

# EXE Sails and Covers

## STARCROSS STEAMER 2022

Hosted by **Starcross Yacht Club**

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - First Start at 14:00

Tide: HW Starcross, 15:30 GMT, height 2.7m

**[Updated: 8 February 2022]**

#### **1. Rules**

The Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024; 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 signaled 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 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 the course board in front of the Race Office. Buoys to be left to starboard will be 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

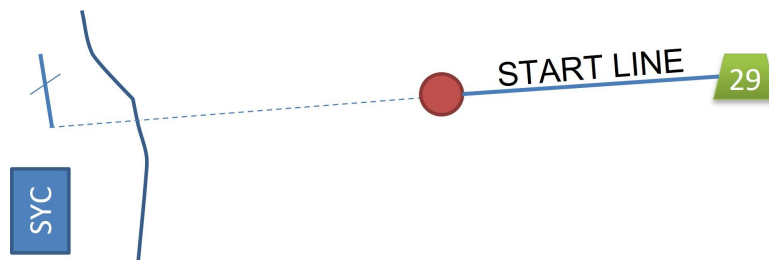
### *Signals*

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.

Each subsequent class start, will be indicated by a number board on the Race box. 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. 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.

### *Start Line*

The starting line will be an extension of the line between the flagstaff in front of the Race Office and green navigation buoy no. 29. The inner limit mark will be a red inflatable buoy. The inner limit mark is used to protect boats launching and retiring near the slipway. It is a limit mark and may not be positioned exactly on the start line.



Boats must pass between the green No 29 mark and the inner limit mark **on each lap**. Boats passing on the shore side of the inner limit buoy or the Lymptone side of 'buoy 29' will be assumed to have retired from the race.

### **Recalls**

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 shorter). There will be an accompanying sound signal.

There will be no General Recalls. This changes RRS Rule 29.2 .

A video camera will be recording the start line throughout the race.

## **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 signaling the change. This changes RRS 33. No other course changes will be made.

## **11. The Finish**

The end of the race will be signaled with a sound signal from the Race Office and with a red and orange flashing beacon. The powerboats 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 one of the finishing 'line(s)' 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 signaled.

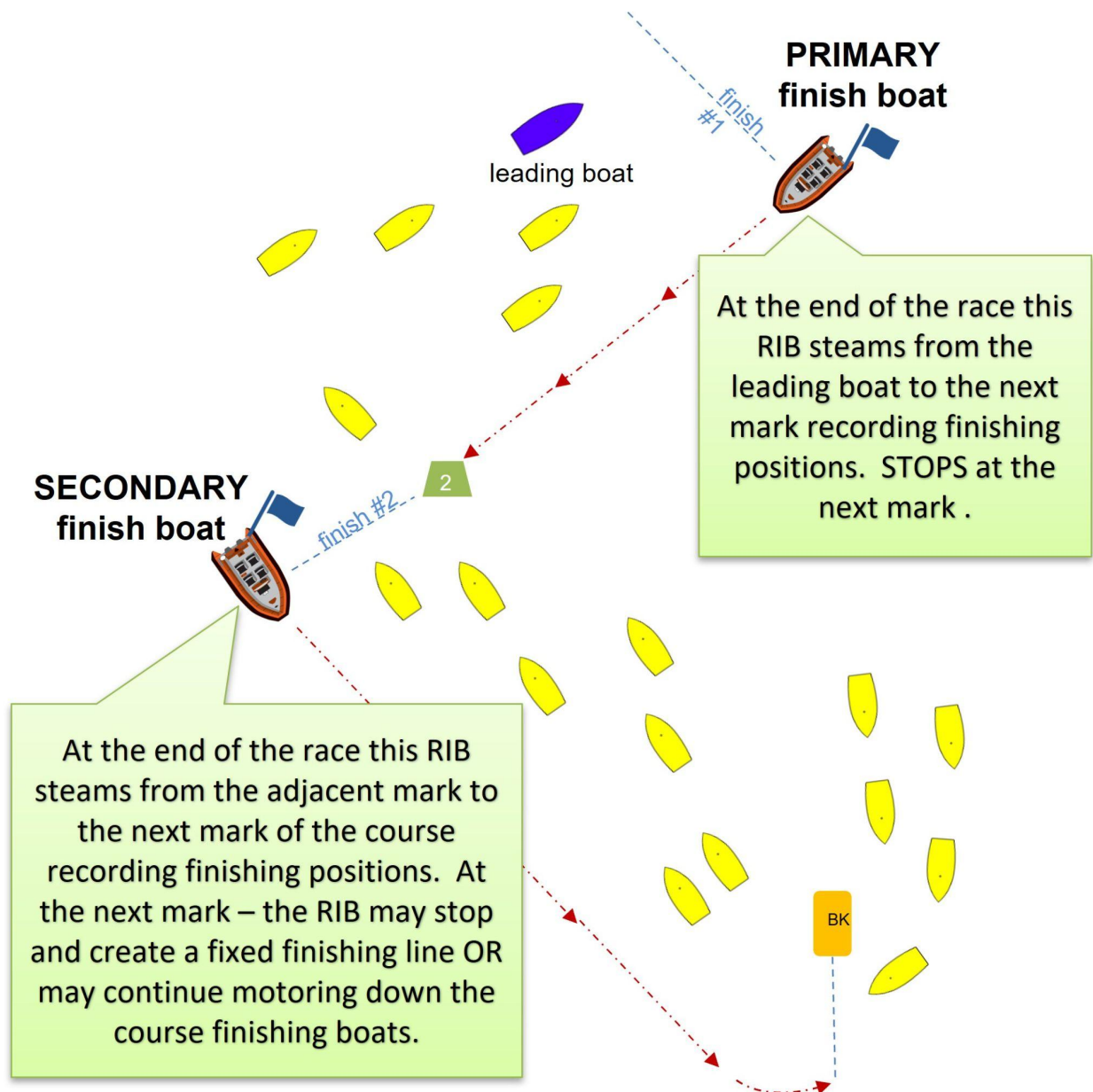
Finish lines may be either of the following:

- 1) As the end of the race approaches, a power boat displaying a blue flag will position themselves close to the leading boats. As the end of the race is signaled it will travel back down the course recording finishing positions as they pass each boat.
- 2) Between a Safety Boat flying a Blue Flag and an adjacent Mark of the Course. Should conditions allow, the safety boat will motor towards the previous mark of the course to record finishers as in (1).

Although the race will finish after 150 minutes, your finish will not be recorded until you have sailed past or been passed by a safety boat with a Blue flag. You should continue to sail the course until this has happened without overtaking the next boat.

IMPORTANT: If the finishing boats are required to support boats in difficulties – the finish may be handled by a single RIB motoring through the fleet. In extreme conditions the finish may be recorded as boats pass the club line.

The finish is illustrated in the diagram below:



## 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 scored NCS 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.

Only the results produced by the Race Committee will be considered the official results.

### **15. Safety Regulations**

All competitors will be given a tally number at registration. Competitors should collect their tally (one per boat) from the tally board (adjacent to the main slipway) and wear it while afloat. On returning to shore the tally should be used as the declaration by posting in either posting in either the grey "finished" or cream "retired/DNF" bucket.

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 the event. Acceptance of this change is at the discretion of the Race Committee. Upon acceptance of the requested change the competitor must start at the relevant time for their class. It will not be permitted for two boats of the same class to use the same sail number.

### **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 when collecting their tally. The penalty for not carrying the allocated tracker will be a donation to the RNLI.

### **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.

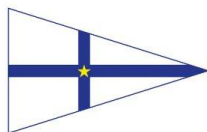
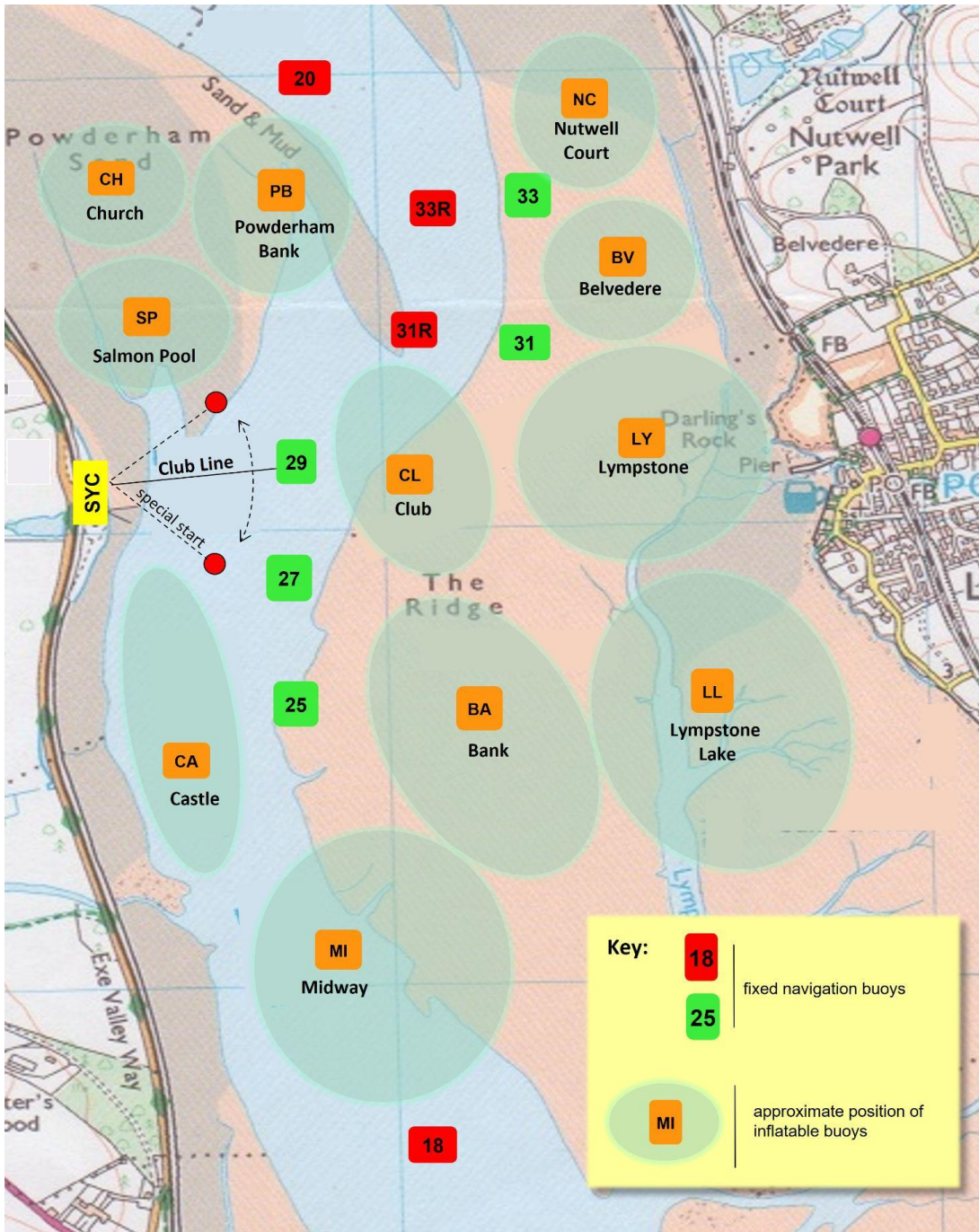
### **22. Disclaimer of Responsibility**

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



## Starcross Yacht Club Racing Buoy Chart

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