



GUERNSEY YACHT CLUB
SPiRiT YACHTS REGATTA
25th JUNE – 2ND JULY 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: Guernsey Yacht Club LBG

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. GENERAL

1.1 Rules

- 1.1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.1.2 Appendix WP of the Racing Rules of Sailing – Addendum B
- 1.1.3 World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations Category 4, except as changed by the Notice of Race.
- 1.1.5 A boat shall not receive information (other than that publicly available to all) which might help her in the regatta. In the case of weather information, a boat may receive from outside the boat for which it has paid a fee provided that the information it receives is available to all boats on the same terms and that such information is not specifically tailored to the situation of the boat receiving it. This changes RRS 41.
- 1.1.6 Within 0.75nm. of the St. Peter Port Harbour entrance sailing vessels must not impede the passage of commercial shipping entering or leaving the harbour. Yachts must keep well clear, particularly of larger vessels in this area. [NP]
- 1.1.7 The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat at any time during the regatta for a breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or the Harbour regulations based on a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).
- 1.1.8 In the event of a conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.1.9 RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply.
- 1.1.10 Breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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1.1.1 One race out of the series must be completed with a female helm who must helm from before the preparatory signal until after the finish. Race to be selected by the yacht's regular helm and crew and the race committee should be notified before the start of the selected race.

1.2 Communications

1.2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which will be the Race Committee WhatsApp Group

1.2.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Guernsey Yacht Club main flag staff under the Spirit Yachts Flag.

1.2.3 There will be a daily briefing in the regatta marquee at 9:00am Sunday, Tuesday and Friday, and 1030hrs Monday. The briefing for the passage race on Thursday 30th June will take place at Guernsey Yacht Club at 1700hrs on Wednesday 29th June.

1.2.4 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee will be "Spirit One". VHF International Channel 37A(M1) will be used to communicate with Competitors unless a pink Flag is displayed by the Committee Boat when International Channel 72 will be used.

1.2.5 Except in an emergency or to comply with SI 3.7, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to all other communication devices.

1.2.6 Two WhatsApp groups will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of RC intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the regatta. The mobile numbers provided on the entry form will be added to the groups. One group will be used for Race Committee postings only (Spirit Regatta ONB). The other will be for competitors to communicate with the Race Committee. (Spirit Regatta Competitors)

1.5 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

1.5.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB at least one hour before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.

1.6 Official Boats

1.6.1 The Committee Vessel will display a GYC pennant.

1.6.2 Official vessels will display a GYC pennant.

1.6.3 Boats shall keep clear of all Official Vessels.

1.7 Advertising

1.7.1 The Spirit Yachts flags supplied on registration should be flown at all times when moored in St Peter Port harbour and while leaving or entering the harbour as far as practical. [NP]

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1.8 **Race schedule**

1.8.1 The intended race schedule is as follows:

Date	Races	First Warning Signal	Type of Racing	HW St Peter Port
Sunday 26 th June	2	1030	Short Inshore	0530 7.7m
Monday 27 th June	1	1200	Passage	0610 7.9m
Tuesday 28 th June	1	1030	Long Inshore	0700 8.0m
Wednesday 29 th June	Lay Day	N/A	Possible rescheduled races	0740 8.1m
Thursday 30 th June	1	0900	Passage	0810 8.2m
Friday 1 st July	1	1030	Long Inshore	0850 8.2m

1.8.2 Classes may start together or separately. The plan for the first race of the day shall be announced at the daily competitors' briefing and repeated on VHF after the Orange Flag is displayed.

1.8.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500hrs on Friday 1st July. This changes the Notice of Race.

1.9 **Racing Areas**

1.9.1 Inshore racing will be in The Little Russell and the Great Bank.

1.9.2 The intention is to sail two passage races around local islands. The courses will depend on the weather and tides.

1.10 **Obstructions [NP]**

1.10.1 Whilst racing, boats shall not:

1.10.2 Pass between Castle Cornet and Oyster Rock

1.10.3 Sail West of a line between Oyster Rock and Castle Breakwater Lighthouse.

1.11 **The Start**

One of two start lines shall be used: Committee Boat Starting Line or Castle Cornet Starting Line.

1.11.1 **Committee Boat Starting Line:**

1.11.1.1 The approximate position of the Committee boat will be advised at the morning briefing and confirmed by VHF at least 30 minutes before the start.

1.11.1.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Main Committee Vessel and an inflatable outer distance mark (ODM). The committee vessel can be at either end of the line. The colour and shape of the ODM will be announced after the Warning Signal.

1.11.1.3 An inner limit mark may be laid and if laid has the same required side as the main committee vessel.

1.11.1.2 **Castle Cornet Starting Line:**

1.11.1.2.1 When international code Flag "Second Substitute" is displayed from the Guernsey Yacht Club flagstaff the starting line will be an extension of a line through two posts, indicated by triangles, located on the south-east corner of Castle Cornet.

1.11.1.2.2 The inner limit distance mark will be a buoy positioned approximately 0.1nm from the shore (mark D).

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- 1.11.1.2.3 The outer distance mark will be a laid buoy on the extension of this line. Its colour and shape will be given over VHF after the Warning Signal.
- 1.11.1.2.4 The direction of the start will be given over VHF.
- 1.11.1.2.5 All starting signals will be displayed from the race officers' station situated on the SE corner of Castle Cornet.
- 1.11.1.2.6 The preparatory signal will be a white disc displayed one minute after the warning signal and removed one minute before the start. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 1.11.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed, with a sound signal, approximately five minutes before the warning signal.
- 1.11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 1.11.4 Individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF using the word "X-Ray". The details of any OCS boats may be subsequently given at least 30 seconds after the start.
- 1.11.5 Before the first warning signal of the day, each yacht shall pass close to the inner limit of the start line on starboard tack to ensure they are seen and registered. Otherwise, they may be scored DNS. [NP]
- 1.12. **The Finishing Line**
One of three finishing lines shall be used:
- 1.12.1. **Main Committee Boat finishing line**
- 1.12.1.1 The finishing line shall be the same as the Committee Boat starting line except that the inner limit will be a staff displaying a blue Flag on the committee boat.
- 1.12.2. **The Mark Boat Finishing Line**
- 1.12.2.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a Blue Flag on a Race Committee Boat and a nearby mark of the course.
- 1.12.3. **Castle Cornet Finishing Line**
- 1.12.3.1 The finishing line will be an extension of a line through two posts, indicated by triangles, located on the southeast corner of Castle Cornet. The outer distance mark will be a buoy positioned approximately one cable from the shore (mark D).
- 1.13. **Race Results and Scoring**
Scoring will be according to RRS Appendix A (the low point scoring system) except that:
- 1.13.1 RRS A3 last sentence is changed to read "however, when a handicap or rating system is used a boat's corrected time, rounded to the nearest second, shall determine her finishing place."
- 1.13.2 At least two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 1.13.3 When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 1.13.4 When 4 or more races have been completed a boats series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 1.13.5 If only one Passage Race is sailed, the score for that race is non-discardable.
- 1.13.6 A tie in overall points for the Spirit Yachts Regatta Cup will be broken by the points gained in the last Passage Race or if that fails, the last long inshore race. If the tie remains, the tie shall be broken by A8. This changes RRS A8.
- 1.14. **Safety**
- 1.14.1 A boat that retires from a race should notify the Race Committee before leaving the race area. [NP]
- 1.15. **Support Boats [NP]**
- 1.15.1 Team leaders, coaches, support personnel, and anyone associated with a competitor shall stay at least 100 metres away and shall not communicate with any boat that is

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- racing unless attending a boat in distress, requiring assistance, or as directed by the Race Committee.
- 1.15.2 Support boats should register at registration and provide a name, mobile number, and boat name.
- 1.16 **Haul Out Restrictions and Swimming [NP]**
- 1.16.1 As from 0900hrs on Saturday 25th June boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with the prior written permission, and according to the terms, of the race committee.
- 1.16.2 Swimming and diving in St Peter Port harbour is not allowed under the byelaws. Boats shall not allow any person associated with them to swim in the harbour.
- 1.17 **Replacement of Crew or Equipment**
- 1.17.1 There is no restriction to replacing crew or equipment other than those in the IRC Class rules.
- 1.18 **Protests and Requests for Redress**
- 1.18.1 Boats intending to protest should radio or WhatsApp their intention to the Race Committee immediately on completion or retirement from the race concerned just giving their sail number and the sail number of the boat being protested and await an acknowledgement. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 1.18.2 The protest time limit is ninety minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the race or when the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This will be extended if it takes more than 30 minutes for boats to get back to their berths.
- 1.18.3 Notification of a protest by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee against a competitor will be posted on the Official Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 1.18.4 A schedule of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 20 minutes of the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule.
- 1.18.5 Protests shall be lodged at Guernsey Yacht Club or by WhatsApp to Helen Porter (+44 (0) 7544 701715).
- 1.19 **Penalties**
- 1.19.1 When the Race Committee observes a breach of Sailing Instruction 1.11, it shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 2%. This changes SI 1.14.1, RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 1.19.2 Should the Race Committee consider a standard time penalty to be inappropriate, it shall protest the boat.
- 1.19.3 If, in a valid hearing brought by the Race Committee under Sailing Instruction 1.20.2, a boat is found to have infringed Sailing Instruction 1.11, the penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee but will not be less than a time penalty of 2%.
- 1.19.4 See sections 2 and 3 of the Sailing Instructions for other penalties.
- 1.20 **Shortening Course**
- 1.20.1 In addition to RRS 32, when the race committee believe that boats are unlikely to finish within the time limit, the race committee may display of S over N before the time limit and score boats in the order, corrected on handicap, that they passed through the last gate or mark at which the Race Committee are able to establish a finishing order. Such a line becomes the finishing line for those boats. However, no boat shall be scored better than any boat that completed the course before S over N has been displayed. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A5.

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1.21 Prizes

1.21.1 The prizegiving will take place at the The Old Government House Hotel on Friday 1st July. The target time is 1900. Further details will be provided.

2 INSHORE RACE SECTION

2.1 Additional Rules

2.1.1 The rules in section 2 will only apply to those races that are inshore races.

2.2 Courses

2.2.1 Courses will be advised by VHF and WhatsApp immediately after the Orange Flag has been displayed, using the Mark List in Appendix A.

2.2.2 The course axis and distance shall be provided by the Race Committee for windward / leeward courses when using laid inflatable marks.

2.2.3 The description and colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used shall be provided by the Race Committee using VHF.

2.2.4 The Gate, if used, will be the Starting Line.

2.3 The Start

2.3.1 The starting line to be used and its approximate location will be advised at the morning briefing and confirmed on VHF.

2.4 Change of the Next Leg of the Course

2.4.1 The Race Committee may use VHF to assist in communicating the change of the next leg of the course. Any changes in the colour of a new mark will be advised by the Race Committee using VHF. This adds to RRS 33.

2.4.2 Except at the gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark on the original required side and the race committee vessel on the opposite side. This changes RRS 28.1.

2.5 The Finish

2.5.1 The finishing line to be used will be advised with the course.

2.6 Time Limit

2.6.1 The time limits will be: (Changes RRS 35 and A5):

Type of Race	Target Time	Time Limit for the First Finisher	Time limit to finish after first boat sails the course and finishes
Short Inshore Races	90 minutes	120 minutes	60 minutes
Long Inshore Races	180 minutes	240 minutes	120 minutes

2.7 Inshore Race Penalties

2.7.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that for Part 2 rule infringements outside the zone, the penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty. The penalty for Part 2 rule infringements inside the zone shall be a Two-Turn Penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1.

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- 2.7.2 Penalties for breaches of the rules, other than Parts 1 and 2, are at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

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3 PASSAGE RACES

3.1 Additional Rules

3.1.1 The rules in section 3 will only apply to the Passage Races.

3.2 The Start

3.2.1 The Starting line to be used will be published with the course.

3.3 Courses

3.3.1 The proposed courses for the Passage Races will be published by 1800 the day before the race and the actual course confirmed at the Race briefing on the day of the race.

3.4 Change of the Course

Adding to RRS 33:

(d) During the passage races the Race Committee may change the course or change the next mark or waypoint as appropriate at any rounding mark or waypoint. A committee vessel stationed near the mark or waypoint will display flags "C and D", make repetitive sound signals and announce the change of the course on VHF Channel 37.

3.5 The Finish

3.5.1 The finishing line will be announced with the course.

3.6 The Time Limit

3.6.1 The absolute time limit for all boats for the Passage Races is 1800hrs

3.7 Reporting

3.7.1 At the request of the Race Committee a boat shall provide progress reports by text message or WhatsApp to Roger Wilson (+44 (0) 781229621).

3.7.2 All vessels equipped with AIS should ensure that it is switched on and in transmit mode for the passage races" [NP]

3.8 Proof of Sailing the Course

3.8.1 For waypoints, and if a mark is not seen, the Race Committee may require proof of sailing the course (See Addendum B – Offshore Course Design Using Waypoints) and may request the GPS track from the boat. This is best done by taking a photograph of the boat's chart-plotter showing the boat's track and position the correct side of the waypoint, including the time and the boat's latitude and longitude.

3.8.2 When the Race Committee is not satisfied that a boat has passed a mark or waypoint correctly it may protest her. The onus for satisfying the protest committee that the mark or waypoint was rounded correctly is on the boat.

3.9 Passage Race Penalties

3.9.1 For the purposes of RRS 44.1 the penalty shall be 120 seconds added to the boats elapsed time. A boat that takes a penalty shall act in accordance with RRS 44.3 (a) & (b) (Scoring Penalty).

Penalties for breaches of the rules, other than Parts 1 and 2 are at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes Rule 64.1(a).

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DESCRIPTION OF MARKS & BUOYS

Positions for these marks are approximate

Mark	Name of Mark	Description	Lat o ' "	Long W o ' "
A	Anfre Beacon	Rock and Post	49 26.5	02 31.4
B	Brehon Buoy	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 28.1	02 29.4
C	Bec du Nez	Extreme northern tip of Sark	49 27.2	02 22.1
D	Distance Mark	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 27.12	02 31.32
E	Reffee Buoy	Navigation Buoy, South Cardinal	49 27.8	02 31.2
F	Les Dents Buoy	Race Buoy	49 25.4	02 23.7
G	L'Etac de Sark	Extreme Southern tip of Sark	49 24.1	02 22.0
H	Blanchard	Navigation Buoy, East Cardinal	49 25.4	02 17.3
J	St. Martins Buoy	Race Buoy	49 24.9	02 31.2
K	Gabrielle Buoy	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 25.9	02 31.6
L	Lower Heads Buoy	Navigation Buoy, South Cardinal	49 25.9	02 28.5
M	Windward Mark	Inflatable Buoy	See S.I. 2.2 & 3.2	
N	Aiguillons Buoy	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 27.32	02 28.96
O	Leeward Mark	Inflatable Buoy	See S.I. 2.2 & 3.2	
P	Port End Start Mark	Inflatable Buoy	See S.I. 2.2 & 3.2	
Q	Fourquies Buoy	Navigation Buoy, North Cardinal	49 27.3	02 26.4
R	Laid Buoy or Waypoint	Inflatable Buoy or Waypoint	49 26.7	02 29.2
S	Laid Buoy or Waypoint	Inflatable Buoy or Waypoint	49 23.7	02 30.0
T	Terres Point	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 26.7	02 31.5
U	Fixed Mark	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 27.09	02 31.32
V	Vivian Buoy	Permanent Yellow Cylindrical Buoy	49 28.3	02 30.7
W	Laid Mark	Inflatable Buoy	49 25.7	02 30.8
X	Laid Mark	Inflatable Buoy	49 27.25	02 30.3
Y	Laid Mark	Inflatable Buoy	49 26.8	02 30.3
Z	Laid Mark	Inflatable Buoy	49 26.3	02 30.5
1	Laid Mark or Waypoint	Inflatable Buoy or Waypoint	49 31.8	02 25.1
2	Laid Mark or Waypoint	Inflatable Buoy or Waypoint	49 31.3	02 22.0
3	Laid Mark or Waypoint	Inflatable Buoy or Waypoint	49 27.8	02 22.1
4	Laid Mark or Waypoint	Inflatable Buoy or Waypoint	49 26.6	02 23.0

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ADDENDUM B

RRS APPENDIX WP RULES FOR RACING AROUND WAYPOINTS

Use of this appendix is recommended for offshore races when the race committee may wish to specify waypoints instead of physical marks which boats are required to pass to sail the course. Races shall be sailed under The Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by this appendix only if the notice of race and sailing instructions so state.

WP1 CHANGES TO THE DEFINITIONS

WP1.1 The definition Start is changed to:

Start A boat starts when, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull, crew or equipment crosses the starting line in the direction of the course.

WP1.2 Add new definition:

Waypoint A position, other than a mark, described by latitude and longitude coordinates that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side.

WP2 Add new rule 18.5 in Part 2 of the RRS:

18.5 ROOM TO PASS A WAYPOINT

(a) Rule 18.5 applies between boats when they are required to leave a waypoint on the same side and at least one of them is approaching it. However, when rule 20 applies, rule 18.5 does not.

(b) When overlapped boats are approaching a waypoint to pass it on the required side, the outside boat shall give the inside boat room to pass the waypoint, unless the outside boat has been unable to do so from the time the overlap began.

(c) If the inside boat has reasonable doubt that she has room to pass the waypoint, she may hail the outside boat accordingly. The outside boat shall then give the inside boat additional space unless she is unable to do so. WP3 Rule 28 is changed to: 28 SAILING THE COURSE

28.1 A boat shall start, sail the course described in the sailing instructions and finish. While doing so, she may leave on either side a mark or waypoint that does not begin, bound, or end the leg she is sailing. After finishing she need not cross the finishing line completely.

28.2 A string representing a boat's track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to start until she finishes shall, when drawn taut,
(a) pass each mark or waypoint on the required side and in the correct order,
(b) touch each rounding mark, touch a hypothetical object at each rounding waypoint, and
(c) pass between the marks or waypoints of a gate from the direction of the previous mark or waypoint.

She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not finished.

28.3 The sailing instructions may specify criteria to determine whether a boat has rounded or passed a waypoint on the required side.

WP4 ELECTRONIC POSITION FIXING

When data from electronic position fixing systems is used to determine the position of a boat for the purpose of verifying compliance with the rules, precedence shall be given to data from the boat's primary navigation system. Note: Approved as an appendix to be placed on the World Sailing website for development of offshore racing with an option to use a Waypoint instead of a Mark. The appendix may be amended with the approval of the Chairman of the World Sailing Racing Rules Committee.

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