

West Mersea Yacht Club

Buckley Goblets 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organised by the West Mersea Yacht Club in association with the East Anglian Offshore Racing Association and the Royal Temple Yacht Club

SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2021

First Warning Signal: 0755 BST

High Water: Harwich: 1036 BST 3.6 M

High Water: Ramsgate: 1038 BST 4.4M 2308 BST 4.7M

CONTACT DETAILS

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office
Start	Principal Committee Vessel "Windrunner" a 42ft white yacht. White mast & Grey boom cover: Call Sign "Offshore One" on VHF Channel 72 Mobile: Paul Wood +44 (0) 7768 351048 or Claire Scott 07990 041569	HM Coastguard Dover VHF Channel 16 +44 (0) 01255 675518 (For Notification of retirements or in an emergency) Zone13@hmcg.gov.uk	Claire Scott 07990 041569
Finish	Royal Temple Yacht Club (01843 591766)	As Above	

YACHTS RETIRING FROM THE RACE MUST IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY RACE HEADQUARTERS AT THE FINISH OR HM COASTGUARD AS APPROPRIATE.

Failure to comply may lead to exclusion from future EAORA racing.

THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IS DRAWN TO WORLD SAILING SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02 AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. (RRS fundamental rule 4)

1. RULES

1.1. The race will be governed by:

1.1.1. The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.1.1.1. RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) between the times of local sunset and sunrise; or government right-of-way rules if applicable.

1.1.2. The RYA Prescriptions to the Racing Rules which can be found on the RYA Website. www.rya.org.uk

1.1.3. World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Category 2 life rafts, AIS Transponders and RORC Prescriptions.

1.1.4. The rules and regulations of appropriate Class rules; IRC Rules Parts A, B & C Rules.

1.1.5. The Notice of Race Part 1 which is available from the EAORA Website and its General Rules apply to all EAORA races.

1.1.6. The Notice of Race Part 2 which is also available from the EAORA Website and gives information about individual races. Both Documents may be modified by the Sailing Instructions for each race. www.eaora.org.uk

1.2. When a rule is modified by the Sailing Instructions, this shall take precedence over the Notice of Race, this changes RRS 63.7

2. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

2.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the WMYC and on www.wmyc.org.uk (click on racing). Notices may also be displayed on the EAORA website www.eaora.org.uk.

4. RADAR REFLECTORS

4.1. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 4.10, if AIS transceivers are not fitted or not transmitting, EAORA recommends that radar reflectors should always be flown.

5. AIS

5.1. All boats are required to have their AIS transceivers switched on and able to transmit (at least every minute) and receiving from race start time and throughout the race.

5.2. Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions.

5.3. Yachts unable to meet these requirements shall submit comprehensive details of the reason on their Declaration Form and may be subject to protest. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification.

6. IDENTITY AND NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BOARD CHECK

6.1. Every yacht shall pass close by the start Committee Vessel, displaying her sail numbers and letters in the lifelines if no sail is hoisted and inform the Race Officer of the number of persons on board. This information may be transmitted to the Race Committee by VHF if an individual yacht is late for the start.

6.2. If there are fewer crew than on any crew list supplied to the Organising Authority, it is imperative that the Committee Boat is informed of the name(s) of the absent crew.

7. START LINE

7.1. The start line will be a line between the main mast of the Committee Vessel lying to the west of the Nass Beacon and an outer distance mark (Yellow Buoy with Black flag) approximately 350 metres to the south of the Committee Vessel. Yachts start in an easterly direction leaving the Committee Vessel to port and the outer distance mark to starboard.

7.2. When separate class starts are being used, yachts whose Warning Signals have not been made shall keep clear of the starting line when other yachts are starting.

8. CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

8.1. Classes and class flags will be as defined in the NoR Part 1, paragraph 6.2.2

9. STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

9.1. The Race Committee will broadcast a time check by VHF radio (channel 72) at 0750 BST using a countdown procedure and hoist an orange Code Flag.

9.2. There shall be one start for all competitors.

9.2.1. The race committee may split the fleet into two or more starts.

9.2.2. Any change to the start sequence will be notified to competitors via an amendment to these Sailing Instructions which may be announced over the VHF.

9.2.3. Any additional starts will be later than the published 1st start time.

Time (BST)	CLASS	FLAG	SOUND SIGNAL
0755	All EAORA Classes	Numeral Pennant 1 raised	One sound signal
0756		Code Flag P raised	One sound signal
0759		Code Flag P Lowered	One long sound signal
0800		Numeral Pennant 1 lowered	One sound signal

9.3. The race committee may elect to run the start procedure using VHF and sound signals only.

9.3.1. If the Committee Vessel is flying Code Flag E, then the start will be by VHF and sound signals only as follows.

9.3.2. This amends RRS26.

MINUTES PRIOR TO START	Announcement with count down	Sound Signal
10	Ten-minute time check	One Short Sound
5	Warning Signal	One Short Sound
4	Preparatory Signal	One Short Sound
1	One Minute Signal	One LONG Sound
START	Start	One Sound signal

9.4. The numbers or names of yachts OCS may be broadcast by the Race Committee.

10. THE COURSE

10.1. The course for this race will be chosen by the race officer from the courses in Appendix A.

10.2. If a mark is not seen a yacht shall supply with the declaration satisfactory evidence that the mark has been passed correctly.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions, and boats shall not enter them:

11.1. All Traffic Separation Schemes are Obstructions, except where a course is set that requires a TSS to be crossed. In this situation competitors should comply with IRPCS regulations.

- 11.2. Any area prohibited for navigation, such as nature reserves, bird or sea life sanctuaries, is an obstruction.
- 11.3. Oil and Gas fields, production platforms and associated structures, including tanker moorings, storage tankers and platforms on pipelines. Technical installations generally exhibit Morse code "U" lights (2 FL & 1 LFL), Aircraft Obstruction lights, and audible fog signals.
- 11.4. Navigation is prohibited within 500 metres of all such structures, including storage tankers which can swing about their moorings. Vessels manoeuvring in the vicinity of platforms and moorings should be given a wide berth.
- 11.5. Wind farms under construction are generally prohibited for navigation, whereas completed farms may be navigable if a distance of 500 m to any individual installation can be maintained safely. Care should be taken to ensure that AIS is operable and a constant radio watch on VHF Ch 16 is maintained.
- 11.6. Any area reported as prohibited for navigation in Notices to Mariners is an obstruction. Boats shall comply when instructed to avoid areas by local authorities such as naval, law enforcement or technical installation guard units.

12. COMMUNICATION

- 12.1. The Race Committee may broadcast information on VHF ch72, call sign "Offshore One".
- 12.2. Yachts are reminded to keep a watch on VHF ch72 during the start and as requested at the finish.
- 12.3. Yachts are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch16.

13. REPORTING IN A SLOW RACE OR ROUGH WEATHER (Force 7 and above)

- 13.1. In the event of rough weather all Yachts shall endeavour to report to the Race Committee their whereabouts and status at reasonable intervals (if possible four-hourly) and pass on information about other boats if known.
- 13.2. Inter-boat communication calls should when possible be on DSC or VHF ch16 as a calling Channel and VHF ch72 as a working Channel.
- 13.3. Yachts with communications in addition to VHF should act as a link, taking other boats' reports on VHF and passing them to the Race Committee or Coastguard.

14. RETIREMENTS

- 14.1. Yachts retiring should inform the Race Officer at the finish as soon as possible by telephone or VHF ch72 or inform HM Coastguard on +44 (0) 1255 675518 or by VHF ch16 that they have retired and their intentions.

15. APPROACH TO THE FINISH

- 15.1. All yachts are required to set listening watch on VHF ch72 when approximately 30 minutes from the finish and at that time to call "Offshore One" to advise Estimated Time of Arrival at the finish line.
- 15.2. At night or in poor visibility yachts should assist with identification at the finish line by calling "Offshore One" again on the final approach to the finish line. At all times be ready to assist with identification at the finish line and keep VHF watch until berthed. The PRO will maintain a watch on VHF ch72 and mobile phone.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1. The finish line is an extension to seaward of the forward mast of the RTYC Squarehead, marked by an orange triangle, and the North Quern Buoy (ODM) with the Number 6 Channel Marker acting as the IDM.
 - 16.1.1. If the Committee Vessel is not present competitors are required to take their own finish times.
- 16.2. Finishing times shall be delivered to the EAORA Race Officer as soon as possible. If this is a separate watch then that watch must be checked against the official time clock.

- 16.3. Confirmation of Arrival: It is extremely important that every boat confirms her arrival as quickly as possible to the Committee Vessel, or Race Office when no Committee Vessel is on station. Boats failing to comply with this rule may find themselves disqualified from the race.

17. DECLARATIONS

- 17.1. Competitors are reminded that under EAORA Notice of Race Part 1 para 11 they are required to complete a Declaration Form. Yachts shall complete a Declaration Form and submit it to the PRO as soon as possible after the race. In the event of a yacht not entering the finish port, the Declaration may be sent by Text to Race Officer's mobile or e-mailed to sailing@hpyc.com. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the yacht being excluded from the results.
- 17.2. When a yacht retires from the race, she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form.
- 17.3. Declarations can be made by Paper, Text or email and must include: Yacht Name, Sail Number, Finish Time (BST), yacht ahead, yacht astern.
- 17.4. Give a Mobile Number if text is to be used.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. EAORA will supply all race result details as soon as possible after the race has finished such that points can be awarded in all series and Trophies/medallions awarded.

19. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 19.1. Scoring Penalty:
- 19.1.1. When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies (RRS 44.3).
- 19.1.2. The scoring penalty will be 10 minutes added to the boat's corrected time for each penalty.
- 19.1.3. When a scoring penalty does not apply, a yacht may take a Two Turns Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken RRS 31, as described in RRS 44.2.
- 19.2. Standard Penalties:
- 19.2.1. When at a boat's starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 Individual Recall and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS63.1 and A5.
- 19.2.2. For a breach of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a time penalty of 20%. This changes RRS63.1 and A5.
- 19.2.3. For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction, i.e. Traffic Separation Schemes, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 20%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional, and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 19.3. Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it shall protest the boat.
- 19.4. If, in a valid hearing brought by the Race Committee under Sailing Instruction 20.2.4 or by another boat, a boat is found to have infringed RRS 28, 29.1 or the Sailing Instructions, the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee but will not be less than the standard penalty.
- 19.5. Grounds for Protest:
- 19.5.1. Breaches of SI 5, 7 and 18 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.
- 19.6. Other Penalties:
- 19.6.1. When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule other than RRS Part 1 and 2 and that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it may apply a time penalty of 20%. Should the Protest Committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion choose to give a warning.

20. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 20.1. Protests may be written on plain paper when Protest forms are not available. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race office within the appropriate time limit.
- 20.2. The protest time limit is 3 hours after the protesting boat finishes.
- 20.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for the last boat to finish the race.
- 20.4. The notification of a Protest by the Race or Protest Committee against a competitor as required under RRS 61.1(b) or (c) shall consist of a notice on the Official Notice Board.

21. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 21.1. (1st Overall) – BUCKLEY GOBLETS and West Mersea Yacht Club Prizeware

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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.”
- 22.2. 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:
 - 22.2.1. 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;
 - 22.2.2. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - 22.2.3. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - 22.2.4. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - 22.2.5. the provision of a race management team, other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - 22.2.6. they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as 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, in date and familiar to the crew.

APPENDIX A OF THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Course A

Order	Mark	Leave to:	Latitude *	Longitude *
	Start Line			
1	Colne Bar	P	51°44'.61N	01°02'.57E
2	N Eagle	S	51°44'.71N	01°04'.32E
3	Wallet 3	P	51.45.02N	01.11.29E
4	Holland Gap Diffusers	S	51.48.12 N	01.13.43 E
5	Wallet 4	P	51°46'.53N	01°17'.23E
6	Wallet 2	S	51°48'.88N	01°22'.99E
7	NE Gunfleet	S	51°49.93N	01°27'.79E
8	Sunk Head Tower	S	51°46'.63N	01°30'.51E
9	Black Deep No 3	S	51°42'.39N	01°26'.66E
10	Black Deep No 8	P	51°36'.36N	01°20'.43E
11	Outer Fisherman	S	51°34'.02N	01°25'.10E
12	Elbow	S	51°23'.23N	01°31'.59E
13	Broadstairs Knoll	S	51°20'.88N	01°29'.48E
14	Ramsgate No 2	S	51°19'.46N	01°27'.28E
15	Ramsgate No 4	S	51°19'.46N	01°26'.60E
	Finish			

Distance – approximately 60 miles

Course B

Order	Mark	Leave to:	Latitude *	Longitude *
	Start Line			
1	Colne Bar	P	51°44'.61N	01°02'.57E
2	N Eagle	S	51°44'.71N	01°04'.32E
3	Wallet 2	S	51°48'.88N	01°22'.99E
4	NE Gunfleet	S	51°49'.93N	01°27'.79E
5	Black Deep	S	51°48'.26N	01°36'.86E
6	Long Sand Head	S	51°48'.06N	01°39'.40E
7	Kentish Knock	S	51°38'.08N	01°40'.43E
8	Elbow	S	51°23'.23N	01°31'.59E
9	Broadstairs Knoll	S	51°20'.88N	01°29'.48E
10	Ramsgate No 2	S	51°19'.46N	01°27'.28E
11	Ramsgate No 4	S	51°19'.46N	01°26'.60E
	Finish			

Distance – approximately 60 miles

* Please note: the latitude and longitude provided for the marks is for guidance only and should not be used for navigation.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Additional Notes for Competitors

(These notes are NOT part of the Sailing Instructions)

1. BERTHING ARRANGEMENTS

At West Mersea

1. Vessels should make themselves aware of the banks and depth of water at West Mersea, especially if arriving at low water and if your draft is more than 2.6M. On approaching the Nass Beacon all vessels should call the WMYC Launch, call sign "YC1", on VHF ch37 or chM1 who will assist them with berthing. There is no marina at West Mersea, swinging moorings will be allocated. There are charges for berthing at West Mersea for racing yachts and the Launchman will collect the relevant fee as follows: 35 feet and under - £5.00 Over 35 feet - £7.50
2. When approaching the Nass Beacon be aware of installation work of Oyster Bed Spat Collector Frames, area is marked by Yellow Buoys, which are lit at night.
3. Please contact the WMYC Launchman, mobile: 07752309435, if you are arriving earlier in the week.

At Ramsgate

4. Listen and contact Ramsgate Port Control on ch14 before entering or leaving the Royal Harbour. When inside the Royal Harbour call Ramsgate Marina on ch80 for a berth.

Competitors are reminded of their obligation to comply with any covid regulations which may be in force.

2. LAUNCH SERVICE AT WEST MERSEA

Call sign YC1 on VHF ch37a or channel chM1

During the week prior to the race the Club will operate its normal one Launch service between the hours of 0830 and 1730.

West Mersea Launch service - Friday 17th September 2021 - Our launch service will run until 2100 hours. Call sign YC1 on VHF 37(M1). An evening launch service, from the Hammerhead, will run from 2100 hours until approximately 2245 hours. - **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AFTER 2300 HOURS.** It would be very helpful to the Launchman if you could advise him of your return trip when initially coming ashore.

Launch Service on Saturday 18th September 2021 - An early launch service will run from 0630, primarily for the Committee Boat personnel. Crew from race boats may also use this service but Committee Vessel personnel have priority.

3. CATERING AT THE WEST MERSEA YACHT CLUB FRIDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2021

Restaurant facilities will be available from **1900 hours until 2130 hours**. Our chef would greatly appreciate advanced bookings - please ring on 01206 382947(Office hours) or 01206 384463(Restaurant). Please ensure your booking also indicates any dietary requirements for supper.

4. CAR PARKING AT WEST MERSEA

The car park immediately behind the WMYC Clubhouse has a stay limit of 12 hours and is reserved for cars displaying authorised stickers. The Council car park between the Clubhouse and the water has a limited stay period for which you must pay. You will receive a fine if you park without a pay/display ticket showing the correct charge.

Therefore, would Competitors wishing to leave cars at West Mersea please use the Club Car Park in City Road. Authorised stickers are also required to park here. To obtain a sticker apply to the Club Office or Bar giving car and race details. To access this park, take the road (Firs Chase) up the hill at the side of the Club House, then take the first turning on the left (about 50yds) into City Road, the Car/Boat Park is

on the right hand side. This car park is controlled with a barrier and a code is required to lift the barrier. This code is changed on a regular basis so please ask at the Club on arrival.

5. CATERING AT RAMSGATE

There will be no food available at the Royal Temple Yacht Club, but there are numerous restaurants near the harbour. Pre-booking is advised.

6. PRIZE GIVING PARTY

Prize Giving will be at the EAORA AGM / prize giving dinner, at Haven Ports YC on 13th November 2021.

THANK YOU

END OF ADDITIONAL NOTES