

Stromness Regatta Sailing Instructions

1 Rules

All races will be sailed under ISAF, RYA and class rules except where varied by these instructions or by notice from race officials.

2 Courses

The approximate locations of course buoys are marked on the course plan attached to these sailing instructions. More accurate GPS positions will be posted on the event notice board. The course to be sailed will be notified no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of each race.

3 Starting Line

An imaginary transit line extends over the water from two black and white transit poles on the quayside, near the launching slip. Yachts may cross the transit line from the start side anywhere along its length to start their races.

For all other boats, inner and outer distance marks will be positioned close to the transit line to indicate the limits of their starting line. Boats must cross the line between these marks to start their races. The part of the transit line between the transit poles onshore and the inner distance mark and between the outer distance mark and the far shore are extensions to the line. Any boat on the course side of the line after the three minute signal for its race must return from the course side to the start side by crossing one of the extensions.

4 Starting Sequence

Starting will be controlled by flags with supporting sound signals to draw attention to the flags. The order of starts, the flags to be used and the starting sequence will be given on a separate sheet which forms part of these Sailing Instructions. Once a race starting sequence commences, all boats not involved in that race must keep clear of the starting area and avoid impeding boats preparing to start or the Starting Team's view along the transit line.

5 Postponement

If the start of a race has to be postponed after the starting sequence has commenced, flag C will be raised with two sound signals.

6 Recalls

If, at the starting signal, any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, or its extension, then the boat shall be subject to recall. The procedures for Individual Recalls and General Recalls are given on the starting sequence sheet which forms part of these Sailing Instructions.

In the event of Individual Recall, it is up to boats to return to restart if they were over the line. No boats will be hailed individually. Yachts may dip back over the transit line to restart. Any other boat returning from the course side must do so by crossing one of the line extensions before restarting by crossing from the starting side to the course side between the inner and outer distance marks.

In the event of a General Recall, for any fleet except Yachts, the class will go to the end of the queue for its restart.

7 Finishing

The starting line also serves as the finishing line. Yachts may cross the line from the course side at any point along its length to finish their races. All other boats must cross the line, passing between the inner and outer distance marks from the course side to finish. No sound signals will be given on finishing. After finishing all boats must keep clear of the finishing line and avoid impeding other boats yet to finish or the Starting Team's view along the transit line.

8 Registration

All boats are to be registered with the Race Committee, their dues paid and all persons taking part named, before their race takes place.

9 General Sailing Instructions

Entry to the event shall be taken as acceptance of the terms of the general sailing instructions of Stromness Sailing Club and Regatta rules. The Club's general sailing instructions are on display at the clubhouse and these should be read and understood by all those taking part in the Regatta. These instructions only contain extracts of the general sailing instructions of the Club.

10 Limitation of Club Liability

Members of the Club, their guests or visitors may use the Club premises any other facility of the Club entirely at their own risk and impliedly accept:-

- a. The Club will not accept any liability for any damage or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the Club.
- b. The Club will not accept any liability for personal injury arising out of the use of Club premises, or any other facilities of the Club, either sustained by members, their guests or visitors or caused by the said members, guests or visitors whether or not such damage or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of them, Officers, Committee or servants of the Club.
- c. The Club shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in any event organized by the Club. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his craft for such events.
- d. Parents and guardians are warned that the Club is only able to provide rescue facilities during the hours of Club racing. Outside these hours, parents and guardians have sole responsibility for their children and wards and must appreciate that the Club cannot be expected to exercise supervision or control. Even during Club racing the Club cannot accept responsibility for children or any other persons not engaged in racing.

11 Other Vessels

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the races take place in a navigation channel and you should be aware that other vessels will be using the water at the same time and may have right of way.

12 Clothing and Buoyancy Aids

Suitable clothing and buoyancy must be worn at all times whilst afloat. The Club encourages the use of wetsuits or drysuits for all competitors taking part in regatta activities.

13 Buoyancy

Each craft must have its designed buoyancy maintained in satisfactory working order.

14 Junior Sailors (Under 16 Years of Age)

No person under 16 may take part in the Regatta as skipper unless the Officer of the Day is satisfied that they are competent to sail the boat in the prevailing conditions. Any person under 16 who is to skipper a boat must report to the Officer of the Day prior to sailing.

15 Safety Boats

No Club event may commence or continue except in the presence of one or more safety boats. The size and number of safety boats and suitability of equipment present on the boat will be decided by the Officer of the Day taking into account the number of participating boats and prevailing weather and tidal conditions. Adequate safety cover will only be provided until all racing has ceased.

Safety boat cover is provided to facilitate the recover of persons from the water and to reduce likelihood of serious injury. Towage assistance to casualty boats is not a priority of the safety boats and will not be the responsibility of the safety boat crew.

16 Officer of the Day

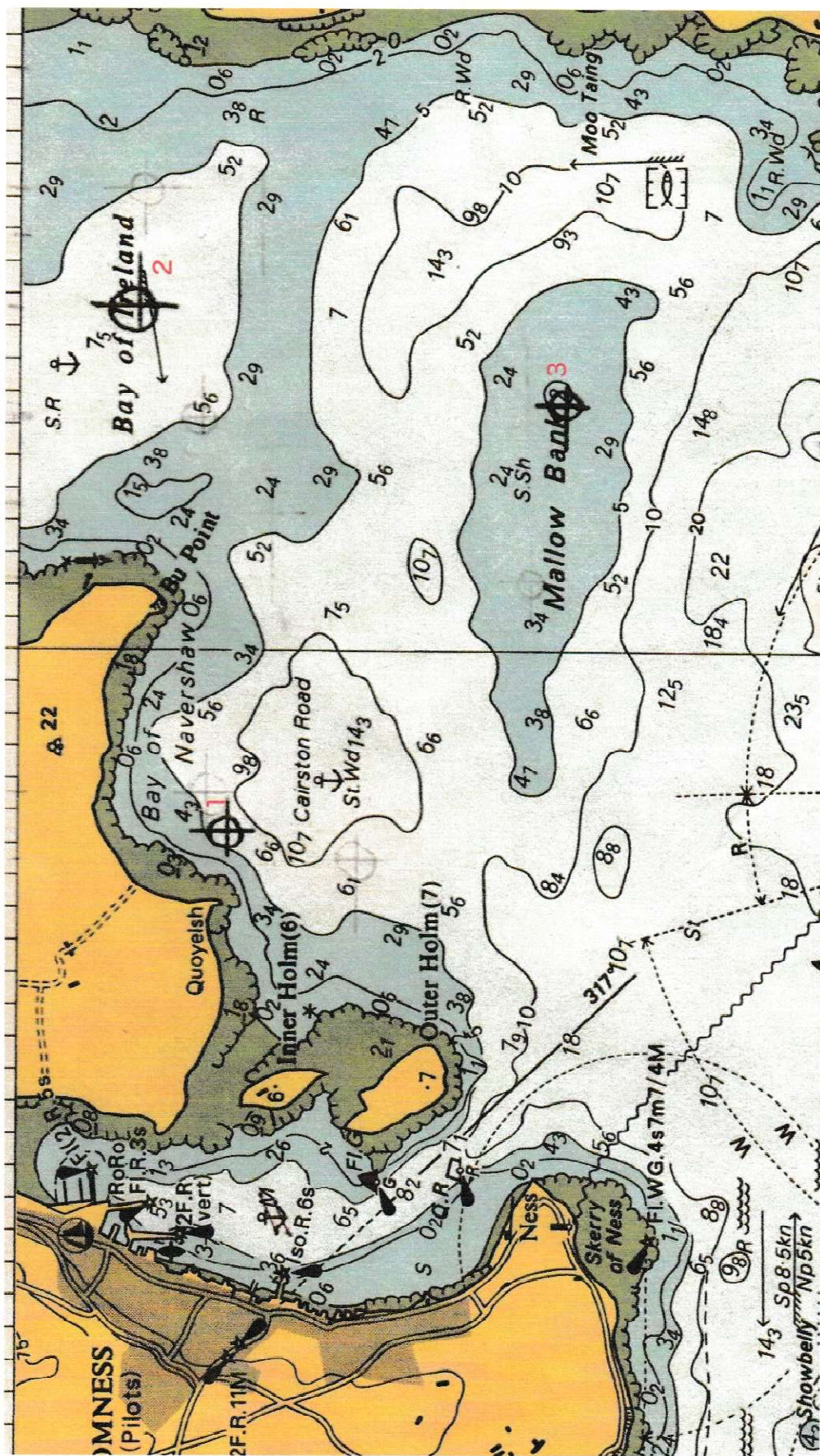
An Officer of the Day will be appointed on Regatta Day and should be consulted in connection with any queries concerning these instructions.

17 Competence

The safety of a yacht or dinghy and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience to face the prevailing conditions. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Any questions concerning the seaworthiness of a boat or competence of the skipper/crew shall be decided by the Commodore, or Officer of the Day if the former is not present, whose decision is final.

18 Insurance

Any person taking part in the Regatta shall insure their legal liability in respect of any claim arising from their use or ownership of the craft for a sum of not less than £3,000,000.



Regatta Starting Sequence

Yachts

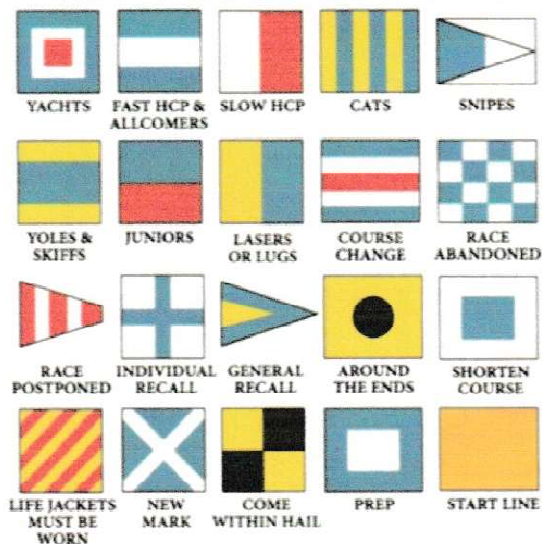
1 min before start sequence	Radio call: "Yachts, Yachts, Yachts, Engine off, Stand by"
3 Mins	Hoist class flag, sound signal
2 Mins	Hoist prep flag
1 Min	Lower prep flag
START	Class flag down, sound signal
Individual recall	Individual recall flag and 1 sound signal, flag will remain hoisted until offender(s) restart
General recall	General recall flag if 3 or more over line, 2 sound signals Class will be restarted

All Other Starts

3 Mins	Hoist class flag, sound signal
2 Mins	Hoist prep flag (round the ends rule applies)
1 Min	Lower prep flag.
START	Class flag down sound signal.
Individual recall	Individual recall flag and 1 sound signal, flag will remain hoisted until offender(s) restart
General recall	General recall flag if 3 or more over line, 2 sound signals. Class goes to end of race start queue.

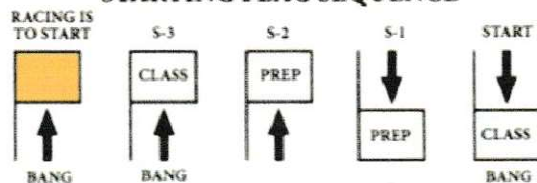
If you think you were over and the individual recall flag is hoisted you probably were!!
For other race information see the Sailing Instructions.

ORKNEY REGATTA FLAG SIGNALS



Dinghy class flags may vary on the day according to entries

STARTING FLAG SEQUENCE



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Order of Starts

RACE 1 Yachts Yoles Snipes Mixed Centreboards Catamarans	RACE 2 Yachts Yoles Allcomers Centreboards Catamarans
In the event of a General Recall, for any fleet except Yachts, that fleet will go to the back of the queue for its restart.	