



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Coastal and Offshore Series 2017

The Articles forming this document shall prevail over the BMYC Coastal, and BMYC Offshore, Series 2017 ONLY.

1 RULES

1.1 The following Definitions shall apply:

- a) - 'Organising Authority' means the Race Committee of Brighton Marina Boat Club;
- b) - 'Race Management Team' means the Series Officer, Race Officer of the day together with any assistants accompanying the Race Officer, or any appointed surrogate.
- c) - 'Article' means a provision of these Sailing Instructions; a reference to 'Article' will be accompanied by the relevant Article Number.

1.2 Racing will be governed by the current version of:

- a) ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) - [http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-\[20946\].pdf](http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/WorldSailingRRS20172020-[20946].pdf);
- b) The prescriptions of the RYA Racing Charter - <http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>;
- c) BMYC Safety Regulations:

Series	Safety Regulations	Web Address
Coastal Series	BMYC Coastal	http://bmyc.org.uk/racing/racing-information/
Offshore Series	BMYC Offshore	http://bmyc.org.uk/racing/racing-information/

- d) The prescriptions of:
 - (i) The prescriptions of the BMYC National Handicap for Cruisers scheme (NHC) - <http://bmyc.org.uk/racing/racing-information/>Or
 - (ii) IRC - https://ircrating.org/images/stories/pdf/2017/irc2017_rule.pdf,
as applicable to the Group.

1.3 Boats unknown to the Organising Authority must register with the Organising Authority, via the NHC Registration form prior to competing - <http://bmyc.org.uk/racing/racing-information/>.

1.4 Boats competing under IRC shall register a current Rating via posting the relative email from the rating office to the Organising Committee (via BMYC Office).

1.5 Class Association Rules shall not apply.

1.6 Each participating boat shall register a copy of the Insurance Certificate with the Organising Authority before the Boat competes in any race; in event Insurance cover lapses or is withdrawn she shall not compete. See Article 24.1.

1.7 IRC Rule 22.1.1 is deleted and replaced by 'bunk cushions shall be carried aboard; this is extended to apply to all competing boats.

1.8 IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by 'Subject to a decision by the person-in-charge and rules declared in these Sailing Instructions, no restriction shall apply to the maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat. No restrictions on crew weight shall apply.'

1.9 A boat's sail number shall be consistent for all races of the series unless written permission is granted from the Organising Authority.



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1.10 RRS Rules changed by Articles of these sailing instructions are:

RRS Rule 26	Changed by	Article 11.4	RRS Rule44.1	Changed by	Article 17.4
RRS Preamble to Part 4	Changed by	Article 20.4	RRS Rule62.1(a)	Changed by	Article 11.5
RRS Rule 35	Changed by	Article 13.2	RRS Appendices A4 and A5	Changed by	Article 11.9 Article 20.6
RRS Rule 40	Changed by	Article 20.4			

1.11 Where safety rules of the above named organisations conflict the higher specification shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Racing notice board in the foyer of Brighton Marina Boat Club.
- 2.2 Changes to Race Management Documents, including; but, not limited to: Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, Safety Regulations; may be posted to the racing/information page of the BMYC website: www.bmyc.org.uk or at the racing notice board at the BMYC clubhouse. In addition, it is the intention of the Organising Authority to notify a change to Race Management Documents to racing members of BMYC via email.
- 2.3 It shall be the responsibility of the competitor to confirm content of Race Management Documents prior to competing in any race; failure of the Organising Authority to notify racing members of a change to Race Management Documents (i) by all methods stated in Article 2.2; or, (ii) in part or in whole; shall not form grounds for a request for redress. See Article 2.2.
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3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Organising Authority may amend these Sailing Instructions; amended versions shall be annotated numerically in sequential order and date of amendment and published as per Article 2.2.
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4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Under circumstances where boats are signed-on and it is not possible to Start the Race at the time notified in the Notice of Race; any decision made ashore to postpone or abandon racing will be notified via displaying a flag sequence at the mast at the patio of BMYC clubhouse; the interpretation of said flag sequence shall be as defined in RRS.
- 4.2 Use of a numeral pennant shall signify the number of 30minute periods in any postponement.
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5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The number of races scheduled to run, Date of each race, Method of Signing-On and Start Time shall be as declared in the Notice of Race aligned to the specific Series.
- 5.2 The Notice of Race, or subsequent amendment to the Notice of Race whichever is the most recent, shall take priority over the Race Calendar. Where Race Details shown in the Notice of Race differ from that shown in Race Calendar this shall not form grounds for a request for redress. See Article 2.2.
- 5.3 Races shall be run and scored in sequential numerical order; the number of races to be run on each date aligned to any Notice of Race shall default to one.
- 5.4 Where the number of boats, from any Group, which are signed on and arrive at the start area, is 1 or less the race for said Group shall not be run, instead the race for said Group shall be Abandoned.
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6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags shall be:

Coastal Series Group 1 IRC 1 and NHC 1 Numeral Pennant 1



Coastal Series Group 2 IRC 2 and NHC 2 Numeral Pennant 2



Offshore Series

Races 1 and 3 As per event organiser Instructions.

Races 2 and 4 Combined Fleet (Dual Scoring IRC and NHC) Numeral Pennant 2



6.2 All competing boats shall display the appropriate Class Flag or Pennant from their backstay, or, in the absence of a backstay, some other conspicuous position at the stern of the boat.

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The race area shall be the English Channel. As guidance:

Coastal Series Between longitude 0deg 00'.000 E (Greenwich Meridian) and longitude 50deg 38'00N, 1deg 39'.00W (The Bridge Bank, Western Solent Channel) and up to 25 nm offshore.

Offshore Series Between Brighton and North Coast of France

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The Course for each race shall be:

Coastal Series Announced on the date of the race by the Race Officer via Course Chart or Verbally via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency.

Offshore Series

Races 1 and 3 As per event organiser Instructions.

Races 2 and 4 Announced on the date of the race by the Series Officer (or Surrogate) at port of departure via Course Chart or Verbally via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency.

9 MARKS

9.1 Courses may be formed of Fixed Special Purpose Buoys or Laid Inflatable Buoys or any combination of each.

9.2 A chart with positions of BMYC fixed buoys may be downloaded via <http://bmyc.org.uk/racing/racing-information/>

9.3 Description and location of Laid Marks will be confirmed by the Race Officer prior to the first warning signal.

9.4 A mark, forming an inner distance mark (IDM), located adjacent to the race management vessel shall be deemed part of the race management vessel.

10 DESIGNATED AREAS OF OBSTRUCTION

10.1 A competing boat shall not make passage to the area between an inshore line marked by a row of small yellow buoys alongside the shoreside water line; this area is designated for swimming only.

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

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11 THE START

11.1 The Race Officer may start a race from a Race Control Vessel or a Shore Based Location or via a 'Gate Start':

- a) **Race Control Vessel** - The default race control Vessel at the Start will be a blue hulled motor launch named MV Admiral Jack with the wording "Race Control" on each side of the hull in orange letters; the Organising Authority may substitute another Vessel as the Race Control Vessel at a Start Line - The Start Line will be formed between a fixed mast of a Race Control Vessel at one end, on which an Orange Flag is displayed, AND a buoy at its opposite end.
- b) **Shore Based Station** –The location of the Shore Based Start shall form part of the course instructions. The Start Line may be formed between a fixed Shore Based point and a buoy at sea or via use of Shore Based Orange Triangles forming Transit Markers.
- c) **Gate Starts** – See Section **Error! Reference source not found.**, Gate Starts.

11.2 Races will be started using the sequence defined in RRS Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.3 To alert competitors that a start sequence is about to begin:

- a) If managing the race from a Race control Vessel: the orange flag will be displayed at least five minutes before a warning signal is made to signal 'the Race Committee Vessel is On Station';
or,
- b) If managing the race from a Shore Based Station or Gate Start, via verbal announcement via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency.

11.4 Signals made during the start sequence shall default to the use of Flags; the Race Officer may supersede flag signals with verbal announcements via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency at the timed intervals defined in RRS Rule 26. This changes RRS Rule 26.

11.5 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race management team will attempt to broadcast her sail number via Marine Band VHF Radio on the race frequency (see Article 21.1) Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately shall not form grounds for a request for redress. See Article 2.2. This changes RRS Rule 62.1(a).

11.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and avoid impeding those boats under start sequence.

11.7 No sail shall be used forward of the mast until clear of the start line with exception of a headsail as defined in RRS Rule 50.4.

11.8 At start of a long postponement the Orange flag will be removed and the Answering Pennant displayed. RRS Rule 27.3 shall apply.

11.9 A boat failing to start within 30 minutes following her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS Rules A4 and A5.

12 GATE STARTS

12.1 A gate start shall not be used where the wind angle is greater than 45 degrees either side of a line drawn between the Start Buoy and the First Mark of the course. The First Mark of the course shall be to windward of the Start Buoy.

12.2 The Race Officer shall make clear the Start Buoy and Gate Boat via the Course Chart or Verbally via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency. The 'Gate Boat' may be a boat competing in the race.

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- 12.3 The Start Line shall be a line formed between the Stern of the Gate Boat and the Start Buoy after the Start Signal.
- 12.4 The Gate Boat shall time her approach to the Start Buoy to coincide with arriving at the Start Buoy at the Start Time or as soon as is possible thereafter; to facilitate timing of arriving at the Start Buoy at the Start Time the Gate Boat may take advantage of using engine propulsion under RRS Rule 42.3(i) up to time of the Start Signal. In all cases the Time of the Gate Boat arriving at the Start Buoy shall be recorded as the official Start Time.
- 12.5 At the Start Time, the Gate Boat shall adopt a heading Close Hauled on a Port Tack and maintain such heading until the Start Period has expired. The Start period shall be defined as commencing at time of the Warning Signal and ending at such time all competing boats have crossed the Start Line, or 2 minutes after the Start Signal, whichever is the lesser time.
- 12.6 Prior to the Start Signal competing boats shall keep to leeward, and clear astern, of the Gate Boat.
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13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The Time Limit for a race is:

Coastal Series Twenty-Four Hours for all Boats.

Offshore Series

Races 1 and 3 As per event organiser Instructions.

Races 2 and 4 Twenty-Four Hours for all Boats.

13.2 Any boat finishing after the time limit has expired shall be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 35.

14 THE FINISH

14.1 The Finish shall be confirmed in the Course Instructions announced by Series Officer (or Surrogate) at port of departure via Course Chart or Verbally via Marine Band VHF Radio on the Race Frequency.

14.2 Each competing boat to take own time in the format HH:MM:SS GMT via the Boat's GPS.

15 DECLARATION

15.1 Competing boats shall complete declaration as per table:

Coastal Series A boat shall be deemed 'Declared' on receipt of the 'Stand-Down' text message in keeping with the BMYC SOSDAS Procedure.

Offshore Series

Races 1 and 3 As per event organiser Instructions.

Races 2 and 4 A boat shall be deemed 'Declared' on receipt of the 'Stand-Down' text message in keeping with the BMYC SOSDAS Procedure.

15.2 BMYC Races Only – Competing boats shall complete declaration to confirm:

- a) The course has been completed;
- b) The Boat has complied with the Rules as stated in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions aligned to the Race;
- c) The Boat is within 'Safe Haven' and all crew are ashore;
- d) Finish Time.

15.3 BMYC Races Only – Declaration shall be accepted up to 24 hours after the start signal.

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15.4 BMYC Races Only – Declaration text message received after the declaration time limit shall be scored 'DND' "Did Not Declare"; boats scored 'DND' shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats in the Series.

16 PROPULSION

16.1 RRS rule 42 shall apply with exception the Gate Boat taking advantage of using engine propulsion under RRS Rule 42.3(i) up to time of the Start Signal, shall be exonerated; this changes RRS rule 42.

17 PENALTY SYSTEM

17.1 Rules aligned to Penalties shall apply as per table:

Coastal Series Articles 17.2 - 17.5 of BMYC Coastal and Offshore Series Sailing Instructions.

Offshore Series

Races 1 and 3 As per event organiser Instructions.

Races 2 and 4 Articles 17.2 – 17.5 of BMYC Coastal and Offshore Series Sailing Instructions.

17.2 Boats recorded as OCS at time of Starting Signal shall be score via the scoring abbreviation DNS without a Protest Hearing.

17.3 The provisions of RRS Appendix P shall not apply.

17.4 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. This changes RRS Rule 44.1.

17.5 In the event a boat is disqualified for any reason she shall be scored via the scoring abbreviation "DNE".

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

18.1 Registered breaches of Rules, Incidents whilst racing and requests for Redress shall be resolved via the following procedure:

- a) **Advisory Hearing** - Where a competitor, protest committee or member of the Race Management Team is subject of an incident relating to a rules infringement and where said party has no wish to register a request for a formal hearing, said party may request an advisory hearing via the Organising Authority. The Organising Authority shall notify any additional parties involved in the incident, arrange for a single adviser and call a hearing to learn the circumstance of the incident. The Advisor will state whether any rule may have been broken, and by which party. A decision by the advisor is for educational purposes.
- b) **Arbitration** - With exception of RRS Rule 66; where a protest is registered the defending party may request, or, the Organising Authority or Protest Committee may recommend, RYA Arbitration. If the parties concerned and the protest committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable a single arbitrator will hear the evidence and decide whether or not a rule has been broken, and, if so, which rule(s) and why. Unless the incident has caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage, the Arbitrator will invite the person-in-charge of the boat that appears to have caused the incident to retire. The boat that has retired under advice of the Arbitrator shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident. Where the boat that appears to have caused the incident declines the advice to retire a protest hearing may follow; however, the offer of retiring shall remain open until time of the Protest hearing and, if taken before the Protest hearing, will negate the Protest hearing, insodoing, avoiding the possibility of disqualification.
- c) **Protest and Request for Redress** - Protests and Requests for Redress shall be notified to the Organising Authority as soon as possible which, in all cases, shall be no later than 90 minutes (60 minutes for Evening races) after the boat has finished the last race of the day - This changes RRS Rule 61.3.
 - i The Protest Form is available from the Organising Authority or via <http://bmyc.org.uk/racing/racing-information/>.

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- ii Notices of protests registered by the Race Management Team or Protest Panel will be posted in keeping with Article 18.1(c)(iii) to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1(b).
- iii 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 at the venue stated in the protest notice.
- iv The Organising Authority will endeavour to arrange a hearing to take place on the date the protest or request for redress is registered; under any circumstances, a first hearing shall take place not later than 2 weeks following the date of registration. Date of any subsequent hearing shall be notified at the first hearing.

18.2 A list of boats that have been penalised under Article 16.1 (breaking RRS Rule 42) or Article 17.117.2 (OCS) will be posted before the protest time limit.

19 SCORING

19.1 The High Point scoring system shall be used.

19.2 Elapsed times will be extrapolated via:

Coastal Series Recorded Start and Declared Finish time - See 13.2.

Offshore Series

Races 1 and 3 Published official results.

Races 2 and 4 Recorded Start and Declared Finish time - See Article 13.2.

19.3 Corrected times for a race shall be rounded to the nearest second with 0.5 seconds rounding up.

19.4 The number of discards allowable is given in the Notice of Race aligned to the series.

19.5 By signing on for any race the person-in-charge agrees the boat shall be scored under NHC within the Group of entry for all races of the Series. Subject to the provisions of Article 1.2d)(ii) and the provisions of Article 1.4 a boat may be 'Dual-Scored' HNC and IRC.

19.6 A provisional list of race results may be posted on the Race Notice Board as soon as possible after the last boat has finished the race. Race results are not deemed confirmed until official results are published. Series results will be based on official race results published following the last race of the Series.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS

20.1 All competing boats shall sign-on prior to competing in race; refer to NOR aligned to Series.

20.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify the Race Officer via the BMYC SOSDAS procedure ASAP after retiring.

20.3 All competing boats shall complete the declaration in accordance with the Articles of Section 15.

20.4 Subject to a decision of the Person-in-Charge to the contrary, personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times whilst at sea.

20.5 A boat may be inspected for compliance with safety requirements at any time by a scrutineer appointed by the Organising Authority for that purpose.

20.6 Any boat failing, refusing or unable to comply with any of Article 1.2c); or, Article 15.1; or, any of Articles 20.1-20.5 shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes [RRS Rules](#) A4 and A5.

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21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 The Race Frequency shall be Marine Band VHF Channel 77.
- 21.2 During the race, the Organising Authority call-sign shall be BMYC Race Control.
- 21.3 General announcements to competitors shall be announced using the call-sign “BMYC Race Fleet”.
- 21.4 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 portable radio-telephone equipment.
- 21.5 All boats are asked to monitor VHF Ch16 and VHF Ch77 whilst at sea (Dual watch).
- 21.6 All boats shall observe all instructions given by the emergency services regarding use of VHF Ch16.
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22 BEHAVIOUR

- 22.1 The Person-in-Charge of a boat associated with the Brighton Marina Boat Club and/or sailing under the BMYC banner will be held responsible for the behaviour and actions of all crew at all times during such events. Any misbehaviour which is deemed likely to bring the name of the Brighton Marina Boat Club into disrepute will render the boat concerned disqualified without a hearing; serious occurrences could result in the crew being banned from taking part in any event associated with the Brighton Marina Boat Club.
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23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the racing event entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with (prior to, during, or after) the racing event.
- 23.2 It is stressed that Competing owners and crews are expected to observe and embrace the provisions of the BMYC Safety Regulations. The spirit of BMYC Racing requires that owners and/or crew shall not seek to make changes to the boat design or fixed or portable equipment forming the boat where such changes are specifically engineered to gain advantage at the expense of removing or changing safety features or may compromise Safety at sea. Any exploitation of the provisions of the BMYC Safety Regulations is discouraged; reported incidences of exploitation shall be subject to disciplinary hearing and may result in disqualification.
- 23.3 All boats entered in the racing event shall comply with the following minimum safety requirements at all times:
- The boat is fully found and seaworthy; this includes, both, Construction and Maintenance; shall be Maintained and Found such that the boat may be declared as Seaworthy at all times whilst ‘under way’; under circumstances whereby the condition of a boat shall cease to be Seaworthy and/or Found she shall retire from racing with immediate effect and make for safe haven.
 - The skills/experience of each crew member aboard is (i) sufficient to warrant as competent at sea under the prevailing conditions, and (ii) familiarised with the location of equipment aboard and how to use said equipment.
 - All boats shall be equipped with lifejackets sufficient to equip each person aboard (see Rule 5.01 of ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 - Category 4 – Monohulls).
 - The safety equipment carried aboard is adequate, of serviceable condition and commensurate with the premise of self-rescue.
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24 INSURANCE

- 24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured for racing with third-party liability insurance in the name of the Person-in-Charge, and any surrogate, with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.