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THAMES ESTUARY RACE

Sunday 21st May 2017

Part 2 Sailing Instructions

1. TIME CHECK

The Race Committee will broadcast a time check by VHF radio (channel 72) at 08:50 using a countdown procedure. (EAORA Part 1 SI's 12)

2. START SEQUENCE

The following 5-4-1-0 start sequence will be used at 10 minute intervals (RRS A26 and EAORA Sailing Instructions Part 1 12.4, 12.5 and 12.6)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Flag Displayed</u>	<u>Sound Signal</u>
08:55	Class 3 Warning Signal Numeral Pennant 3 raised.	1 Sound Signal
08:56	Class 3 Preparatory Signal Code Flag P raised	1 Sound Signal
08:59	Preparatory Flag lowered	1 Long Sound Signal
09:00	Numeral Pennant 3 lowered	1 Sound Signal <u>Start Class 3</u>
09:05	Class 2 & 1 Warning Signal Numeral Pennants 2 & 1 raised	1 Sound Signal
09:06	Class 2 & 1 Preparatory Signal Code Flag P raised	1 Sound Signal
09:09	Preparatory Flag lowered	1 Long Sound Signal
09:10	Numeral Pennants 2 & 1 lowered	1 Sound Signal <u>Start Class 2 & Class 1</u>

3. PREPARATORY SIGNALS

International Code Flag P will be used for the initial start for each Class, however the Race Committee may select any of the following Preparatory Signals for starts that have been 'General Recalled'. (RRS 26 refers):-

P or I or Z or U or I+Z or Black

4. START & FINISH LINES

The Start and Finish Lines will be as defined in the Notice of Race for the Thames Estuary Race 2017 on EAORA Web Site.

5. GENERAL RECALLS

Should a Class start be a 'General Recall', the start recalled will be restarted as soon as possible. The recalled start does NOT go to the end of the sequence. The start of Classes yet to be started will be delayed accordingly. (RRS 29.2 also refers)

6. YACHTS OCS AT THE START

The numbers or names of yachts OCS may be broadcast by the Race Committee (EAORA Sailing Instructions Part 1 Para 12.9).

7. COURSE TO BE SAILED

The Course to be sailed will be indicated by the Code Flag displayed by the Committee Boat; either Course A, Course B, Course C as defined in Notice of Race.

8. SHORTENING OR CHANGING THE COURSE

The Committee may shorten in accordance with RRS 32 or change the course in accordance with the EAORA Sailing Instruction Part 1 paragraph 13.6. A competitor may ask for and receive information about either procedure without being subject to RRS 41, Outside Assistance.

END OF PART 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ADDITIONAL NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

(These notes are NOT part of the Sailing Instructions)

1. Committee Boat

By kind permission of Mr Phil Aspinall (Rear Commodore RCYC), the Committee Vessel at the Start will be "Kah-Nee-Ta" a Winga 87 motor/sailer with a white hull and black hull stripe.

By kind permission of Tony and Chuffy Merewether, the Committee Vessel at the finish will be "Amazon" a white Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 389 yacht flying EAORA flags.

2. Finish Line and Declarations

A line between the foremast of the Committee Vessel and the Harwich Town Sailing Club's Beacon Hill racing mark (located approximately 2 cables north of the seaward end of Dovercourt breakwater).

If there is no Committee Vessel on station at the finish, all yachts must record their own finish time when the Harwich Town Sailing Club's Beacon Hill racing mark bears 270° from the bow of the yacht when the yacht is passing the buoy to port. The timepiece used to record the finish time should be acknowledged by the Race Officer and if necessary checked against an official clock.

Please text your time as soon as possible after finishing with your own yacht's name & sail number, Yacht ahead, yacht astern to the PRO, Tony Merewether **07703 345501** to assist with overall race results.

3. Prize Giving and Results for the Thames Estuary Race

The Race Committee will announce the results by text, Facebook and or email as soon as possible after the race.

The prizegiving will be arranged at a date to be announced by the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.