

# THORPE BAY YACHT CLUB

## BEASTIE TOUR

19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

#### 2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2a General. The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the boat who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither the establishment of these Sailing Instructions nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for the crew, the boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner/competitor, skipper or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.

2b Entries for the Regatta shall be registered with the race committee before the warning signal of the first race. All boats shall have a minimum of £2 million 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance.

#### 3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors shall be posted at TBYC Club House.

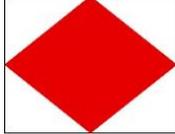
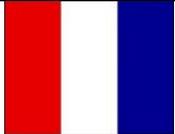
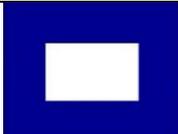
#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions or schedule of races shall be posted not less than one hour before the first race of the day on which they take effect.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Location of signals made ashore will be provided at the briefing.

**6. CLASS FLAGS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THE BRIEFING)**

Class	Flag	Flag Example
ILCA 4/6/7	Numeral 9	
RS Feva	Code Flag F	
Topper 5.3/4.2	Code Flag T	
RS Tera Pro/Sport	Code Flag E	
Optimist	Code Flag O	
3 Minute Warning	P	
Shorten Course	S	

## **7. RACING AREA**

The course shall be in the Thames Estuary to the south of the clubhouse, bounded by the coastguard station to the east, the shipping channel to the south and the pier to the west.

## **8. COURSE**

- 8a. The course and proposed number of rounds to be sailed shall be presented at the briefing.
- 8c. The course may be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer. This is indicated by code flag S above flown from the committee boat accompanied by two sound signals. The leading boat shall finish when she next crosses the finishing line while sailing the prescribed course. The leading boat shall finish when she next crosses this finishing line while sailing the prescribed course.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9a. The marks will be orange inflatables set by the racing committee.

## **10. THE START**

- 10a. RRS 26 shall apply but modified so that signals are made at 1-minute intervals in the following order (3,2,1 Start)
- 10b. The starting line will be defined as the vertical pole flying an Orange flag on the committee boat and pin end will be a small orange inflatable buoy, position determined by the race committee.
- 10c. Boats whose Preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 10d. Any boat starting later than TWO minutes after her starting signal will be recorded as Did Not Start.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11a. Recalls shall be in accordance with RRS 29, or unless determined differently by the race committee at the briefing.

## **12. FINISH**

- 12a. The finish line shall be finished between vertical pole flying an Orange flag on the committee boat and orange inflatable buoy, position determined by the race committee.
- 12c. The Race Committee may give a score to any boat that is still racing by displaying flag W to her from an official vessel (which may be in motion). A boat's score in these circumstances will be the place she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. She is no longer required to complete the course.

## **13. TIME LIMIT**

- 13a. Each race will have a time limit of 60 minutes. Any boats that have not finished within that time will be deemed to have retired.

**14. PROTESTS**

- 14a. Protests shall be written on forms obtainable from the race box and submitted within one hour of the last boat in the race finishing.
- 14b. Failure of attendance by parties or witnesses having been informed are not grounds for deferment of the hearing.
- 14c. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Club Notice Board for details.

**15. SCORING**

- 15a. Regatta shall be scored according to Appendix A, low points system, of the RRS.
- 15b. Assuming all 3 races are sailed each competitor shall discard their worst result.

**16. SAFETY**

- 16a. When racing, suitable personal buoyancy must be worn by all sailors in accordance with RRS 1.2.