

EXE Sails and Covers

STARCROSS STEAMER 2019



*Under the burgee of
Starcross Yacht Club*

Sailing Instructions [V2 - 2 March]

Saturday 16 March - First Start at 12:30

Tide: HW Starcross, 13:44, height 2.8m

1. Rules

The Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020; the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate Class rules, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board located within or just outside the Clubhouse.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board and signalled with Flag L.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be lights mounted on the front of the Race Office or flags hoisted on the Flagstaff in front of the Race Office. Starting numbers will be displayed on the front of the Race Office - see Instruction 9.

5. Race Schedule

The race will be 150 minutes in length unless a change is notified on of the Official Notice Board.

6. Class Flags

See Instruction 9 - The Start.

7. Racing Area

The racing area, unless otherwise specified in a notification to sailors or pre-race briefing, will be the Exe Estuary with the northerly extent bounded approximately by navigation buoy 20 and the southerly extent bounded approximately by navigation buoy 18 - see Appendix A

8. The Course / Marks

The course area, and rounding marks (which will be a combination of fixed channel navigation marks and laid orange cylindrical marks) will be displayed on a course board in front of the Race Office . Buoys to be left to starboard will have displayed with a green background and buoys to be left to port with a red background. The intended location of fixed finishing lines will also be shown on the course board - see Instruction 11.

9. The Start

The signals for the first start will be a flashing yellow light at 6 minutes before the first start that will change to a solid (non-flashing) yellow light at 3 minutes before the start. The light will extinguish at the start. Each change of the lights will be indicated with a sound signal.

The starting line will be an extension of the line between the flagstaff in front of the Race Office and an orange transit pole on the shore. There will be an outer limit mark which will be an orange inflatable buoy or Channel Buoy No. 29. This is a mark of the course and must be passed on the Powderham shore side. An inner distance mark which will be an spherical orange buoy will be positioned approximately on a line between Channel Buoy No. 29 and the flagstaff on the shore. This will become a mark of the course after the start and boats shall pass on the Lymptone side of this mark at all times while racing.

Starting times for each class will be displayed on the Official Notice Board prior to the race. Current "Great Lakes" handicap numbers will be used to calculate the start times. A class start number will be displayed for one minute before their respective start - e.g if the number 14 is showing the NEXT start will be for classes starting at 14 minutes after the scratch boat. A sound signal will be given at each start where class(es) are starting.

In the event of an Individual Recall, the orange (flashing) beacon on the Race Office will be shown for 30 seconds or until the offending boat returns to start correctly (whichever is the shorter). There will be an accompanying sound signal.

There will be no General Recalls. This changes RRS 29.2

10. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

On the first lap for the leading boat minor mark moves (up to approximately 100m) may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33. No other course changes will be made.

11. The Finish

The end of the race will be signalled with a sound signal from the Race Office and with a red and orange flashing beacon. The power boats that will be used to record finishing positions will also signal the end of the race using a blue flag and/or a sound signal.

Race finishing positions will then be recorded when the boats cross a finishing line as described below.

If conditions allow there will be multiple finish lines on the course. Boats will finish at the first finish line they cross after the end of the race is signalled.

Finish lines will take the form of one of the following options:

- Between two power boats, at least one of which will be displaying a Blue Flag. As the end of the race approaches, the two power boats will position themselves close to the leading boats. As the end of the race is signalled they will travel back down the course recording finishing positions.
- Between a Safety Boat flying a Blue Flag and an adjacent Mark of the Course.
- Between a fixed point on the Powderham shore and an adjacent Mark of the Course

12. The Penalty System

Penalty turns for infringement of one or more rules in part 2 of RRS, will be a “two turns” penalty as defined in RRS 44.1

Boats witnessed by the Race Committee to sail an incorrect course may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS Rule 63.1 .

RRS 44.3 (scoring penalty) shall not apply.

13. Protests and Requests for Redress

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee. Completed protest forms shall be returned to the Race Office at Starcross YC within 30 minutes after the finish of the race. Protests will be heard at Starcross YC as soon as possible after the expiry of the protest time limit.

14. Scoring

The Starcross Steamer is a single race, with positions awarded based on finishing position at the end of the race as described in Instruction 11.

15. Safety Regulations

At registration each boat will be given a SWSailing tracker. This is to manage safety and provide position information during the race. The tracker shall either be attached to the boat using the lanyard provided or carried by one of the boat's crew in their clothing . On returning to shore the tracker shall be

returned to the SWSailing team (location to be confirmed at the briefing) and a declaration made either “finished” or “retired/DNF”. Failure to use the tracker or return the tracker after the race will result in a penalty to be advised at the competitor briefing.

Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times afloat. Neither a wetsuit, drysuit, or certain types of trapeze harness with buoyancy either individually or combined will be deemed to constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

Competitors with valid entries can request a change of class (including a change of rig), and/or change of sail number at registration on the day of event. Acceptance of this change is at the discretion of the Race Committee. On acceptance of the requested change the competitor must start at the relevant time for their class.

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks

Each competitor is responsible for ensuring that their boat complies with class rules and regulations. The Race Committee may request an inspection of a boat after a race.

Starcross YC may opt to use position trackers for each boat. Competitors will be required to collect their allocated tracker prior to launching and to return it directly after the race.

18. Advertising

Advertising on boats, sails and clothing is permitted in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code [Regulation 20].

19. Support Boats

Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

20. Trash Disposal

Competitors must dispose of trash in disposal facilities ashore.

21. Prizes

The prizes to be awarded for the Starcross Steamer will be as defined in the Notice of Race.

22. Disclaimer of Responsibility

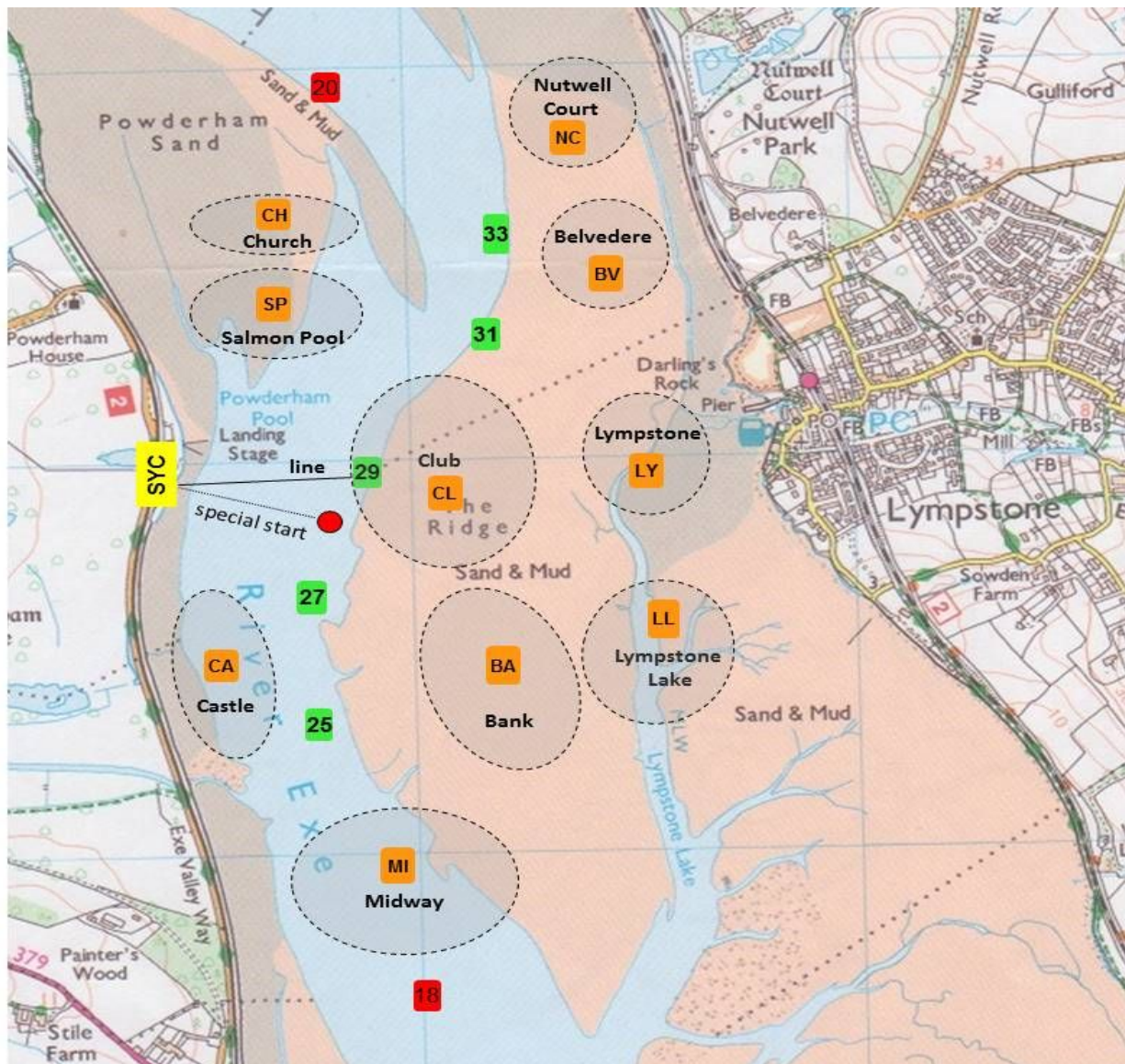
Competitors participate in the Starcross Steamer entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Starcross Steamer.

23. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A Racing Area



Key:

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navigation buoys

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approximate position of inflatable buoys