

University of Plymouth Student Match Racing
University of Plymouth Yacht Club - Organizing Authority
23rd-24th March 2024
Royal Western Yacht Club of England, Plymouth

Notice of Race

The following abbreviations apply to this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions:

PC: Protest Committee or International Jury
NoR: Notice of Race
OA: Organising Authority
RRS: Racing Rules of Sailing
SI: Sailing Instruction
RC: Race Committee
TD: Technical Delegate
[NP]: A boat may not protest as per NoR 1.3
UPSU: University of Plymouth Student's union
UPYC: University of Plymouth Yacht Club
RWYC: Royal Western Yacht Club of England

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including RRS Appendix C
- 1.2 The rules for the handling of boats and the equipment list, detailed as part of the Sailing Instructions, will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 RRS 40.1 (personal flotation devices) applies at all times whilst afloat and on the pontoon, the OA will not supply PFDs
- 1.5 World Sailing regulation 20 (appendix 1) does not apply.
- 1.6 The bye laws of the RWYC shall apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The SI's will be available after 1200 on the 1/03/24 and will be accessible on the University of Plymouth Student's union website under the UPYC's page

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board which is located at <https://www.upsu.com/sports/clubs/upyc/>.

3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flag mast of the RWYC.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 A maximum of 6 teams may enter.

4.2 All teams must be representing a university, the members of that team must be students currently enrolled at that university they are representing

4.3 Teams wishing to receive an invite may register their interest with the OA by emailing the Vice Commodore racing UPYC at, vcracing@upyc.co.uk

4.4 Only teams invited by the OA, and who confirm acceptance of the invitation, as detailed in the letter of invitation, will be eligible to enter this event.

4.5 The team shall complete registration, pay any entry fee of £350 by the 15th of March 2024

4.6 The damage deposit is £1000 and shall be in the form of cheques made payable to the University of Plymouth Student's Union or credit card information. These cheques or details will be collected at the time of registration and held safely by the UPSU until a time when they can be returned or destroyed. Unless further action is required.

4.7 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 DAMAGE / DAMAGE DEPOSIT

5.1 Each supplied boat is insured by the OA with £5,000,000 third-party liability insurance

5.2 Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each team for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the team will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to continue in the event.

5.3 The OA will refund any remaining damage deposit within 10 days after the event or destroy/return any collected credit card or cheques immediately at the end of the event.

5.4 To determine the value of any damage a quote for repair shall be obtained from a reputable boat builder.

6 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

6.1 The OA will place a UPYC certified skipper on the vessel to comply with insurance requirements. This skipper shall stand at the stern of the vessel near the helm and will only act in order to ensure the safety of the vessel. Visiting teams are welcome to supply a person to stand at the stern of the vessel being used by any University of Plymouth team to ensure no bias.

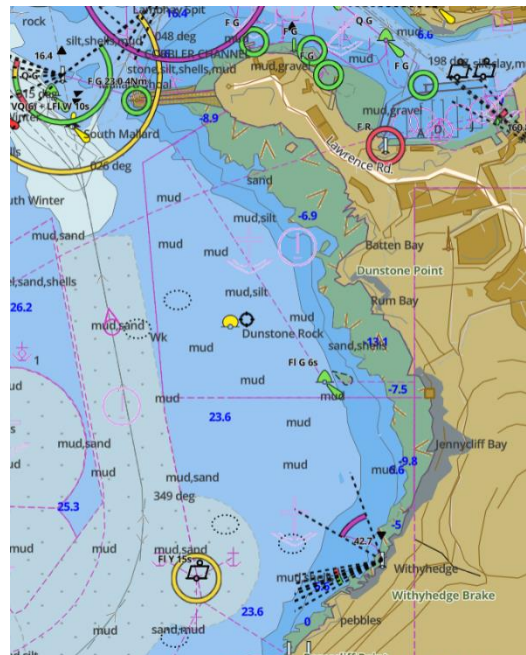
6.2 After the warning signal for a match, the team's registered helm shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency. Or unless control for the vessel is taken over

by the UPYC supplied skipper.

- 6.3 When a registered helm is unable to continue in the event, the RC may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 6.4 The number of crew (excluding persons placed on board by the OA) shall be 5. All registered crew shall sail all races

7 EVENT FORMAT

- 7.1 The OA will provide 2 J/80 type boats for racing in the event. Each boat will have the following sails: *Mainsail, Genoa, and a symmetric spinnaker.*
- 7.2 Boats will be allocated as decided by the race committee and OA. The allocation of boats is reliant on order of races however, the RC will endeavour where possible to alternate the boat used by each team.
- 7.3 The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC. Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series.
- 7.4 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 7.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC with the intention of the RC to start each subsequent flight as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 7.6 If a team is late for a transfer, they shall forfeit that race and if they are racing the next immediate race that shall be forfeit also. Due to the high volume of races the flow of racing must not be interrupted.
- 7.7 The OA and RC reserves the right to abandon and postpone racing for the day if conditions are not suitable
- 7.8 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- 7.9 If the RC deem necessary due to the conditions on the day an outer racing limit may be created, any racing vessel will be constrained by this limit and if they exceed it, they will be disqualified from the relevant race. The outer limit will be clearly marked either using existing points of reference or by laid buoys.
- 7.10 The intended racing area will be in Jennycliff Bay and is shown below, the RC reserves the right to move the racing location to a different area of Plymouth sounds if required so by weather, sea, or any other conditions.



- 7.11 The event will consist of the following stages:
- (a) First Stage - Round Robin(s)
 - (1) All team will sail a round robin.
 - (2) The four highest scoring teams shall qualify for the next stage.
 - (d) Second Stage - Knock-Out Semi-Finals
 - (1) The highest team who progressed to the second stage will each race each other once
 - (2) The two highest scoring teams shall qualify for the next stage
 - (f) Third Stage – Knock-Out Final
 - (1) The final 2 teams will race each other twice allowing for them to change boats after the first race
 - (2) In the event of a tie a third race will be run with a delegate of each team flipping a coin to decide on which boat is used

7.12 ,terminate any stage or the event when ,The RC may change the format it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder ,in its opinion of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining Early stages may be terminated in favour of .time scheduled later stages

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 0830 23rd of March
- (b) Registration will be open at the RWYC on the 22nd of March at 1830 and shall also be open from 0830 on the 23rd of March
- (e) First briefing at 0900 23rd of March.

- (F) Racing days from 23rd – 24th of March
- (G) Time of the first race each day will be 1000
- (H) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be 1700.
- (I) Prize giving on 24th of March as soon after all persons are ashore as possible.

8.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for helms.
- (b) Daily briefing for helms.
- (e) Prize giving for the final helms and crews.

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

Competitors may display advertising on own clothing and equipment but may not display advertising requiring attachment to vessels or mounting ashore.

9.2

10 CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall behave so to not bring the event into disrepute.

10.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

11 [NP] SUPPORT PERSON

11.1 Support vessels shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.

11.2 Support persons shall stay approximately 100m from the racing area while boats are racing or comply with reasonable requests from the officials.

11.3 The OA will not provide berths for support person vessels.

12 [NP] MEDIA, IMAGES, and SOUND

12.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered helms shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

12.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

13 DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone'. By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. The port of Plymouth is major naval base and highly active commercial port, competitors should always be aware of risk from commercial traffic. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be supplied by sponsors and or the UPYC

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 A social event open to all competitors will be held on evening of the 23rd further information will be communicated to competitors later.
- 16.2 For further information please contact the Vice Commodore Racing at vcracing@upyc.co.uk