

Starcross Yacht Club

Exe Sails Starcross Steamer Sailing Instructions - Version 18 -2018

1. Rules

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

2. Eligible boats may be entered by completing online registration with the Organising Authority

3. Conditions of Entry

The safety of a boat and her entire management including Insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boats limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race Organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever caused, to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race.

4. Sail Numbers

The Race Committee may permit a yacht to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS Appendix G, in which case both the usual sail number and the number to be used in the race must be shown on the entry form.

5. Personal Buoyancy

Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy *at all times afloat*. Neither a wet-suit nor dry-suit nor certain types of trapeze harness with buoyancy either individually or combined constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

6. Notices to Competitors

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

7. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

8. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be lights mounted on the front of the Race Box or flags hoisted on the Flagstaff in front of the Race Box. Starting numbers will be displayed on the front of the Race Box.

9. Class Flags

The Light signals being used will be displayed on the course board.

10. The Course

The course area, configuration and type of marks (which will be a combination of fixed channel marks and laid orange cylindrical marks) will be displayed on a race board in front of the Race Box.

11. The Start

The Race will be started with sound signals at 6, 3 and 0 minutes. The starting line will be an extension of the line between the Flagstaff and an orange pole on the shore. There will be an outer limit mark, which is a mark of the course and must be passed on the Powderham shore side, which will be an orange inflatable buoy or Channel Buoy No. 29. An inner distance mark which will be an orange 'J' buoy will be positioned approximately on a line between Channel Buoy No. 29 and the Flagstaff on the shore, boats shall pass on the Lymptone side of this mark at all times when racing. Starting times - Starting times will be displayed on the Race Box prior to the race. Current Great Lakes numbers will be used. A Competitor's start number will be displayed for one minute before their respective start. Therefore when you see your start Number appear you will have one minute to your start, and you will start the race when your number comes down.

12. Recalls

Individual - In the event of an Individual Recall, the Orange beacon on the Race Box will be lit for 30seconds. There will be an accompanying sound signal.

General - There will be **no** General Recalls.

13. Incorrect Course

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

14. Penalty Turns

Penalty turns are for infringement of one or more rules in part 2 of RRS, are reduced to one turn, this changes rule 44.1

15. The Finish

The Finish will be either or all of the options below:

1. Between two Rescue Boats, at least one of which will be displaying a Blue Flag. The race duration is 150 minutes. As 150 minutes approaches, the two Rescue Boats will position themselves in the middle of the leg of the course that the leading boat is currently on. If this leg is a beat, they will be positioned as near as possible to the middle of the leg therefore as 150 minutes approaches it would be unwise to sail to the corners of a beat! At 150 minutes a long single sound signal will be made and both flashing beacons on the flagstaff will be lit, boats finish in their order at that time.

2. Between a Rescue Boat flying a Blue Flag and an adjacent Mark of the Course.

3. On the Club Finishing Line which is between the Flagstaff and No. 29 channel buoy.

16. Declaration

By online pre-entering all competitors will be signed on. Signing off is not required.

17. Protests

All Protests must be lodged within 30 minutes of the finish.

18. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

19. Image Rights

SYC retains the rights to use images or video taken before, during or after the race

20. Tallies

Tallies will be used. Your tally number will be your entry number and given to you at Registration. The Tally board will be situated on the north side of the main slipway. The tally will be worn when racing, on returning to shore, the Tally should be placed in one of two containers, marked either 'I have retired' or 'I have completed the course'