

# NORTH DEVON YACHT CLUB

## Sailing Instructions for Pursuit Race – Wrecker 2018

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### **1.0 RULES.**

**1.1** The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

**1.2** Racing Rule 44 is amended to 1 penalty turn

### **2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY.**

**2.1** The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2million shall be the responsibility of the Owner / Competitor racing the craft. The establishment of these Sailing Instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the Owner / Competitor for his Crew, his boat, and the management thereof. The Race Organisers shall not be liable for any loss or damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused to the Competitor / Owner, his Skipper or Crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every Owner / Competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race or races.

### **2.2 Distinguishing Numbers.**

Under exceptional circumstances the Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing mark other than that required by RRS Rule 77. This changes the RSS rule 77

### **3.0 SAFETY**

#### **3.1 Personal Buoyancy.**

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all dinghy competitors at all times. Wet suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

#### **3.2 Restrictions on being afloat.**

Competitors shall not be afloat when IC Code Flag H is flying from the NDYC Mast.

#### **3.3 Signing on.**

All competitors must sign on at the registration desk in the clubhouse and collect trackers.

## **4.0 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS.**

### **4.1 Class Signals.**

There will be a 5 minute, 4 minute and 1 minute warning signal from either the committee boat. At the start the committee boat shall display a 0 on the countdown board that shall be the start signal for the first class in the Pursuit race.

Individual recall MAY only be given by megaphone or Rescue boat if possible, and the race committee shall NOT be obliged to fly IC flag X or make a sound signal. This changes RRS 29.1. It remains the responsibility of competitors to ensure they do not start prematurely.

### **4.2 Notices to Competitors.**

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the notice boards in the entrance to the club changing rooms.

### **4.3 Courses.**

The courses to be sailed will be displayed in the entrance to the club changing rooms, but care will be used to ensure slower boats can get away cleanly at the start.

### **4.4 Signals made ashore.**

These will be hoisted on the NDYC mast, or the mast on the Control Tower roof.

### **4.5 Changes to the Sailing Instructions.**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised starting time. IC Code Flag L will be hoisted at the NDYC mast if changes to the Sailing Instructions have been made.

## **5.0 COURSE AREA**

### **5.1 Courses.**

Courses will be set within the Taw and Torridge estuaries and Bideford Bay. Great care should be taken if sailing amongst boats moored off Instow beach and boats moored off Appledore.

### **5.2 Course Marks.**

Marks will be fixed yellow cans, large inflatable orange or yellow buoys, round yellow marks or navigation marks. Where possible large inflatable buoys shall be used.

The Start Line is not a mark of the course after you have started – this means you DO NOT have to pass through the start line each lap.

## **6.0 STARTS**

### **6.1 Starting Times.**

If different from the program the time of the start of the first race will be indicated with the course to be sailed on the course boards.

## 7.0 STARTING INSTRUCTIONS

### 7.1 Starting Line.

The start line will be between a Committee Boat flying an Orange Flag and an Outer Distance Mark. The start line is expected to be in Outer Home / Appledore area but MAY be changed with the notice on the Race Notice Board.

### 7.2 Starting Procedure – Pursuit racing

See NOR and Club Course Notice board for individual class starting times

### 7.3 Start Sequence

The start sequence shall be 5, 4, 1, Go with the first class to start when the start signal is given and a “0” is shown on the Countdown board on the committee boat. Every minute that passes the countdown board will update to 1,2,3,4,... until the final class starts. If your start time is 14 minutes you start when the number 14 is displayed.

It is the responsibility of the competitors to check the number board and to know the start time for themselves.

The start times will be published on the race notice board and in the NOR and preliminary start times are listed below. Any start times listed on the club notice board are final. The Start Time calculations will be rounded to the nearest minute and shall be based on a Modified 2018 PY with a tidal correction in favour of slower boats starting in stronger tides.

Premature starters will be awarded OCS points.

### 7.4 Start Signals

Time/Event	Flag	Sound	Comment
5 minutes to start	Class Flag Up	One Blast	Flag C will be used as the 5 min warning signal unless otherwise advised
4 minutes to start	Prep Flag Up	One Blast	Prep Flag - Flag P
1 minute to start	Prep Flag Down	One Blast	
Start	Class Flag Down	One Blast	The number 0 will be shown on the Countdown board on the committee boat. There after minutes will be recorded 1,2,3.. until the last class starts. A sound signal MAY be made after each subsequent start
Individual Recall			The RO MAY attempt to notify any premature starters
General Recall			There shall be no General Recalls

## Note OCS

**Any boat over the line within 1 minute of their start Round the Ends Rule is applied under Rule 30.1 in the RSS and changes the meaning of Rule 26**

NOTE: After the final start the committee boat may move to a turning mark to assist in finishing

## 8.0 FINISHING

### 8.1 Finishing Instructions.

The race will finish after 120 minutes have elapsed from the first start. There will be a sound signal from the tower and all Rescue boats.

There may be GPS trackers on all boats to assist in recording finishing positions.

The lead boat may be picked up by a patrol boat who will be flying an orange flag. The patrol boat on the finishing time will move swiftly through the fleet in reverse order recording sail numbers at least to the next mark.

Further patrol boats flying orange flags will be stationed on turning marks to record positions of the fleet passing the buoy.

When you are passed by a patrol boat or when you pass the next turning mark after the finishing time you will have finished must return home.

All competitors are strongly advised as the finish time approaches to sail close to the course line defined as between the mark behind and in front. If sailing to windward you are advised **not to sail** to the course boundaries.

In the event that rescue boats have other duties to perform and are unable to finish the race you should proceed to the end of the leg and note the boat in front and behind you before returning to the beach / club. If a rescue boat advises you they have your number and you may return to the club and should do so immediately.

Competitors are advised to note the sail number of the boat ahead and behind them.

**Your finishing position will be deemed by the RO to be our best estimate of where you were at the end of the 120min race with the aid of Trackers, patrol boats, and positions at mark rounding**

## **8.2 Finishing Signals**

There will be no sound signals other than the 120 minute finish signal from all Race support boats. All race support boats shall where possible change the NDYC flag to an Orange Flag.

## **9.0 MARK MISSING**

When any mark is either missing or has shifted, the Race Committee shall, when possible, replace it in its stated position, or substitute a similar one, or a boat displaying IC Code Flag M.

## **10.0 Time Limit.**

The time limit of the race will be 120 minutes .

## **11.0 TOUCHING A MARK**

A yacht which touches a mark shall exonerate herself in accordance with RRS 44.1.

## **12.0 PROTESTS.**

### **12.1 Closing Time.**

The closing time for protests will be ONE HOUR after the completion of the day's racing. NDYC has adopted the RYA Racing Charter and this event is sailed in accordance therewith, with all three types of hearing being available. If Type 2 or Type 3 hearing is requested, Protest Forms will be available at the club, and must be returned to the Race Officer when completed.

### **12.2. Protest Hearings.**

The time and place of hearings will be posted on the notice boards in the entrance to the changing rooms and the clubhouse.

### **12.3. Protest Requirements.**

Protesting yachts must act in accordance with RRS 61.1