet start). Race 10 asap after Race 9	HW – 09.10 – 4.6m LW – 14.56 – 1.2m

- 5.4 After a long postponement or for second or third races of the day to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with a series of 5 horn sounds at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 No warning signal will be made after 15.00 on Tuesday August 18th.

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The Class flag will be ?.

7 RACE AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be in Torbay, Admiralty Chart 26 and will usually be located within the area indicated in Appendix 1

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in the Appendix shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the 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 RC boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 will be a 1.5m high yellow approximately spherical inflatable buoy, marks 2 and 3 will be 1m yellow spherical buoys. **The spreader mark will be a yellow 1m high narrow cylindrical buoy.**

9.2 The start marks for a line start will be:

9.2.1 The committee boat (CB) at the starboard end displaying an orange flag.

9.2.2 A dan buoy or a boat at the port end displaying an orange flag

9.3 The finishing marks will be:

9.3.1 The CB displaying a blue flag

9.3.2 A dan buoy displaying a blue flag

9.4 The change windward mark as provided in SI 13 will be an orange 1.5m high dumpy mark, **the change spreader mark will be a yellow 1m high narrow cylindrical buoy displaying a black horizontal band**

10 AREAS WHICH ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The entirety of mussel beds bearing 280° at a range of 0.7nm from the outer end of Brixham breakwater and approximately 0.25nm from the shore, including the beds marker buoy and including the entire sea area between the mussel beds and the shore are an obstruction. A diagram of the mussel beds will be displayed on the ONB.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with either a gate or a line start.

11.2 The starting line will be between the start marks as defined in SI 9.2.

11.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. STARTING PENALTIES

12.1 In the event of a General recall the identified BFD sail numbers will be displayed on the back on the CB and pin end starting boat for a minimum of 3 minutes after a long sound signal.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The Finishing Line will be between the finish marks defined in SI 9.3.

14.2 The course may be shortened by the CB at the Finishing Line. In this event the CB shall display flag S with two sound signals prior to the lead boat approaching mark 3; in addition a RC boat may be positioned adjacent to mark 3 displaying S flag. All boats shall then complete the lap they are sailing and after passing mark 3 left to port proceed to the Finishing Line where they will be deemed to have finished. This applies to ALL boats regardless of whether they are on the same lap as the leading boat. This changes and is additional to rule 32.2. Boats not on the same lap as the leading boat will be scored in the order they cross the finish line behind all boats on the same lap as the first boat to finish. This changes rules 28, 32.2, 35 and Appendix A.

14.3 After some boats have finished, the RC may record other boats as deemed to have finished before they cross the finish line to save time whether or not they were expected to complete the course within the time limit or time limit extensions. A RC boat displaying flag W will proceed from the finish line towards the previous mark, make a sound signal and verbally hail the boat that they have been recorded as deemed to have finished. The RC may record boats as deemed as finishing as per this instruction at more than one leg of the course and will if necessary continue the back sweep around the course until all boats are recorded. When a boat finishes in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which had previously finished and in the sequential order in the direction from the finish line. If another race is scheduled boats that have been hailed as per this instruction are required to proceed immediately to the starting area. This changes rules 28, 32.1, 32.2, 35 and Appendix

A. This action will be at the absolute discretion of the RO and this decision shall be final and shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1a.

15. RETIREMENT

- 15.1 A retiring helm shall sign the Retirement Declaration Sheet, one for each race retired, before the expiry of the protest time. The declaration sheets will be with the tally board in the vicinity of the Dinghy Park / slipway.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat as soon as possible.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 The scoring penalty in Rule 44.3 shall not apply

17. TARGET TIMES AND TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 The target time for the finish of the lead boat is **60 minutes**. Failure to meet this target time is not grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1a.
- 17.2 The Time Limit for each race will **be 90 minutes**.
- 17.3 Unless SI 14.2 or 14.3 are applied after the first boat has finished, the RO shall keep the finish line open for **30 minutes or until the 90 minute time limit** has expired whichever is the later. All boats finishing after the expiry of the time limit shall be scored DNF. This adds to rule 35.
- 17.4 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the regatta office.
- 18.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day and come ashore and tallied in from racing.
- 18.4 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 Cadet Hall (which is at the seaward side of Brixham Yacht Club car park on Overgang Road) beginning at the time posted.
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the RC or protest committee (PC) will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 18.6 Breaches of instructions 1.2, 4.3, 15, 20, 21, 23, 25 and 28 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 PC so decides. The scoring abbreviation of a discretionary penalty will be DPI, this changes rule 64.1.
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either
- (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.
- 18.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 18.9 Notices of Protests and redress hearings posted on the ONB shall be considered sufficient notice to all parties and witnesses. It is the responsibility of Parties to consult the ONB at or before notice expiry time before leaving the venue for the day. This changes rule 63.2.
- 18.10 The Exoneration Penalty system of the RYA will be available, the penalty under this system shall be 10% with a minimum of 2 places but not greater than DNF and will be scored DPI. This procedure can be obtained on the RYA website (www.rya.org.uk/general/rulesdisputes) and will be posted on the ONB.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Ten races are scheduled. Four races shall be completed to constitute a valid Championship.
- 19.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 When 5 to 7 races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.4 When 8 or more races have been completed; a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst 2 scores

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

- 20.1 Adequate personal flotation shall be worn at all times when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment by all competitors. Neither a wetsuit nor dry-suit constitutes adequate personal flotation. It is recommended that the 'Personal Flotation Device' (PFD) is worn outside all other clothing as this can assist rescue crews in the event of a competitor requiring assistance to be retrieved from the water. This amends and adds to the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS, rules 27.1 and 40.
- 20.2 Mandatory Tally System. The Tally System will be described at the competitors briefing.
- 20.3 A Tally Number will be allocated at Registration. This number will also be attached to the boats launching trolley.
- 20.4 Competitors shall collect and wear their tally wrist bands before going afloat.
- 20.5 The Beachmaster will be in charge of the Tally Board adjacent to the slipway.
- 20.6 Tally bands shall be returned to their correct hook on the Tally Board as soon as competitors return to the slipway. The penalty for failure to tally-out and/or tally in will be a £10 fine payable to the RNLI, subsequent failures may result in disqualification. This adds to exceptions within rule 63.1 and 64.1.
- 20.7 It is strongly advised that Long hair on all crew shall be tied up or restrained to eliminate the risk of entanglement.
- 20.8 On arrival in the racing area each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the CB on starboard.

21. LOCAL NAVIGATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 21.1 All competitors should be aware that Brixham is a commercial working port and regard should be given to commercial craft including ferries and fishing vessels. It is strongly advised to avoid the main channel in the harbour and the port and starboard navigational marks near the outer end of Brixham Breakwater.

22 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 22.1 Substitution of helmsmen will not be allowed and of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

23. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class rules and SIs.
- 23.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a RC equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

24. OUTSIDE HELP

- 24.1 Any boat that receives outside help, whether permitted by rule 41 or not, shall report the facts to the RC within the time period for protests.

25 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 25.1 Boats may be required to display event advertising supplied by the OA as follows. If supplied boats will be required to affix stickers on both the port and starboard side of the forward 25% of the hull above the water line and horizontally to the gunwale and are not to be cut and defaced in anyway.

26 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 26.1 Official boats will be described at the briefing and a written description placed on the ONB by 09.00 Friday August 14th.
- 26.2 All official boats shall display a numbered flag for identification.

27 SUPPORT BOATS

- 27.1 Support and coach boats shall register at the Regatta Office during the registration periods to record the sail number of the boat they are supporting.
- 27.2.1 Each support and coach boat shall be represented at the safety briefings by her crew. Each coach / support boat shall at all times clearly display an identification number supplied by the OA and this number will ONLY be issued at the end of the safety briefing on Saturday 14th August to persons who have attended that briefing. A returnable deposit of £10 shall be paid for the identification number. No other individual support boats shall be used.

- 27.2.2 There will be a safety briefing at 10:30 on Saturday 14th August and 09:00 on Sunday 15th – Tuesday 18th August.
- 27.3.1 Each coach / support boat shall carry a VHF radio capable of operating all normal VHF working channels.
- 27.3.2 Each coach / support boat shall maintain watch on the safety working channel to be agreed at the safety briefing. Each boat shall maintain contact with the Event Safety Officer and Course Safety Leader. When flag V is displayed on the Committee Boat and / or the port end starting vessel team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall collaborate with the RC in rescue tasks and may be permitted inside the racing area as defined in SI 27.4
- 27.4 Except when participating in rescue operations, team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished, deemed to have finished, retired or the RC signals a postponement or abandonment. The racing area is defined as the area inside the course and within 50m of any mark, lay line, starting line, finishing line or any area where a boat that is racing is sailing or may sail.
- 27.5 Any support personnel who interfere with the racing in any way including, in the opinion of the RC, making excessive wash across the race course will result in a protest against the boat associated with that personnel and possible disqualification of that boat.

28 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 28.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Breaches of RRS 55 may incur a penalty less than disqualification at the discretion of the PC.

39 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 29.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

30 PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING

- 30.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winning boat in the Championship. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.
- 30.2 The Prize giving will be held on Tuesday 18th August.

31 RISK STATEMENT

- 31.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 31.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - (g) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face conditions that they may incur, that their crew is sufficient in experience and fitness to withstand such weather.
 - (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against 3rd party claims.

INSPECTIONS

The fact the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor in this Notice of Race

32 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 32.1 By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA, the National Hornet Class Association and event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and any other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.