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Inshore Regatta Series 2009

for Farr 45s

for the

Royal Thames Imperial Trophy

(Match Racing)

July 4th/ 5th

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HW Portsmouth Saturday 4th – 1010 4.0m
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All Times BST

The Event is Not Graded

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**Abbreviations:**

PC – protest committee

RC – race committee

OA – organising authority

NA – national authority

RRS – racing rules of sailing

SI – sailing instructions

IJ – International Jury

NoR – notice of race

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by

(a) the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.

(b) the ISAF Special Regulations Category 4.

(c) the Class Rules of the class to which the boat belongs.

1.2 The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5 (a) so far as the same is authorised by that rule.

1.3 In RRS C5.1 'green and white' is changed to 'green and white or green'.

1.4 If Flag E (blue with horizontal red stripe) is displayed before the Attention Signal RRS C4.2 is amended as follows: Within the two minute period following her preparatory signal, the boat at the starboard end (yellow) shall cross and clear the starting line, the first time from the course side to the pre-start side; the boat at the port end (blue) shall pass between Mark Start/Finish and Entry Mark and cross and clear the imaginary line between the Entry mark and the RC boat, the first time from the course side to the pre-start side.

Mark Start/Finish Line o-----o RC boat
 Entry Mark o

2 SPARE**3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices to competitors issued not later than 1700 hrs on Friday 3rd July 2009 will be sent to all boats entered by that time by email using the address specified on the entry form.

3.2 Notices issued after that time and date will be communicated to boats by radio on VHF 72.

3.3 The umpires will hold a debrief as soon as possible after the end of racing on Saturday of the regatta in Ketch Rigger at Hamble.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be sent by email to the person and email address specified on the entry form.

4.2 After the Thursday of the regatta, changes may be communicated by the race committee by radio on VHF 72 or by the umpires. All such changes may be made verbally.

4.3 Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed on the committee boat until the Attention signal of first flight in which it is to take effect.

5. BOATS AND SAILS

5.1 (a) The event will be sailed in Farr 45s .

(b) Boats may use any sails permitted by the Class Rules.

5.2. Restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire.

6 SPARE**7 CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER and WEIGHT**

7.1 The Class Rules of the Farr 45 class shall apply.

8 EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULES

8.1 The match pairing lists for the round robin stage and event format are detailed in SI Appendix A and B. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC boat.

8.3 The racing days are scheduled as 4th and 5th July

8.4 Spare.

8.5 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.

8.6 (a) The RC may terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time available. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

(b) Add RRS C10.3(b): 'When a single round robin is terminated before completion, or a multiple round robin is terminated during the first round robin, the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitor has completed less than one third of the scheduled matches when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and if necessary the event shall be declared void.'

8.7 The intended time of the first attention signal each day is 1030 on Saturday 4th July and 1000 on Sunday 5th July.

8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.

8.9 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the race committee may bring forward the following matches to avoid a blank start for the pair not starting. The match umpires will advise the affected matches when this applies and the starting sequence flags will be displayed accordingly.

9 RACING AREA

9.1 The racing area will be in The Solent between Sowley in the west and the Forts in the east. Notwithstanding these limits, it is the intention of the race committee to set the course as near to the Central Solent area as is practicable.

9.2 Beginning at 0915 each morning the race committee will broadcast on VHF 72 the intended location of the start and a description of the boat being used as the RC boat.

10 COURSE

10.1 There are two possible courses, A and B. The course to be sailed for each flight will be signalled by displaying Flag A or B at or before the Flight Signal. If Course B is to be sailed the additional signals in 10.1 (b) will also be displayed.

Course Configuration A (not to scale)

Mark W o

Mark L o

Start/Finish Line o-----o

Course signals and course to be sailed

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat at or before the warning signal.
Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.

Signal	Course
No Signal	Start - W - L - W - Finish
S	Start - W - Finish

Course Configuration B (not to scale)

Mark WP o o Mark WS

Mark L o

Start/Finish Line o-----o

(b) Course signals and course to be sailed

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat at or before the warning signal.
Green means: 'Round marks WP, WS and L to starboard.'
Red means: 'Round marks WS, WP and L to port.'

Signal	Course
Green	Start - WP - WS - L - WP - WS - Finish
Green + S	Start - WP - WS - Finish
Red	Start - WS - WP - L - WS - WP - Finish
Red + S	Start - WS - WP - Finish

Marks WP and WS may be laid together.

(c) Description of Marks

The RC boat will be the Offshore 104 34ft workboat Gemini Breeze (white hull and deck) identified by a white flag with the words Royal Thames Yacht Club in red thereon
The starting/finishing line mark(s), marks W, WS and WP will be orange marks with the letters RTYC or Royal Thames Yacht Club on them.

10.2 Starting/Finishing Line

- (a) The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat – but see S11.4 for entry instructions.
- (b) A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle

10.3 Abandonment and Shortening

- (a) RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.'
- (b) Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies only to that match.

11. SPARE

12 STARTING PROCEDURE

- 12.1 The next flight number will be displayed on the RC boat.
- 12.2 The attention signal will be displayed 7 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.1.

13 CHANGE OF POSITION OF A MARK

- 13.1 There will be no changes of course after the start of the first match of a flight except that a mark may be laid any time until the first boat of a flight rounds the previous mark or, for the first windward mark, starts. This changes rule 33.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

SI APPENDIX A – PAIRING LIST FOR ROUND ROBIN

To follow.

SI APPENDIX B - EVENT FORMAT and SCHEDULE OF RACES**EVENT FORMAT****(1) First Stage - Round Robin**

- (a) All boats will sail a round robin - each boat races each other boat once.
- (c) The results of the round robin stage will decide the ranking for the ladder stage.

(2) Second Stage – Ladder – if nine entries.

(If there are fewer than nine entries, the format of the ladder will be modified appropriately while retaining the overall basic structure)

- (a) In the first flight, the boat ranked ninth will race the boat ranked eighth in match 1, the boat ranked seventh will race the boat ranked sixth in match 2, the boat ranked fifth will race the boat ranked fourth in match 3 and the boat ranked third will race the boat ranked second in match 4. The boat ranked first will not race.
- (b) At the end of the first flight, the winning boat of each match shall be promoted to the rank above (except that the winning boat in match 4 shall be ranked second) and the losing boat shall be demoted to the rank below. In the match between seventh and eighth, the losing boat will be demoted to ninth place and will not sail in the next round. The boat ranked first in the round robin will sail in match 4 of flight 2 against the winner of match 4 in the first flight.
- (c) Each subsequent flight shall consist of four matches with the boat currently ranked eighth racing the boat currently ranked seventh in match 1, the boat ranked sixth racing the boat ranked fifth in match 2, the boat ranked fourth racing the boat ranked third in match 3, the boat ranked second racing the boat ranked first in match 4. The boat ranked ninth will not race.
- (d) At the end of each flight, the winning boat of each match shall be promoted to the rank above and the losing boat shall be demoted to the rank below. In the match between seventh and eighth, the losing boat will be demoted to ninth place and will not sail in the next flight. The boat that was in ninth place and did not sail in the previous flight shall be ranked eighth.
- (e) The higher ranked boat is assigned to the port end of the starting line and shall display a blue flag at her stern while racing. The other boat is assigned the starboard end and shall display a yellow flag at her stern while racing. This changes RRS C4.1.
- (f) There will be six flights. At the end of the sixth flight the winner of match 4 will be declared the winner of the Royal Thames Imperial Trophy and the loser of match 4 will be declared the runner up. The winner of match 3 will be awarded third place in the competition, the loser of match 3 fourth place, and so on.

- (g) If for any reason six flights of the ladder cannot be sailed, the scoring system described in (f) will be applied to the last flight sailed. If no flights of the ladder are sailed, the Imperial Trophy will be awarded on the results of the Round Robin. The decision as to whether or not a flight or further flights of the ladder can be sailed shall be at the sole discretion of the RC and shall not be grounds for a Request for Redress under rule 62.1(a).

Ladder schematic if nine boats entered

Flight No	Match No	Port End	Stb End	winner RR sits out
1	1	9th RR	8th RR	
	2	7th RR	6th RR	
	3	5th RR	4th RR	
	4	3rd RR	2nd RR	

2	1	winner 1/1	loser 1/2	loser 1/1 sits out
	2	winner 1/2	loser 1/3	
	3	winner 1/3	loser 1/4	
	4	winner 1/4	winner RR	

3	1	loser 1/1	loser 2/2	loser 2/1 sits out
	2	winner 2/1	loser 2/3	
	3	winner 2/2	loser 2/4	
	4	winner 2/3	winner 2/4	

Flight No	Match No	Port End	Stb End	
4	1	loser 2/1	loser 3/2	loser 3/1 sits out
	2	winner 3/1	loser 3/3	
	3	winner 3/2	loser 3/4	
	4	winner 3/3	winner 3/4	

5	1	loser 3/1	loser 4/2	loser 4/1 sits out
	2	winner 4/1	loser 4/3	
	3	winner 4/2	loser 4/4	
	4	winner 4/3	winner 4/4	

6	1	loser 4/1	loser 5/2	winner is 7th winner is 5th winner is 3rd winner Royal Thames Imperial Trophy
	2	winner 5/1	loser 5/3	
	3	winner 5/2	loser 5/4	
	4	winner 5/3	winner 5/4	