



**2017 FALMOUTH WORKING
BOATS ASSOCIATION**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**FALMOUTH WORKING
BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

CLASSES 'B' & 'C'

St Mawes 30th June, 1st , and 2nd July 2017

TIDE TIMES 2017

ALL TIMES - BRITISH SUMMER TIME

DATE	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	TIME	HEIGHT	TIME	HEIGHT

FRIDAY 30th JUNE	10.46	4.4m		
			17.19	1.2m
	23.02	4.6m		

SATURDAY 1 st JULY				
	11.40	4.2m		
			18.10	1.4m
	23.59	4.3m		

SUNDAY 2 nd JULY			06.44	1.4m
	12.45	4.1m		
			19.07	1.6m

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Friday 30th June – Sunday 2nd July 2017

Organising Authority (OA): St Mawes Sailing Club

In conjunction with the Falmouth Working Boat Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:

[NP] – A breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat

[DP] - Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the protest committee

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The following rules are changed:

RRS 62	see	SI 2.3
RRS A4	see	SI. 10.3
RRS 32.2	see	SI. 12.2
RRS 33	see	SI. 11.
RRS 35, A4 and A5	see	SI. 14
Race Signals AP	see	SI. 4
RRS 40	see	SI. 17.1
Class rule 6(b)	see	SI. 19

2. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [NP][DP]

- 2.1 Boats shall carry positioning equipment supplied by the organising authority, and shall comply promptly with any reasonable instructions from the race committee concerning this equipment.
- 2.2 Equipment will be issued before the first race, and shall be returned at the prize-giving on Sunday. Boats are responsible for the safe keeping of the equipment during the event.
- 2.3 A boat shall not be given redress based on a request involving this equipment. This changes rule 62.

3. **Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lounge at St Mawes Sailing Club.

4. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2100 hrs on the day before the changes comes into effect, including any change to the schedule of races.

5. **Signals Made Ashore**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the St Mawes Sailing Club Signals Mast.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 90 minutes. This changes Race Signals AP.

6. **Schedule of Races**

6.1 The warning signal for each day for Class 'B' will be 10.55 and 14.55 for Class 'C' 11.00 and 15.00.

6.2 If a race or races are lost for any reason, one extra race may be sailed on another day.

6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 14.00hrs on the last day of racing.

7. **Class Flags**

Class flags will be: Class B - IC 'Flag B', Class C - IC 'Flag C'.

8. **Race Area** Races will be held in the Carrick Roads.

9. **Courses**

9.1 The course configurations, order of rounding marks and number of rounds to be sailed are shown in Appendix 1 to these sailing instructions.

9.2 Shorten Course. A course shall only be shortened after 3 legs or more have been sailed.

10. Course Marks

- 10.1 All marks will be Orange inflatables.
- 10.2 Supplementary signals may be given by radio on Ch.72. Failure to do so will not be grounds for protest.
- 10.3 When a **Red** flag is displayed all **Marks** are taken to **Port**, when a **Green** flag is displayed all **Marks** are taken to **Starboard**

11. The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. In addition, for the first attempted start an alert signal (Orange Flag accompanied by one long sound signal) will be displayed at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

a.	Warning Signal	Gun	5 minutes before Start
b.	Preparatory Signal	Gun	4 minute before Start
c.	Preparatory Signal Removed	Horn	1 minute before Start
d.	Warning Signal Removed	Gun	Start

- 11.2 **The Start Line** will be between the Committee boat mast displaying an **Orange** flag and a **Yellow Inflatable Buoy**.

- 11.3 A boat starting later than **4 minutes** after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4

- 11.4 **All race communication will be on VHF Channel 72.**

12. Change to the Next Leg of the Course

When after a race has started, there is a substantial wind shift, the Race Committee may change the position of a mark provided that such change does not affect the point of sailing of any competitor whilst it is being made. This change will be announced by VHF. This changes RRS 33.

13. The Finish

- 13.1 The Finish will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the mast on the St. Mawes S.C.
- 13.2 When flag 'F' is displayed, with two sound signals near a mark by a Race Committee Boat, boats will round this mark and sail directly to the Finish Line.
This changes RRS 32.2.

14. Penalty System

“As permitted by RRS 44.1 the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty”

15. Time Limits

The time limit for the first boat in each race will be 2.5 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30mins after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16. Protests and Requests for Redress and Advisory Service

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at St Mawes S.C. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 2hrs after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at St Mawes SC, beginning at the time posted.

16.4 Protests in relation to races on Friday and Saturday will be heard at St Mawes Sailing Club on Saturday 25th June at the time posted. On the last scheduled day of racing, protests will be heard as soon as possible after the time limit.

16.5 Competitors may meet with an Advisor instead of a protest or before continuing with a protest. Protest forms must still be delivered within the time limit set.

17. Scoring

17.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 When more than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. Safety

- 18.1 When flag 'Y' is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes Part 4 preamble.
- 18.2 When flag 'Y' is displayed from the Committee Boat all competitors shall wear a personal floatation device.
- 18.3 All boats must call the Safety Officer on VHF CH.72 stating the number of crew on board, before each race.
- 18.4 Nothing written in the Notice of Race or these Championship Sailing Instructions removes a boat's separate responsibility to the Harbour Commissioners to comply at all times with the Harbours bye-laws, see: <http://www.falmouthport.co.uk/pdf/bye-laws.pdf>

19. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20. Prizes

Prizes will be presented as follows: 'B' Class Championship Trophy.
'C' Class Championship Trophy.
Other Prizes may be presented.

21. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. This changes Class Rule 6(b).

22. 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;

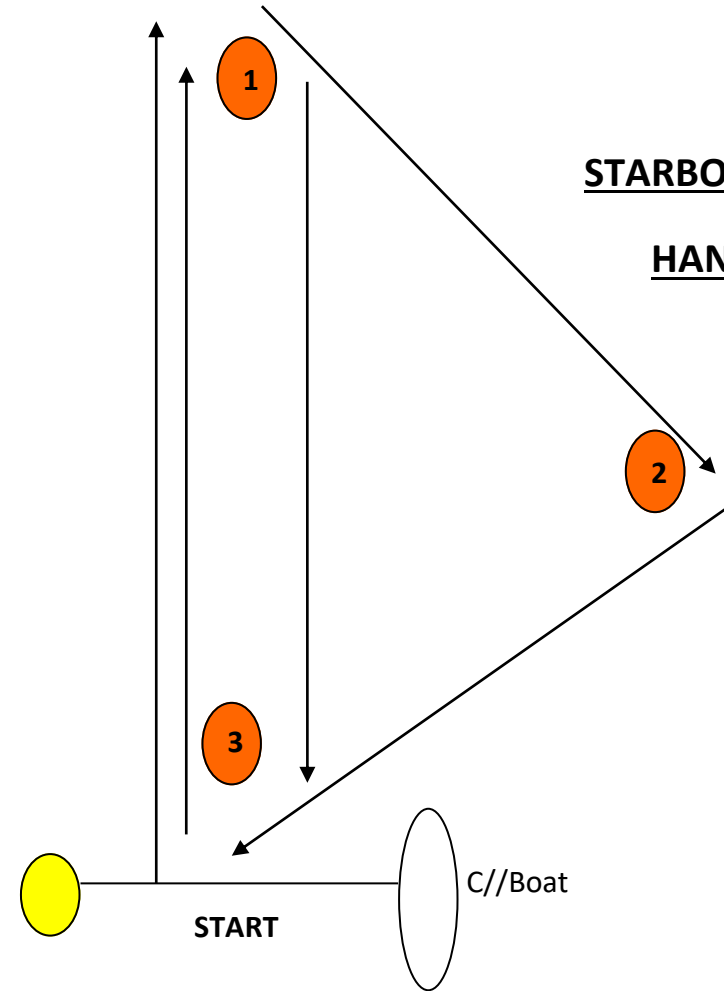
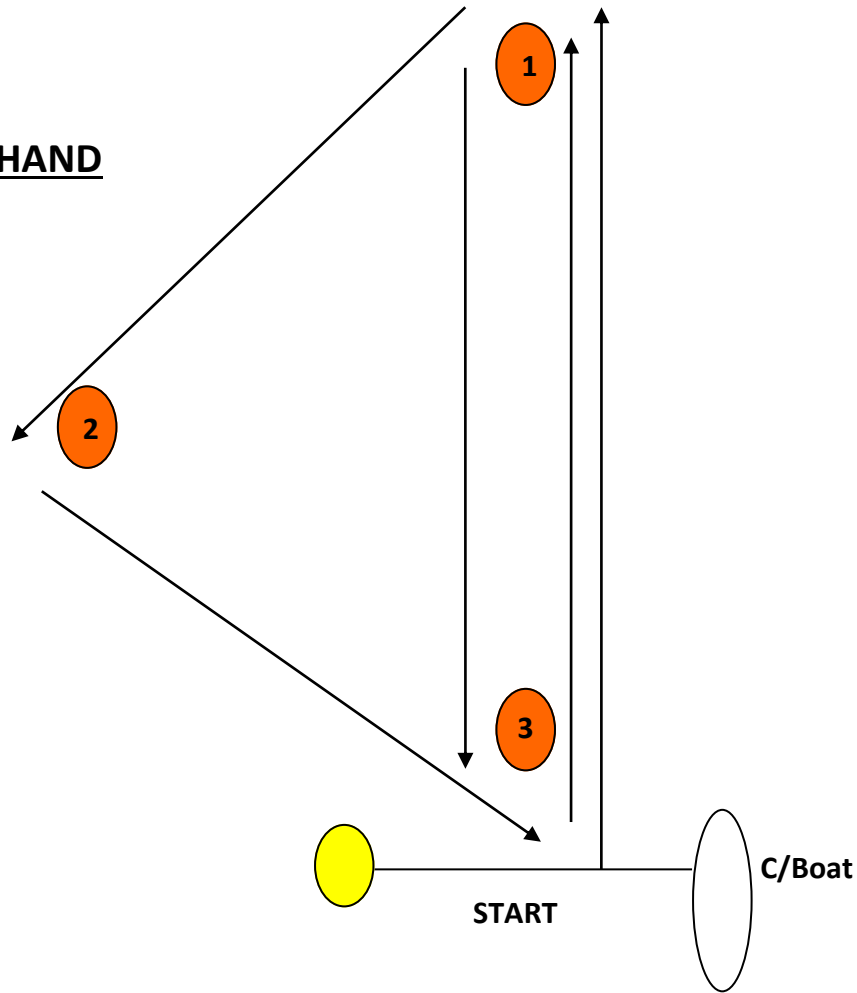
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and 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 at the event.

APPENDIX 1

COURSES

PORT HAND

STARBOARD HAND



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

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

