

Royal Thames Yacht Club
60 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LF
Telephone: 020 7201 6265 Facsimile: 020 7245 9470 Mobile: 07903 733888
E-mail: sailing@royalthames.com

Inshore Regatta Series 2010

for Farr 45s

for the

Royal Thames Imperial Trophy

(Match Racing)

July 3rd and 4th

COMMODORE

HRH The Duke of York KCVO, ADC

VICE COMMODORE

Peter Haslehurst, Esq.

REAR COMMODORES

Mike Halstead, Esq.

George Ehlers, Esq.

CHIEF SAILING OFFICER

Malcolm McKeag, Esq.

SAILING SECRETARY

Jonathan Beeston

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER

Gillian Smith

HW Portsmouth Saturday 3rd – 1634 4.2m
HW Portsmouth Sunday 4th – 1716 4.1m

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 (horizontal blue/red) 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 on Thursday 1st July 2010 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.

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 Thursday 1st July, 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.
- 8.3 The racing days are scheduled as 3rd and 4th July 2010.
- 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 of 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 at least one 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 3rd July and 1000 on Sunday 4th 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 a) **Course Configuration A** (not to scale)

Mark 1 o

Mark 2 o

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

Entry Mark o

Marks to be rounded to starboard. Course: Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 1 – Finish.

- b) If Flag J is displayed at or before the warning signal, an extra mark will be laid. The purpose of the extra mark is to correct the direction of either the run or the beat for the effects of cross-tide. If J over numeral 1 is displayed the extra mark will be near Mark 1. If J over numeral 2 is displayed the extra mark will be near Mark 2. The extra mark shall be rounded after rounding Mark 1 and before rounding Mark 2 or finishing.

(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 marks 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 SI1.4 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 Marks may be moved at any time during a sequence or flight except that no mark may be moved if any boat is on a leg of the course that it ends. All marks will be visible from all parts of the course and no visual or other signals will be made. This changes RRS 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 one or two round robins - each boat races each other boat once in each round.
- (b) The results of the round robin stage will decide the ranking for the ladder stage.

(2) Finals Stage – Ladder

- (a) In the ladder, the boat ranked seventh will race the boat ranked sixth in match 1, the boat ranked fifth will race the boat ranked fourth in match 2, the boat ranked third will race the boat ranked second in match 3. The boat ranked first will not race.

Ladder schematic if nine boats entered

Flight No	Match No	Port End	Stb End	
1	1	7th RR	6th RR	RR winner sits out
	2	5th RR	4th RR	winner is 6th
	3	3rd RR	2nd RR	winner is 4 th
				loser is 3 rd , winner is through to final

Final:

Match No	Port End	Stb End
1	Winner of Match 3	Winner of Round Robin
2	Winner of Round Robin	Winner of Match 3
3 if needed	Winner of Match 3	Winner of Round Robin

First to score two points wins the Royal Thames Imperial Trophy.