



Sailing Instructions

Streaker 50th Jubilee Anniversary Tideway Race

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the current World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as amended below

Rules 1.2, 30.1, 31.2, 35, App A2, A4, A8, A9 shall not apply.

Rule 40, 44.1, 45 and 60.1 are altered by these SI's

- 1.2 The Thames Byelaws

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 General (A "boat" refers to and includes all on board)

- 2.1.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in these Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

- 2.1.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

- 2.1.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £5,000,000. Provision of rescue boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

- 2.1.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and any assistants.

2.2 Measurement or Rating Certificates

2.2.1 Open Meetings

A boat is eligible to race in an open meeting entirely at the discretion of the Race Officer on the day.

2.3 Measurement

Any yacht may be measured before or after any race at the discretion of the committee.

2.4 Distinguishing Numbers

A boat shall comply with the requirements of Appendix G governing class insignia, national letters and numbers on sails. The Race Committee may, at its discretion, vary these requirements on application.

2.5 Eligibility

The provision of Appendix 2, valid at the date of the race, shall apply and in addition the following may compete:-

2.5.1 Any amateur member of a club recognised by the RYA.

3. **PERSONAL BOUYANCY**

Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members when on the water at all times. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. This amends RRS 40.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

4.1 Class Signals

See start sequences below

4.2 Notice to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Race Notice Board which is located just inside the entrance to the Club House.

4.3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Race Notice board at least 30 minutes before the start.

5. COURSE

5.1 The **Course Area** is between of the **Black Buoy**, where the rubbish barge is moored NW of Putney Embankment, and **Westminster Boating Base**, opposite Battersea Power Station. No competitor should go beyond either of these limits.

5.2 Course

The course to be sailed is indicated by a letter displayed at the front of the Race Box.

Letter	Turn Mark	
A	O(P), Line	A red flag will be displayed by safety boat at the turn mark.
B	O(S), Line	A green flag will be displayed by safety boat at the turn mark.
Course Change	Hooter/ sound signals from Safety Boat	The rounding direction may change to suit conditions, and this will override the original course. A red flag for mark to be left to port , a green for the mark to be left to starboard .

5.3 Marks

One orange buoy, marked with RSC.

6. START

6.1 Start time

The start will be no earlier than 1045. Boats must start no later than 10 mins after the start signal, to ensure the fleet remains as group for safety reasons.

6.2 Starting Line

The starting line is between the signals mast in front of the race Box, at the upriver end of the balcony, and the orange line on the north embankment (Bishop's Park). For the assistance of competitors, there is a transit with a pole, at the rear of the Race Box

6.3 Starting Procedure

The club uses 2 main methods for starting races (Flags and/or Lights), and competitors will be advised of which will be used.

FLAGS - The starting procedure will be in accordance with rule 26 except that The Warning Signal will be flown 10 (5) minutes before the start. For Club & mixed class races, code flag “Q” will be used as the Warning Signal. For “Open” meetings, the relevant class flag will be used. Where all competitors are on the water the normal sequence of 5, 4, 1, start may be used and in this instance a red flag will be flown at the race box to denote this.

LIGHTS – The light box is on the start box below the signals mast. The Warning Signal is a Yellow flashing light and will be shown 10 (5) minutes before the start. The Preparatory Signal is a Blue Flashing Light. A Red flag will signify a 5-4-1 start. The sequence will be:

10 (5) mins		On – Off	Hooter/Bell
4 mins –	 	On – On	Hooter/Bell
1 mins -		On – Off	Hooter/Bell
Start -		Off – Off	Hooter/Bell

6.4 Individual Recalls

Individual recalls will be in accordance with rule 29.1 and Code flag “X” will be displayed, with a single sound signal. Boats OCS must make concerted attempts to cross back to the pre-start side of the start line. Flag “X” will remain displayed until 5 minutes after the start, after which boats will be released by the start line safety boat, by bringing an imaginary start line (parallel to the main one) slowly towards Putney Bridge by motoring forward displaying a Yellow Flag, thus boats will be released to race starting with those closest to the line first. Scoring is changed in that a boat that is OCS will be scored with a time penalty of 5% of the boat’s elapsed time rounded to the nearest second unless the Race Officer decides that the boat has gained a significant advantage in the Race, in which case she will be scored as OCS. The Race Officer’s decision will be final.

6.5 General Recalls

When there is a general recall any scheduled subsequent start may be delayed.

6.6 Prohibited area penalties

Competitors using closed bridge arches will be disqualified without a hearing. Closed arches will be advised at the briefing.

7. FINISHING

7.1 Finishing Line - The finishing line is the same as the starting line

7.1.1 Finishing Line - Shortened course at Clubhouse - The finishing line for any clubhouse finish will always be the same as the start line, as described in the sailing instruction, from the direction of the previous mark. No finish at the clubhouse will be at a buoy.

7.1.2 Finishing Line - Shortened course at a Mark – On signalling the shortened course the next Mark will be the finishing Mark. The line will be between the committee/safety boat and the Finishing Mark from the direction of the previous Mark. NB this may mean leaving the Mark on a different hand to the original course.

7.2 Time Limits

RRS 35 shall not apply. The time limit for the race will be three hours. The race will be valid for all those boats finishing within the time limit.

When the first boat finishes within the last half hour of the prescribed time limit, the race will be valid for those boat that finish within half an hour of the finishing time of the first boat.

When no boat finishes within the above time limit, the race will be abandoned. Signals will be in accordance with Rule 32.1 (Signals). Notification of re-sail date and time, or cancellation will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible.

8. TOUCHING A MARK Rule 44.1 is amended.

When a yacht infringes rule 31 she may exonerate herself by completing one entire rounding of the mark, leaving it on the required side, and thereafter re-rounding it or re-passing it without touching it, and then finish sailing the course in accordance with rule 28 – Sailing the Course – and the sailing instructions. No alternative penalty is allowed for breaching rule 44.1.

9. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

The 720° penalty as provided in rule 44 (Penalties for Breaking Rules of Part 2 of Racing Rules of Sailing) shall apply for infringement of a rule of Part 2.

10. **ZONE**

The Zone is 3 boat lengths.

11. **PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged with the Race Officer within 30 minutes of completing the course or retiring from the race. This time may be extended by the Race Officer provided application for such an extension is made to him within the 30 minute limit. Protests will be heard in the clubhouse as soon after the race as convenient.

12. **DECLARATIONS**

Competitors must sign an entry form/sheet before starting. If stipulated by the Race Committee, Helmsmen must sign the Declaration Sheet within 30 minutes of completing the race or retiring.

13 **SCORING SYSTEM**

Points are awarded as follows:-

First Place	1
Second Place	2
Nth Place	N
Retired	Number of entries + 1
Disqualified	Number of entries + 5

14. **LOCAL VARIATIONS**

14.1 Anchoring

After the Preparatory Signal a boat shall not be anchored by means of the crew standing on the bottom, except to effect repairs, reef or bail out. This constitutes a variation of Rule 45, Hauling Out; Making Fast; Anchoring.

14.2 Moored Boats and Moorings

Boats, Crafts, Floating Pontoons, mooring buoys and other moored or standing objects shall not be used for assistance after the Preparatory Signal, unless for the making repairs and to ensure safety.

14.3 Visibility

The competitors shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that their numbers are seen by the Race Officer at the start and at the end of each race. It is a requirement of the PLA Byelaws that in conditions of low visibility or darkness a white light shall be carried to illuminate sails and indicate position to other traffic.

14.4 River Traffic

Uber Ferries have been warned of our race but they often arrive on scene faster than expected. They do have right of way in the channel and for berthing, so please give them room. If the first dinghy heads to the north bank then please do try and all go that way.

14.5 Collisions with Non-Competing Boats

14.5.1 If a boat has a collision with a non-competing boat, whether it be underway or moored, the incident must be reported by the completion of a Ranelagh Sailing Club Report form, (available from the RSC Race Box which must be submitted on the day of the incident).

14.5.2 A collision with a moored boat requires one penalty turn at the first opportunity.

14.5.3 If such a penalty turn is not effected, the boat concerned may be protested by another boat, but not unless that other boat was involved in or saw the collision. This changes RRS 60.1.

14.5.4 A boat seen by a member of the Race Committee to have a collision as described above, which is not reported, may be disqualified from the race without protest at the Race Officer's discretion. This changes RRS 63.1.