

BARRY YACHT CLUB REGATTA CRUISER RACES

SATURDAY 27th July 2019

HIGH WATER 1507 BST

First Start 1300 BST

HEIGHT 9.05m

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & NOTICE OF RACE

Rules

The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), by the prescriptions of the RYA, (except as changed by these Sailing Instructions) and by these Sailing Instructions.

The race may be held in spite of adverse weather conditions and it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure the safety of his yacht and crew.

Handicaps

Yachts with IRC, NHC and Byron System handicaps may enter this Regatta. If a competing yacht does not have a valid handicap certificate then the BYC Handicapper will allocate the published standard figure. In these circumstances it is the responsibility of the yacht skipper to provide all information which would affect allowances from the basic figure. The BYC Handicapper reserves the right to change the handicap of any yacht which does not hold a valid certificate.

Notices

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at the BYC Sailing Office not later than one hour before the start of the race.

Sail Numbers

All yachts without a sail number MUST display their name or a number board prominently on both sides. Characters must be at least 12" high and some boards may be available from BYC. Yachts which cannot be identified by the O.O.D. before the start, due to lack of number or name, will not be considered to have started. It is essential that yachts make every effort to allow the O.O.D. to identify them before the start by approaching the start line.

Course

The course chosen by the O.O.D. will be displayed at the Sailing Office at least one hour before the start. Competitors arriving shortly before the start of the race may call Barry Yacht Club Race Control on channel M (37) and will be given details of the course. The race is intended to last about 5 hours but this will depend upon the weather on the day.

Starting Signals

IRC Fleet

1255	Warning.
1256	Preparatory.
1259	One-minute.
1300	Starting.

NHC/Byron Fleet

1305	Warning
1306	Preparatory
1309	One-minute
1310	Starting

No flag signals will be flown. The OOD will give a 10 second countdown to each of the above times on VHF channel M (37).

Starting Line

The starting line will be an imaginary line in transit with the SW corner of the Clubhouse (identified by orange stripe) and the club flagpole. This line will be limited by an orange inflatable mark off Jackson's Bay which may not be exactly on the starting line transit.

The NHC/Byron fleet must keep well clear of the starting area until the IRC fleet have started and cleared the start line.

Individual Recalls

Individual recalls will be indicated by making one sound signal and attempts will be made to inform the offending vessel by radio on channel M (37). Any vessel that is on the course side of the starting line, or its extension, when the starting signal is made and which fails to return and start properly, will have 10% added to her elapsed time.

General Recall

If a general recall is required then two sound signals will be made and an announcement will be made on VHF channel M (37). If the recall is for the IRC fleet then the warning signal for their new start will be 5 minutes after the starting signal for the NHC/Byron fleet. If the recall is for the NHC/Byron fleet then the warning signal will be made five minutes after the original start time. The starting sequence and countdown for this start will be repeated as for the original start.

Shortened Course

The course may be shortened to finish at any mark of the course. In this case a vessel will be stationed in the vicinity of the mark and will fly flag 'S' at the earliest opportunity. When in position for the finish she will also fly a large blue flag. The finishing line will then be between the vessel and the mark and must be crossed from the direction of the last mark. If this procedure is activated, every effort will be made to inform competitors as early as possible on channel M (37)

Finishing Line

The finishing line will be between the club flagpole and the orange inflatable mark off Jackson's Bay.

Time Limit

There will be a time limit of 5 hours from its start time for the first yacht to finish. The time limit for all other yachts is 7 hours from its start time. Competitors retiring are requested to report to Race Control by radio on VHF Channel M (37).

Protests

Any protest must be handed to the O.O.D. in writing within one hour of the protester finishing and be accompanied by a fee of £5, which may be forfeited at the discretion of the Protest Committee. Protests will be heard as soon as possible.

Anchors

Anchors must not be stowed projecting over the bows of competing yachts during the race.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entries

The Sailing Office at BYC will be manned to receive entries up to one hour before the start of the race.

No Entry Fee.

Radio

Course and racing information and instructions may be transmitted by radio on VHF channel M (37) in order to cater for late arrivals at the start and possible shortening of the course. BYC cannot be held responsible for any misunderstandings which may arise during such communications and recommends that competitors arrive early enough to examine the course information at the Sailing Office.

Tidal Information

A west-going eddy runs from Bendrick Rock across the harbour entrance to Nell's Point where it meets the main flood except in the first 1½ hours of the flood.

Berths

These will be available upon arrival before and after the race. Competitors may be able to contact BYC on VHF Channel M (37) to obtain advice regarding mooring positions. Considerable goodwill on the part of both visitors and permanent berth holders is clearly essential if damage is to be avoided. **Please put out plenty of adequate sized fenders before going alongside. Boats must not anchor within the area eastward of a line between the white lighthouse and the pier head.**

Multihulls cannot be accepted in our moorings since there is simply insufficient room. Jackson's Bay has been successfully used in the past.

THE CLUB CANNOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUITABILITY OF THE BERTH TO WHICH YACHTS ARE DIRECTED. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH SKIPPER TO ENSURE THAT THEIR YACHT NEITHER TAKES NOR CAUSES DAMAGE IN THE ALLOCATED BERTH.

SHOULD THE WEATHER DETERIORATE WE MAY HAVE TO ASK VISITORS TO VACATE BERTHS ALONGSIDE MEMBERS BOATS.

Competitors occupying outside berths in the harbour are asked to ensure that they are ready to vacate these berths early so as to allow those berthed inside adequate time to get clear and reach the vicinity of the start in good time.

Commercial Shipping

COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED THAT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES THEY MUST KEEP CLEAR OF THE HARBOUR FAIRWAY AND ENTRANCE WHEN SHIPS ARE ENTERING OR LEAVING THE HARBOUR. A SHARP LOOKOUT MUST BE KEPT WHEN IN THE VICINITY OF THE HARBOUR ENTRANCE. THE BYC EXPECTS ALL SKIPPERS TO HAVE DUE REGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR CREW AND VESSEL.

Social

Visiting competitors and their crews are honorary members of BYC for the weekend. Refreshments will be available and it is hoped that all will enjoy the social gathering. A barbecue is arranged for Saturday evening and is scheduled to start at about 1800.

Car Parking

This must be on BYC property or on Redbrink Crescent. No parking is permitted on ABP property where wheel clamping is in operation.

Presentation

Byron Fleet

First – Colin Mason Challenge Cup and prize.

Second – Western Mail & Echo Challenge Cup and prize.

Third – Vera Francis Challenge Cup and prize.

IRC Fleet

First – Alderman J P Bennett Challenge Cup and Prize.

Second – Frank O Taylor Challenge Cup and Prize.

Third – Parkwood Challenge Cup and Prize.

NHC Fleet

First – Howard Neale Challenge Cup and Prize.

Second – The Knap Challenge Cup and Prize.

Third – Barry Marine Festival Challenge Cup and Prize.

Trophies and Prizes will be presented at the Clubhouse during Saturday evening. The number of prizes will depend upon the number of entries in each fleet.

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