



Hornet European and Kestrel National Championships 2018

Sailing Instructions

11th to 14th August 2018

Organised by Thorpe Bay Yacht Club in association with the RYA National Hornet Class Association and the Kestrel Owners Association.

The notation '[DP]' next to a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and:
 - 1.1.1. for Hornets the rules of the RYA National Hornet Association, or
 - 1.1.2. for Kestrels the rules of the Kestrel Owners Associationexcept as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Competitors must enter on the forms provided and pay the appropriate entry fee.
- 1.3. For the duration of the regatta Competitors are temporary members of Thorpe Bay Yacht Club and will be subject to the rules of the club.
- 1.4. Thorpe Bay Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter which requires competitors to sail and organisers to provide racing in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 – 2020.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse lobby.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than 90 minutes before the start of a race it affects, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the Clubhouse.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. There will be a briefing for competitors in the bar on the 1st floor of the clubhouse on Saturday 11th August at 09.30.

5.2. Schedule of races:

Day	Race	Time	High Water
Saturday 11 th August	2 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 10.55	13.13
Sunday 12 th August	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 11.25	14.01
Monday 13 th August	3 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.10	14.47
Tuesday 14 th August	2 races, sailed back-to-back	First warning signal 12.55	15.31

5.3. There are 10 races scheduled.

5.4. The starting order shall be Hornets then Kestrels.

5.5. When more than one race is scheduled for the same day (or sequence of races for two or more classes), the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

5.6. One extra race per day may be sailed without prior notice, provided it results in the series being no more than one race ahead of schedule. This changes SIs 3.1 and 5.2.

5.7. No starting signal will be made after 15:00hrs on the last day of racing.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The class flags will be:

6.1.1. Hornets: Third Substitute.

6.1.2. Kestrels: International Code Flag F.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. The racing area is in the Thames Estuary to the South of the clubhouse.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The table in Attachment A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2. The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the stern of the Committee Boat before the Preparatory signal. This changes RRS 27.1.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks will normally be large orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1. A patrol boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

11. THE START

- 11.1. The start line is defined as the line between the mast on a Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and an outer starting line mark, normally an orange or yellow inflatable buoy. Should an inner distance mark be laid near the Committee Boat, boats must pass between this mark and the outer starting mark.
- 11.2. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS Appendix A rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 12.2. Signalling the direction of change: RRS 33 (a) (2) is changed: a green or red flag will be displayed to indicate that the mark has been moved to starboard or port.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and the finish line mark, normally an orange or yellow inflatable buoy with a blue flag.
- 13.2. Boats which, in the opinion of the Race Officer, have no chance of finishing within the timeout defined in 15.3, may be given a finishing position in the following way. A race committee vessel displaying International Code Flag W will travel back along the fleet recording finishing positions as boats are passed. A sound signal will be made for each boat recorded. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position when this process is applied shall be the position she would have received had she sailed the course and finished correctly, crossing the finish line in the position recorded by the vessel displaying International Code Flag W. When two or more boats that are overlapped are notified in this way, they will be scored as if they were tied. No boat finished in this way will be awarded a position ahead of a boat that finished normally. This changes RRS 28.1 and RRS 35. Failure to implement this shall not be grounds for redress.

14. NOT USED

15. TIME LIMIT

- 15.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Time limit first boat</u>	<u>Mark 1 time limit</u>	<u>Target time</u>
90 minutes	45 minutes	60 minutes

- 15.2. 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 RRS 62.1 (a)
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish or awarded a position using the process in SI 13.2. This changes RRS 35 and A4 and A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available behind the bar in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

- 16.2.** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The Race Committee may extend this in exceptional circumstances. The same time limit applies to requests for redress. This changes Rule 62.2.
- 16.3.** Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Training Room in the ground floor of the club house.
- 16.4.** Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5.** RYA Arbitration. The exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice board for details.

17. SCORING

- 17.1.** Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship series.
- 17.2.** (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
(c) When seven or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her two worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1.** Check out and check in: it is the responsibility of the helmsman of each yacht to ensure that its departure for racing and subsequent return are recorded on the Declaration Form provided at the top of the slipway or in the Bosun's Hut, whether or not the yacht starts or completes a race. Helmsmen must sign-off on the Declaration Form within one hour of finishing the race, or within one hour of finishing the last race of the day if races are sailed back-to-back. If more than one race is scheduled helmsmen must sign-off separately for each race they completed, or indicate DNS or DNF as appropriate. Failure to sign off correctly will incur a penalty of £10 for the first offence. For second and subsequent offences the boat will be disqualified from the race(s) concerned. [DP]
- 18.2.** A boat that retires from a race shall notify a Patrol Boat crew as soon as possible. [DP]
- 18.3.** Personal flotation devices: RRS40 is changed, flag Y will not be used. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits or drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1.** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2.** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. [DP]

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1.** 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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2.** For Hornets only, the following additional rules apply:
- 20.2.1. Before a boat is eligible to race, her current, valid measurement certificate may be required to be presented at the Race Office or its existence verified.
- 20.2.2. All boats shall sail under their registered class number. Only pre-measured sails that have been inspected for the event and stamped shall be used. 2 Jibs, 2 Mains and 2 Spinnakers only may be presented for registration. A competitor has automatic race committee authorization to substitute one of their registered sails for another.
- 20.2.3. Subject to the written permission of the Race Committee a boat chartered or borrowed for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number to be displayed on all sails used in the regatta which may be different from the number of the boat as stated on the measurement certificate provided that this declared number shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta.

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 21.1.** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority and the Class Association.

22. NOT USED

23. SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1.** 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 start until all boats have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.2.** Support boats may be requested to assist the race committee with rescue duties and shall monitor VHF channel 37 at all times whilst afloat.

24 – 26 NOT USED

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1.** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

28. PRIZES

- 28.1.** Prizes will be awarded as set out in the Notice of Race and advised during the regatta.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 29.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 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.

29.2. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone.” Sailing is by 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 to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their 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 a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

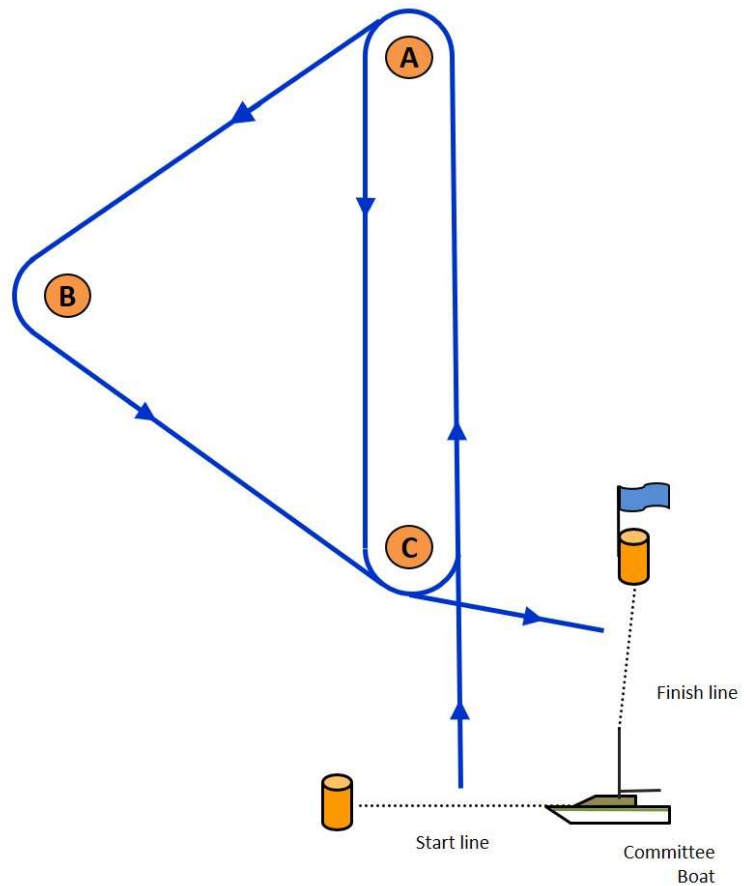
30. INSURANCE

- 30.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A – THE COURSE

Course Diagram

This diagram is designed to show the approximate layout of marks and their order of rounding. It is neither to scale nor in proportion. Mark A is the intended windward mark.



Table

# Rounds	1 round	2 rounds	3 rounds	4 rounds	5 rounds
Course	A, B, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, A, C, Finish	A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, A, C, A, B, C, Finish

All marks to port.

Mark C may be laid after the start.

On the final lap upon passing mark C boats shall proceed to the finish line.

If the shorten course flag is displayed in the vicinity of mark C boats shall pass mark C in the normal way and proceed to the finish line. This changes RRS 32.2 and the Notice of Race.