

Brading Haven Yacht Club



Notice of Race Race Sailing Instructions & Race Officer Guidance

2021 / 2022

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All racing at Brading Haven Yacht Club will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021- 2024 (RRS) published and defined by World Sailing.

Basic Principles

SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of *rules* that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when a boat breaks a *rule* and is not exonerated, she will promptly take an appropriate penalty or action, which may be to retire.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Participants are encouraged to minimize any adverse environmental impact of the sport of sailing.

FUNDAMENTAL RULES

1. SAFETY

1.1 Helping Those in Danger

A boat, competitor or *support person* shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

1.2 Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation Devices

A boat shall carry adequate life-saving equipment for all persons on board, including one item ready for immediate use, unless her class rules make some other provision. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device adequate for the conditions.

2. FAIR SAILING

A boat and her owner shall compete in compliance with recognized principles of sportsmanship and fair play. A boat may be penalized under this rule only if it is clearly established that these principles have been violated. The penalty shall be a disqualification that is not excludable.

DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

By participating or intending to participate in an event conducted under the *rules*, each competitor and boat owner agrees to accept the *rules*.

(b) A *support person* by providing support, or a parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter an event, agrees to accept the *rules*.

Each competitor and boat owner agrees, on behalf of their *support persons*, that such *support persons* are bound by the *rules*.

Acceptance of the *rules* includes agreement

(a) to be governed by the *rules*;

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*;

(c) with respect to any such determination, not to resort to any court of law or tribunal not provided for in the *rules*; and

(d) by each competitor and boat owner to ensure that their *support persons* are aware of the *rules*.

The person in charge of each boat shall ensure that all competitors in the crew and the boat's owner are aware of their responsibilities under this rule.

BHYC RACING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & RACE OFFICER GUIDANCE

1. Notice of Race:

Racing will take place on the dates and times published in the BHYC Sailing Programme. The schedule for racing in the East Wight Combined Clubs Regattas is published in the EWCC programme.

2. Entry Form:

Entrants for all races in the BHYC Racing programme and the East Wight Combined Clubs Regatta Series must have signed an **Entry Form**, which includes agreement to be bound by the Conditions of Entry, prior to taking part in their first race of the season (April 2021 – April 2022).

It is essential that each competitor completes their sailing declaration form online. This online form must be completed and signed in person together with an ICE and telephone number for quick access in an emergency. In addition, enters the correct PY No. which must reflect the exact configuration of the boat being sailed. Examples include Pico with or without a jib or a Laser with a specific sail plan. In addition, a number of older boats have 'Classic' status such as the Fireball, Solo and Flying Fifteen.

Parents or guardians must countersign Entry Forms for persons under 18 years of age. The online form will be on the Club website and a link can be sent via the Club Office. Information will be held in the Jubilee Training Centre and online. Failure to complete the form will result in the boat being scored DNS (Did Not Start) for all members.

3. Conditions of Entry:

RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own

responsibilities.

- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- h) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- i) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

4. General Conditions of Racing and Sailing Instructions:

- a) Racing is conducted in accordance with the RYA racing charter to promote fair and enjoyable racing for all. Any competitor that contravenes this rule will be subject to review with the Offshore Committee.
- b) All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021/2024 published by World Sailing, SCRA Regulations except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.
- c) The international Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) apply when a boat sailing under racing rules meets a vessel that is not. If the racing boat fails to comply with this obligation she may be protested and penalised. The Club draws attention of members to Rule 9 of the International Regulations Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS 1972), in respect of operation of vessels operating in Narrow Channels. This rule includes the sailing in the confines of the Harbour. All sailors and powerboat boat users must respect all vessels entering and existing the Harbour and if required move out of their way as they have rights to navigate the channel.
- d) All entrants are required to sign on either in the Jubilee Training Centre Failure to do so may cause them to be classified as DNS. They must notify the Race Officer if they retire or fail to complete the course as instructed.
- e) Entrants from other RYA-affiliated sailing clubs are welcome to participate in all BHYC Open racing events. If they attend normal club racing, they are allowed a maximum of six occasions each year; they must obtain the approval of the Race Officer before entering a race and complete the conditions of Entry Form and the sign on form at the Jubilee Training Centre.
- f) The Race Officer may brief the competitors and safety crews prior to the commencement of racing and/or the regatta highlighting the course to be sailed and the sailing area it is to be sailed in.
- g) All competitors must wear personal buoyancy at all times when racing, except when changing personal clothing or personal equipment. An adequate flotation device is a lifejacket or buoyancy aid to a minimum of 50 Newtons EN393/ISO12402-5, or 100 Newtons for weak swimmers or non-swimmers. (This adds to RRS 1.2, Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification without hearing. Flag "Y" will not be displayed, this changes

RRS 40.) If it is cold weather competitors should wear either a wet suit or a dry suit.

- h) Any collision with a moored boat must be notified to the owner and to the Race Officer without delay. If the owner of the moored boat cannot be identified the Harbour Authority should be informed.

5. Racing Notices and Signals:

- a) The racing committee would like to see separate races for the Fast Handicap, Lasers, Scow and Slow handicap fleets with separate results and prizes however, the numbers of dinghies may not support individual fleets. A separate fleet start must consist of at least two dinghies. If only one dinghy is available in a fleet, they can join in with either the Fast or Handicap start dependent on their dinghy handicap.
- b) The schedule of racing for the season is shown in the Club programme. Unless notified otherwise, dinghies will race in four groups with the Fast Handicap (under PY 1250), Lasers (all types under PY1250), Slow Handicap (PY 1250 and over) and Scow (PY 1250 and over) starting after.
- c) Fast Handicap and Lasers will normally have the same course.
- d) Scow and Slow Handicap will normally have the same course.
- e) There will only be set laps for each race set. The race officer may shorten course as required. There will be no Average Time Laps calculated this year as most sailors consulted did not like this method of scoring.
- f) Competitors should make every effort to sign-on for the race 30 minutes before the published Start time. If there is a committee boat start, the Race Officer may leave the Jubilee Training Centre early to set up the racing marks. If there is no signing on sheet at the Jubilee Training Centre Sailing Centre then ensure you tell the Race Officer on the committee boat you intend to race before the 5-minute gun of your start sequence.
- i) Notice of alterations or supplements to the racing instructions may be indicated by International Code Flag "L" being flown from the Jubilee Training Centre or Committee Boat. The additional instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board, which is located in the Jubilee Training Centre or, in case of a Committee Boat start, may be given orally by loudhailer (under RRS 80.2). In addition, a board may be used.
- j) The following Class Boards/Class Flags, or combinations, will be used to identify racing groups:

Fast Handicap: Numeral Pennant 3

Laser Fleet: Laser class flag

Slow Handicap: Numeral Pennant 4

Scows: Pennant numeral 7

6. Courses and Course Signals:

- a) The racing area is shown on the chart within these instructions. The course to be sailed and the number of rounds is at the discretion of the Race Officer. Guidance for Race Officers is found in the Appendix.
- b) Race officers are reminded that when setting a course that the angles between the Windward, Leeward and Downwind mark are set as close as possible to the angles prescribed in the Appendix's.
- c) The course to be sailed, consisting of fixed and movable inflatable buoys will be displayed by letters, numbers and symbols as listed on the chart within these instructions. This will be displayed on the frame above the Jubilee Training Centre or on the Committee Boat no later than at the Preparatory Signal (5 Minute gun).
- d) A Green background indicates a mark to be left to Starboard; a Red background indicates a mark to be left to Port.
- e) The sequence of marks indicates the order in which the course is to be sailed. When inflatable marks are to be used their approximate position will either be indicated on the white board at the Jubilee Training Centre or directions issued by the committee boat.
- f) The symbols used to denote buoys 10A and 14 may be substituted by their numerals.
- g) Other buoys within the Harbour may be used, in which case the number shown will correspond with the buoy number.

7. Mandatory Marks:

To minimise the risk of collision with larger vessels using the main channel the following course restrictions must be obeyed.

Course	Leave to Port	Leave to Starboard
On a leg of a course which is leaving the Harbour:	Buoys 14, 12A, & 12	Buoys 11 & 9
On a leg of a course returning to the Harbour:	Buoys 9 & 11	Buoys 12, 12A & 14


Note: Buoys 12, 12A & 14 are red can main channel marks situated between Fisherman's Wharf and the Harbour entrance. Buoys 9 & 11 are green conical main channel marks situated just outside the Harbour entrance.


- a) Boats must not pass through the Groynes on either the St. Helens or the Bembridge shore.
- b) Spinnakers must not be set before passing St Helens Groyne on leaving the Harbour must be doused before passing St Helens Groyne on re-entering.

8. Number of Rounds:

- a) The set course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race officer.
- b) When a race requires the course, or part of the course, to be sailed more than once, a black board with white diamonds will be displayed on the Committee Boat, or in case of Harbour Start from the Jubilee Training Centre. The number of diamonds on the course board indicates the number of times that the sequence preceding it shall be sailed before continuing with the remainder of the course.
- c) If a black and orange chequered board is displayed in the course sequence, the mark(s) of the course preceding it shall be sailed before continuing to the marks and number of rounds displayed thereafter.
- d) In all cases competitors are to sail through the finish line on the windward leg each time after rounding the leeward mark. On any other leg of the course the start / finish line shall constitute an obstruction and shall not be sailed through.

9. Distant Windward & Leeward Marks:

- a) To enable all classes to be sailing windward/leeward legs in the same area a course may be set with two windward or two leeward inflatable marks. The fast Handicap and Laser class will use the further distant inflatable windward or leeward mark as displayed. The Scow and Slow class will use the nearer standard windward/leeward mark.
- b) The designated legend for a distant windward mark will be: 

Two white triangles, pointing up, on a red or green background.
- c) The designated legend for a distant leeward mark will be: 

Two white triangles, pointing down, on a red or green background.
- d) For all courses: Green background, leave to starboard; Red background, leave to port.

10. Shorten Course and Course Changes:

- a) These will be indicated by the display of International Code Flag “S” or “C” respectively, with appropriate sound signals (2 blasts for S, multiple sounds for C) and new course displayed, or where necessary, by verbal instructions of the Race Officer relayed by the Support Boats this changes RRS 33.
- b) The finishing line shall be,
at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S.
or at a line, the course requires boats to cross.
or at a gate, between the gate marks.

11. Courses: The course to be sailed and the number of rounds is at the discretion of the Race Officer. Guidance for Race Officers is found in the Appendix.

When starting from a Committee Boat, excepting in the case of a special event, one of the following five course types should be set: Course 1 (Olympic triangle-sausage), Course 2 (Olympic trapezoid), Course 3 (q or p) Course 4 (trapezoidal) or Course 5 (Windward/Leeward). The course to be sailed will be indicated by a black board with a white numeral '1'; '2'; '3'; '4'; '5', or alternative

Course 1. (See Illustration for further details)

Will be sailed with marks rounded to port or starboard in the following order: Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-Finish.

Course 2 (See Illustration for further details)

Will be sailed with marks rounded to port or starboard in the following order: Start-1-2-3-2-3- Finish.

Course 3. (See illustration for further details)

Will be sailed with marks rounded to port or starboard.

Course 4. (See illustration for further details)

Will be sailed with marks rounded to port or starboard.

Course 5. (See illustration for further details)

Will be sailed with marks rounded to port or starboard.

Course 6. (See illustration for further details)

Will be sailed with marks rounded to port or starboard.

Marks will be displayed on the frame of the Jubilee Training Centre or Committee Boat. Green background leave marks to starboard. Red background leave marks to port.

12. Starting Signals:

For both Harbour Line and Committee Boat Starts, Starting Signals will conform to RRS (5,4,1,0). The Harbour Line Starting System is further modified by using lights instead of flags as follows.

Postponement: In the event of a postponement flag AP shall be replaced with a flashing red light (This alters race signals)

Starting:

Class	Warning Signal (-5)	Preparatory Signal (-4)	One Minute (-1)	Start
All classes	Red light On	Orange light On	Green light On	Lights Off

13. Recalls:

Altering Race Signals

- a) Individual boats over the line at the start of a race will be recalled by a second sound signal. For a **Committee Boat start** the X flag will be flown, or in the case of **Harbour Starts**, a solid red and flashing green light will show for four minutes
- b) Where a number of unidentified premature starters are involved, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, a General Recall will be signaled by two sound signals and hoisting International Code Flag 'First Substitute', or in the case of Harbour starts all lights will flash.
- c) The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class will be made one minute after the 'First Substitute' is removed (one sound) or the lights extinguished. Starts for any succeeding classes will follow the new start.

14. Starting and Finishing Lines:

Harbour Line

- a) The Starting and Finishing Line is the extension of a line through the Red and White Post on the Jubilee Training Centre and the Black and White Post situated on the foreshore in front of it, which also serves as the Inner Limit. The Outer Limit is a Black and White Post situated 500 feet North of the Jubilee Training Centre. Please note the Outer Limit post is not the starting line.
- b) Only those boats in their start sequence may be in the immediate vicinity of the start line prior to the commencement of the race.

Committee Boat Line

- a) The Starting Line is an imaginary line connecting the orange rectangular flag on the Committee Boat, and the adjacent nominated Navigation Buoy, Racing Mark or Inflatable Mark which serves as the Outer Limit. A small buoy - the Inner Limit - may also be laid, not necessarily on the line, approximately 10 yards from the Committee Boat. For the purpose of RRS 31.1 the Outer Limit, Inner Limit and Committee Boat are Marks of the Starting Line.
- b) The Finishing Line is an imaginary line connecting the blue rectangular flag on the Committee Boat, and the adjacent nominated Navigation Buoy, Racing Mark or Inflatable Mark which serves as the Outer Limit. A small buoy - the Inner Limit - may also be laid, not necessarily on the line, approximately 10 yards from the Committee Boat. For the purpose of RRS 31.1 the Outer Limit, Inner Limit and Committee Boat are Marks of the Starting Line.
- c) Only those boats in their start sequence may be in the immediate vicinity of the start line prior to the commencement of the race
- d) Boats must cross the Starting Line in the direction of the first Racing Mark and must finish from the direction of the last Racing Mark.
- e) The Committee Boat will normally fly a blue flag to indicate it is in position for the finish.

15. Finishing:

When sailing in separate fleets boats shall finish by sailing through the finish line.

For a Pursuit Race, where competitors start on their nominated handicap times, they will sail multiple laps of a fixed time until the Committee Boat or Support boat signal

the completion of the race. All competitors should note the competitor directly ahead and astern of them themselves at the exact time of the race completion signaled by the finishing gun. Boats should remain in their finishing position until a support boat has registered your position.

16. Penalty System:

The penalties specified under RRS 44.1 shall be varied as follows: Breaking Part 2 rule – 1 penalty turn shall apply.

17. Time Limit:

The time limit will be 20 minutes after shortening of the course. That race will be valid only for those boats finishing in the time limit.

18. Protests:

An informal protest hearing may be heard in order to encourage competitors to lodge protests when they might not normally do so. The parties to the protest must first agree to the Informal Meeting, otherwise a formal hearing will take place as per RRS Part 5 Sections A & B. Protesters should lodge their intention with the Race Officer as soon as possible after the incident. The time limit is one hour after the last boat finishes the race, where 2 races are scheduled that shall be 1 hour after the second race. The full procedure for the informal hearing is in the Racing Results folder, situated in the Jubilee Training Centre.

19. Scoring:

- a) Scoring for Series Events will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A4.1 as modified by Appendix A9 using the Low Point System. Ties will be broken by RRS Appendix A8. Points will be awarded to entrants, not the boat.
- b) Appendix A5.3 Applies so that a boat that came to the starting area but did not *start*, did not *sail the course*, did not *finish*, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area, and a boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.
- c) Entrants who carry out Race Management duties, or represent BHYC in a programmed sailing match in lieu of racing in a series, may be awarded average points as compensation, calculated from the mean of their other results from races they have actually sailed in the series. It is the duty of the entrant to notify the Race Officer that they wish to claim “average points” by signing the race entry form with the boat class and sail number noted.
- d) A minimum of two entrants must sign on to constitute a race. Where only one entrant signs on for and starts a race they may be awarded “average points” for that race by the Race Officer who must complete a results form and annotate it accordingly. Alternatively, the entrant can decide to join either the Fast or Slow Handicap race depending on their dinghy handicap.
- e) There will be one race discard available for each competitor during a single series.

20. Double Race Scoring:

On days when two races are scheduled, each race will be scored separately.

21. Handicap Adjustment:

Unless otherwise agreed by the Sailing Committee, handicaps for classes will be

assigned in accordance with the following order of precedence:

- BHYC PY 2021/2022 As decided by the Race Committee (available on the Web Site)
- RYA Portsmouth Yardstick List updated for 2021
- Class Association Portsmouth Yardstick numbers
- Boat Suppliers' Portsmouth Yardstick number

22. Support Boats:

No assistance will be given after the Preparatory Signal (5 Minute Gun) of the class starting except for Novices & inexperienced Cadets where help with navigation, and sail trimming will be offered for those requesting it. This varies RRS 41.

23. Declarations, Retirements, Results and Prizes:

- a) Any boat which crosses the Finishing Line and does not signify that it has retired shall be deemed to have completed the race in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- b) Entrants retiring from a race shall inform the Patrol Boats/Race Officer at the earliest opportunity.
- c) Race results will be posted online as soon as is practical after racing finishes along with up dated Series Results.
- d) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Minimum number of qualifiers in series	Two	Four	Six or more
Prizes awarded	First only	First and Second	First, Second and Third

24. Schedule of Racing:

To reduce congestion in the Harbour and to reduce the risk of collision, most weekend racing will be from a Committee Boat outside the Harbour. Evening races may be started and finished from the Harbour Line (H). Separate sailing instructions shall apply to the open icebreaker series. All race details are published in the Club Sailing Programme available in the Club foyer or can be downloaded as a pdf from the Club website www.bhyc.org.uk.

For clarity, if due to weather conditions a race is set in the Harbour, the race results will stand as an official race and the results will be part of the series or event sailed.

25. Racing Groups & Race Starts:

- a) Dinghies will race, where possible due to the participant numbers, in four separate groups, Fast Handicap, Lasers, Scow and Slow handicap with 5 minutes between starts. The Start sequence will be 5, 4, 1, Start.
- b) Separate Starts may be organised for Special Races and Classes.
- c) The start time and starting line (Home 'H' or Committee Boat 'CB') shown in the programme is that of the first race.

26. Novice/Cadet Races:

Cadet and Novices are encouraged to join in the Racing Programme at any time. If requested, assistance on the course and the conduct of the race will be given by the Race Officer and those on the support boats. In races specifically for Novices, in each

crewed boat the helm must be a novice (less than two years' experience). In each single hander (including Scows) the helm must be a Novice but an experienced advisor may be carried.

27. Rubbish/Trash:

Rubbish and Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. The penalty for breaking rule 55, Trash Disposal, is at the discretion of the protest committee (DPI) and may be less than disqualification.

28. Risk Statement:

The responsibility for the boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor acknowledges that:

- a) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and others property whether afloat or ashore.
- b) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- c) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and is fit to participate as per the Class rules.
- d) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- e) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as practically provided in the circumstances.
- f) All boats must be adequately insured, with cover of a least £3million against third party claims.

SPECIAL COURSE 1

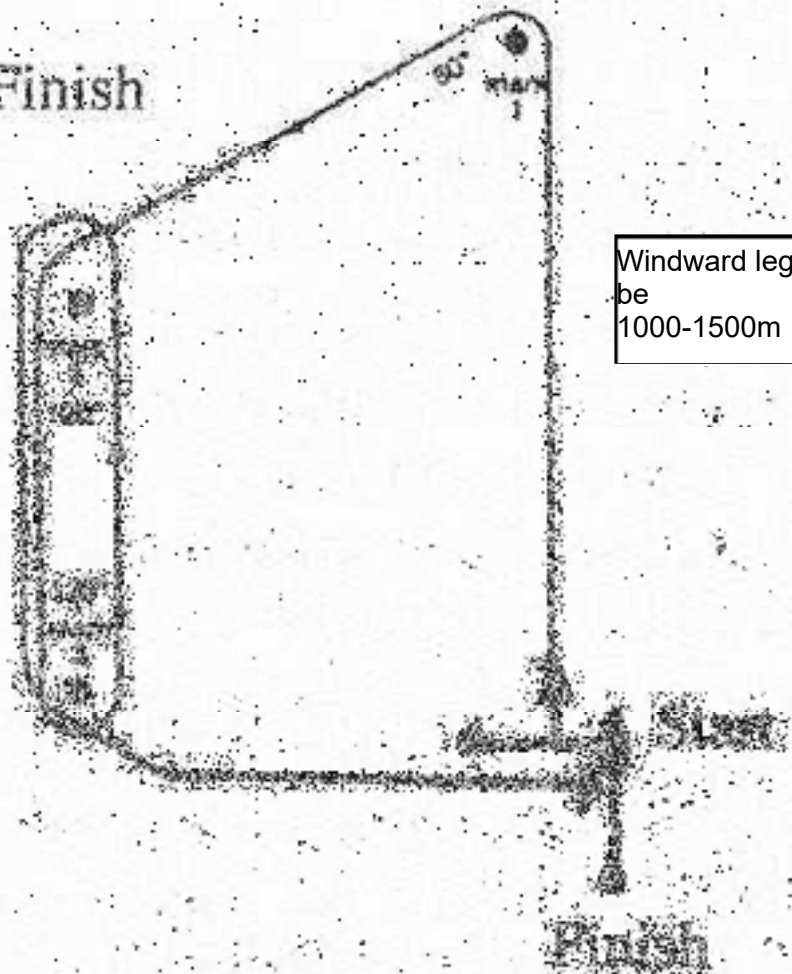
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Windward leg to be 1000-1500m

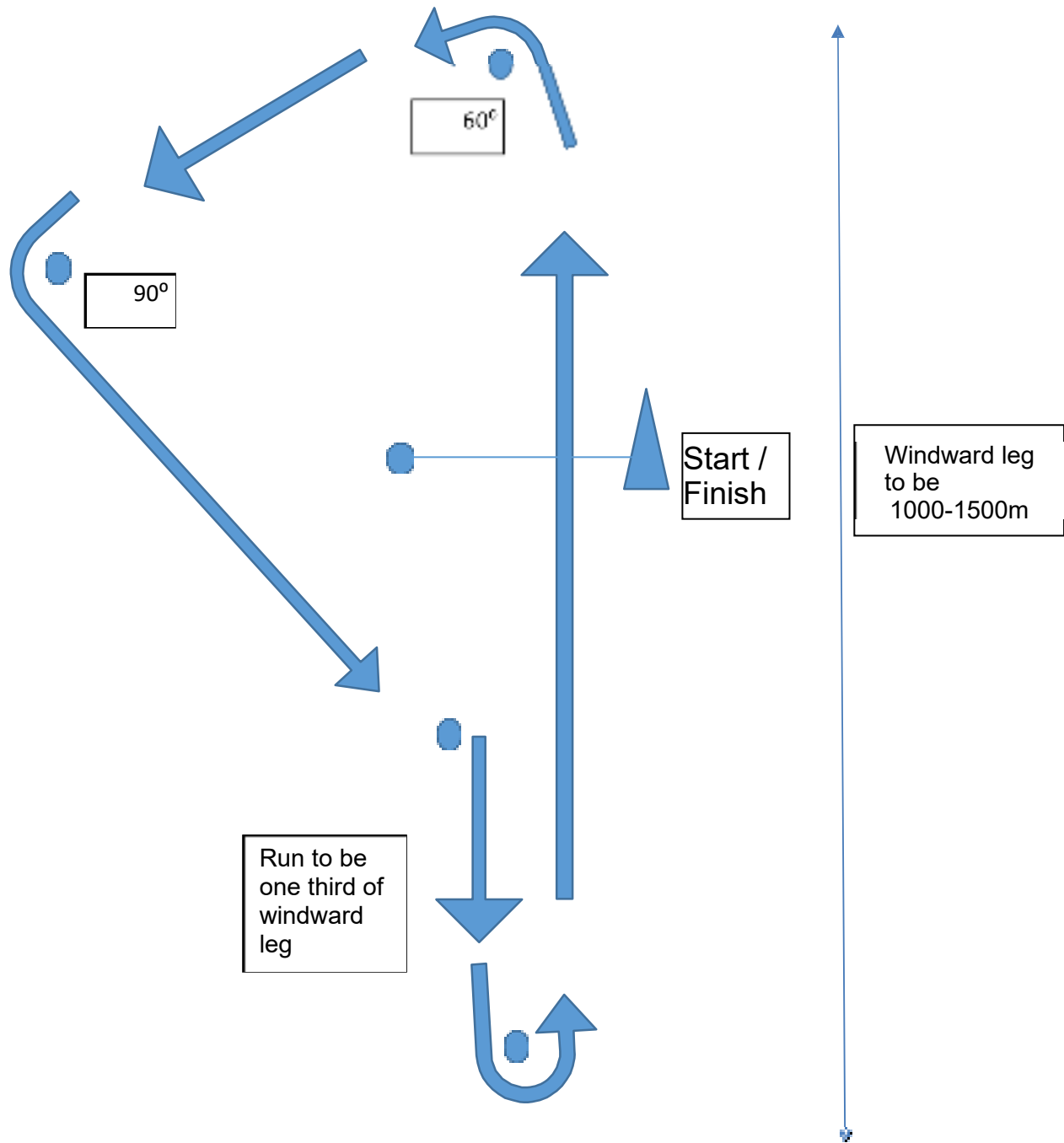
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Start-1-2-3-2-3-Finish

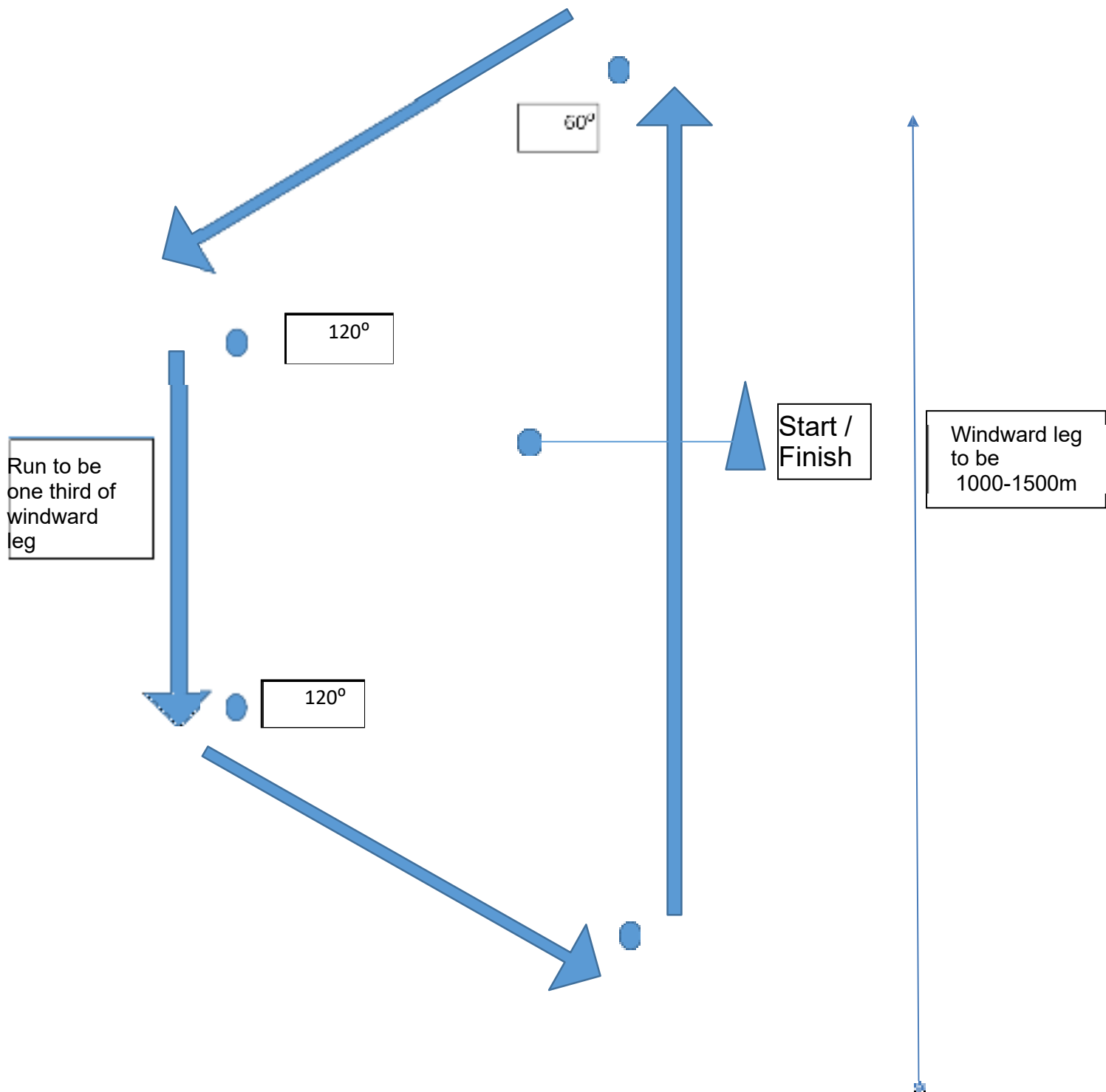


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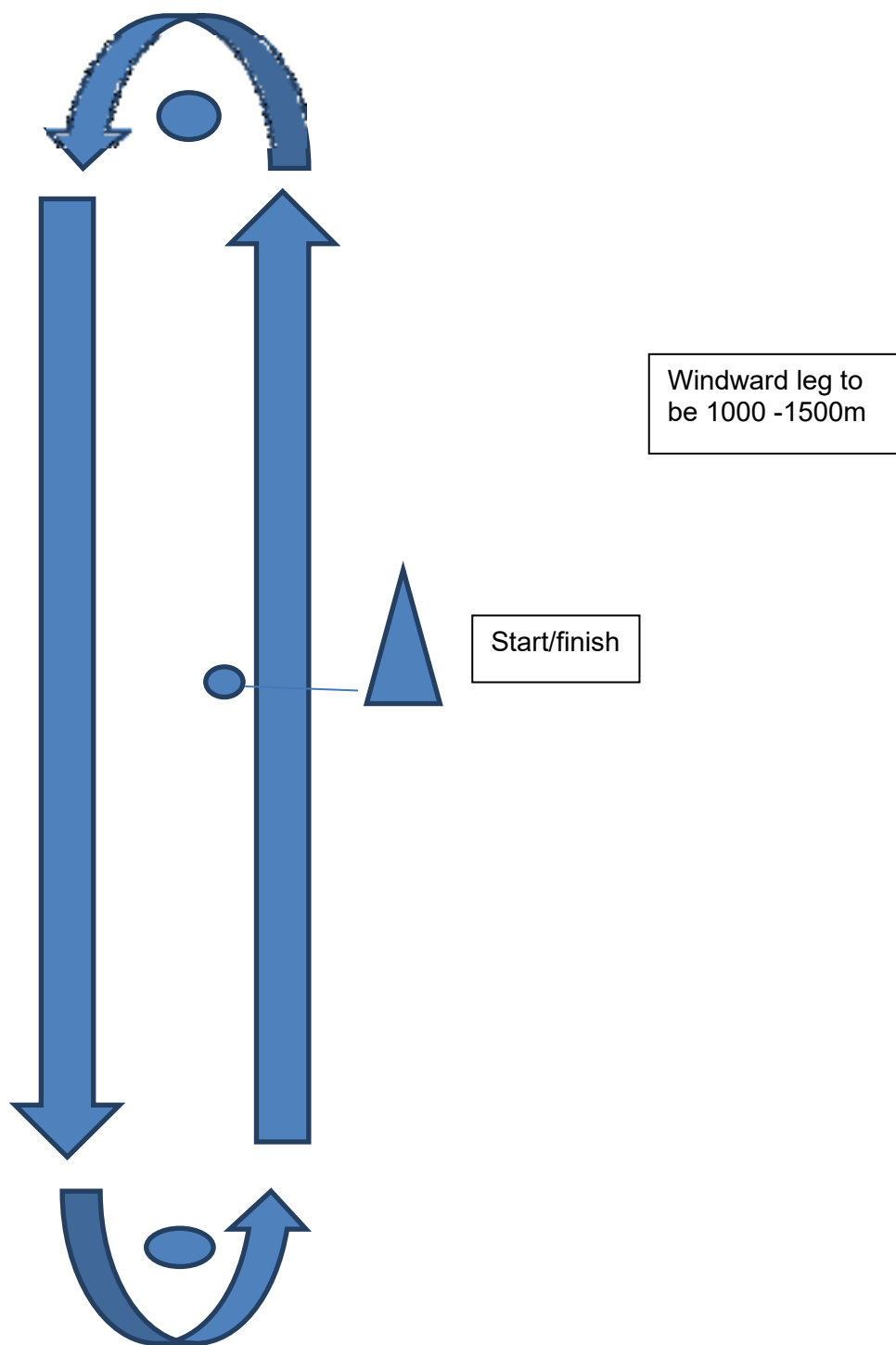
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Special Course 4 'Trapezoidal'



Special Course 5 Windward/Leeward



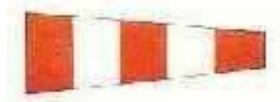
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Fast



Scow



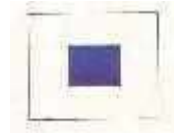
Postponement



General Recall



Change of Course



Shorten Course



board



Preparatory Signal



Racing Abandoned Code 'L' Refer to Notice



Slow



Sail all marks shown before this board then the remainder of course.



Code 'X' Individual Recall

Marks



Distant inflatable mark to windward



Inflatable mark to windward



Inflatable mark to leeward



Inflatable wing mark

Special Courses



Special Course 1



Special Course 2



Special Course 3



Special Course 4



Special Course 5

APPENDIX

RACE OFFICER GUIDANCE

Race officers are required to run races in accordance with the BHYC Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Sailing Instructions variation of which must be approved by the BHYC Racing Section and notified to competitors in advance

All Race Officers must complete a risk assessment form (using the risk management template) to record the prevailing conditions for racing and assess that they have the required level of support referring to RYA and local guidelines. They must log the number of boats taking part and check that they all returned safely before releasing the support boats.

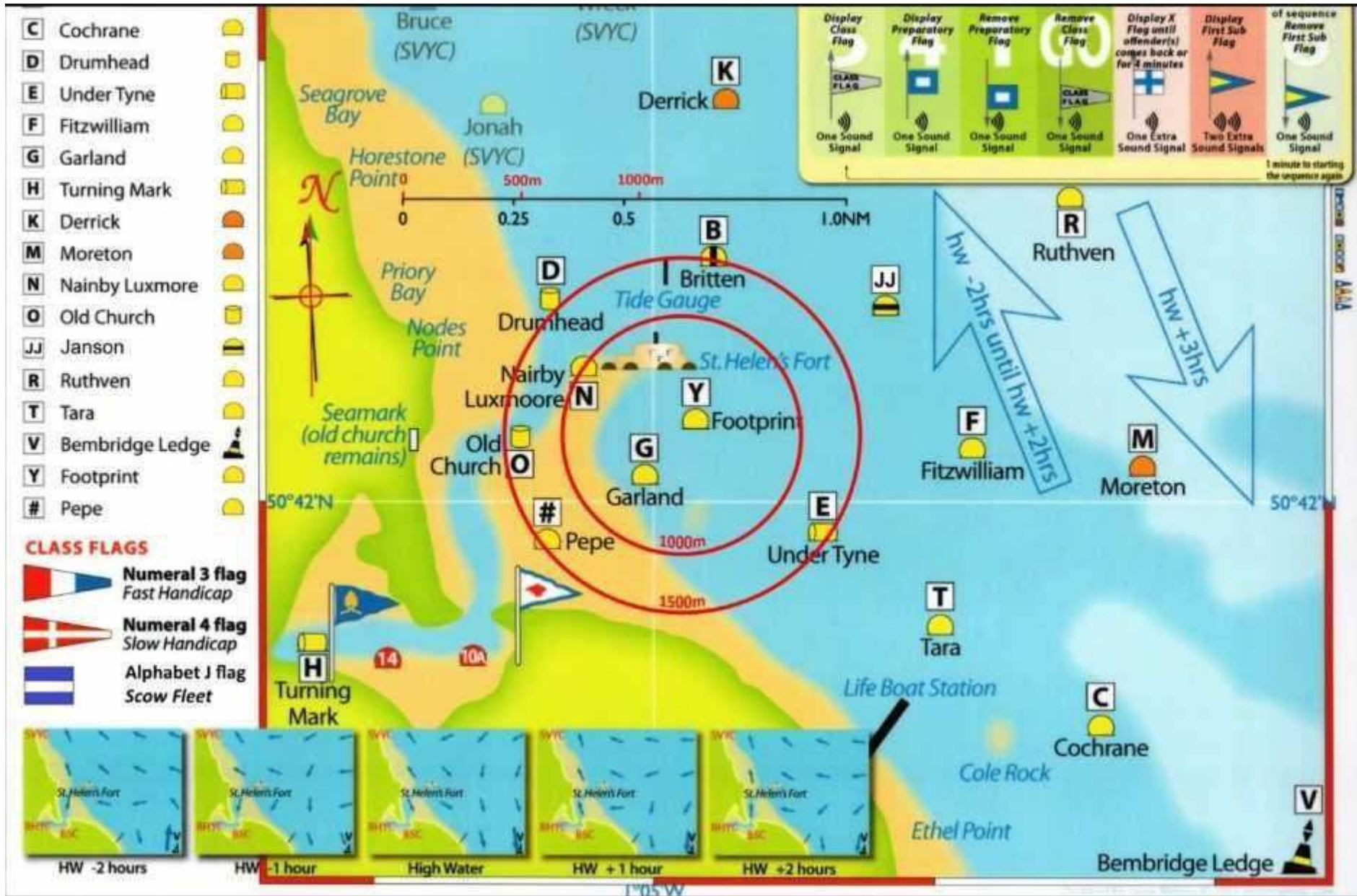
Course 3 and 4 provide shorter laps and consequently better scope to manage racing within time constraints.

A different course may be set at the discretion of the race officer for special events.

The 2021 - 2024 edition of World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing have been published and came into effect on 1 January 2021. New Racing Rules view online here [2021 - 2024](#)

Notes

Racing Area Chart



RYA Racing Charter

Applies equally to everyone involved in sailboat racing

Principles

Fair Racing

Competitors agree to race fairly; organisers and officials agree to provide fair racing; support persons agree to encourage fair racing and uphold the principles of this Charter.

Fair Resolution

Disputes will be addressed in a timely and proper manner by those responsible; parties involved will use established tools for achieving a fair resolution.

Foul, abusive, aggressive and discriminatory language or behaviour, or a lack of respect for others and their property, will not be tolerated.

Those who take unfair advantage of sailing's self-policing nature, or behave inappropriately, can expect action to be taken against them.

Respect

Accountability

Why?

Ensures sailboat racing is **fair, welcoming and inclusive to all**

Provides a framework for all-round **enjoyment**

Encourages **life long** sailboat racing

In Practice

What YOU should expect

Racing that is inclusive, fair, enjoyable and safe.

Facilities, organisation and race management of acceptable standards and appropriate to the event.

Opportunities to give feedback.

Prompt resolution of any disputes.

What is expected of YOU

Courtesy and respect to other competitors, officials and other water users, both afloat and ashore.

Compliance with rules; taking a penalty when required by the rules.

Use of provided tools to resolve any disputes.

The RYA encourages the use of the following tools...

for the resolution of Racing Disputes:

Post-Race Penalty Advisory Hearings RYA Arbitration Protest Hearings

for Unacceptable Behaviour:

Rule 2 Protest Rule 69 Hearing