

THE HAVEN SERIES 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The following rules will apply

- a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016.
- b) Offshore Special Regulations 2014-2015 Category 4
- c) The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.
- d) Team racing rules shall not apply to the Cutler Trophy races.
- e) Prescriptions of the RYA shall apply.
- f) In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- g) The Sailing Instructions may change other Racing Rules.
- h) The 2014 IRC Rules parts A,B and C shall apply with the following exceptions:
IRC Rule 15.1 shall not apply (i.e. RRS 52 "Manual Power" shall remain in effect).
IRC Rule 8.2.1 shall apply to passage races with 2 handed entries.
IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
For the purpose of Rule 21.1.5(d) and (e) the Points Series is not a regatta run on consecutive days.

1.2 These Instructions may be amended by the Supplementary Sailing Instructions or a Notice to Competitors.

2. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS – see *Notice of Race Section 3 and the Safety Requirements at Appendix A*

3. ADDITIONAL SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Bylaws of the Harwich Haven Authority apply, as do the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea as between competitors and any vessel not racing. Any competitor found to have infringed these bylaws or regulations shall be liable to Protest.

Competitors should be aware that a boat sailing a converging course with a large or unwieldy commercial vessel may be held to have impeded its safe passage by approaching within its restricted visibility zone, even without having encroached within the deep water channel.

Competitors are required while racing (unless specifically stated otherwise by these Sailing Instructions or the applicable course definition):

To avoid passing on the Channel side of any mark to seaward from the Guard buoy inclusive, that is indicated in current Admiralty Charts or designated by Harwich Haven Authority Notices to Mariners as a mark of the Harwich Deep Water Channel (and including the Landguard buoy which is not so indicated).

To avoid navigating within the limits of the Deep Water Channel to seaward of the Guard buoy, as defined by straight lines joining consecutive such channel marks including the Landguard Buoy. For the purposes of the RRS such lines are to be regarded as a Continuing Obstruction.

Any boat which being disabled or out of control encroaches into the Deep Water Channel shall promptly advise Harwich VTS on VHF channel 71 of her situation.

Any boat which while racing suffers damage or gets into difficulties but does not require assistance shall advise Thames Coastguard of her situation by normal VHF procedure or by telephone (01255 675518), to avoid unnecessary emergency action should she be reported in difficulties by a third party. She shall then if possible advise the Race Officer of her situation by the means provided below ("*Communications*").

ANCHORS SHALL BE STOWED INBOARD OF THE PULPIT AND GUARD RAILS WHILE RACING.

4. USE OF ENGINE TO KEEP CLEAR

Competitors in danger of obstructing or being involved in a collision with a commercial vessel may start their engines in order to keep clear, provided that they inform the Race Officer immediately after finishing. In such case the race committee shall adjust the competitor's elapsed time as it considers in its absolute discretion to be fair and equitable. *This changes RRS Rule 42.1.*

5. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

In the event of a Notice to Competitors (including changes to the *Notice of Races* or *Sailing Instructions*) IC flag *Lima* will be displayed prior to the start of the first race affected and competitors should pass within hail of the Committee Boat in order to be notified. For this and all subsequent races, IC flag *Lima* will be displayed with a numeral pennant denoting the serial number of the new notice, and competitors already aware of that and all previous notices may ignore the signal.

When appropriate and if time permits, notices will be e-mailed to all competitors and posted on the Series website, but inability or failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Competitors are required to monitor **VHF Channel 72** from 1 hour before the published start time to their finish of the last race of the day.

The committee boat may provide a mobile telephone number, if one is available for that day. In emergency, or for purposes stipulated in these Sailing Instructions, competitors may communicate with the Race Officer using **VHF Channel 72** or the above mentioned mobile telephone number.

7. RANKING AS A STARTER

Competitors must hail the Race Officer from the side of the committee boat that is outside the starting line prior to their warning signal, declaring the number of crew on board, and obtain an acknowledgement. Only boats declaring a crew count and receiving an acknowledgement will rank as starters

COMPETITORS IN A SECOND OR LATER START MUST KEEP WELL CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA AFTER THE WARNING SIGNAL FOR THE PREVIOUS START.

8. IDENTIFICATION

Points Series Boats must display their class flag on their backstays at all times while racing.

Class 1 will display IC No. 1 pennant, and Class 2 will display IC No. 2 pennant.

For Passage Races, Haven Handicap boats must display IC flag *Hotel* or their class flag on their backstays.

Any boat failing in this will incur a 5% time penalty and shall have no claim to redress if she is unobserved and not recorded when finishing. An alternative to the stipulated class flag may be permitted provided that it is declared to and approved by the Race Officer prior to each race.

A boat using any sail bearing a sail number other than that stated in its entry must declare the fact and obtain dispensation from the Race Officer prior to each race. Yachts with poorly contrasting sail numbers will not be eligible for redress in the event of mis-identification.

A boat wearing an ensign after her preparatory signal will be deemed not to be racing or to have retired.

9. STARTING TIMES – see *Notice of Race Points Series Section 5 (Schedule of Races)*.

10. STARTING LINE

The starting line for the Points Series will be a line drawn between the Harwich Town Sailing Club's Beacon Hill racing mark (located approximately 2 cables north of the seaward end of the Dovercourt breakwater) and a staff with an orange flag on the a committee boat anchored approximately 2 cables in an approximately easterly direction from this buoy. The committee boat when on station may wear a Haven Series ensign. The starting line is to be crossed in a southerly direction.

For the Passage Races see the *Supplementary Sailing Instructions*.

11. ALTERNATIVE START LINE

An alternative start mark may be used, which may be a navigation mark or a laid mark such as a dan buoy or anchored dinghy. The committee boat will fly IC flag *Lima*, and the location and identity of the start mark, and the new start time(s) will be announced by VHF and/or communicated verbally or by a board from the committee boat. A postponement will be made to the scheduled starting times to give competitors sufficient time to reach the new start line before their class warning signal is made.

If a course is shortened and a subsequent race is to be sailed, that race may be started at or near the finish of the first race, using the procedure described above.

12. SUBSTITUTE COMMITTEE BOAT

If the official committee boat fails to arrive on station a substitute committee boat may be appointed. If this is a competitor that boat will be awarded race points in compensation at the absolute discretion of the Race Officer.

13. INNER LIMIT

A dan buoy or other mark, which may be wearing a flag, may be anchored close to the committee boat as an inner limit mark. A boat shall not sail between the mark and Committee Boat after her warning signal has been made. If a boat has to sail in this area she must return to the pre-start side of the line before starting by sailing round the Committee Boat.

A ball or other mark extending on a staff from a Committee Boat, or a dinghy or other floating object secured alongside, shall be regarded as a part of the starting mark and not as a temporary or accidental attachment.

14. THE START

Rule 26 starting signals shall apply, with the following addition:

An attention signal will be made by displaying the orange flag with one sound at least 5 minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start.

15. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The limits of the Harwich Haven Authority deep water channel, as described in Section 3 (*Additional Safety Responsibilities*) of these Sailing Instructions.

A boundary extending 50 meters from the extremities of any Wind Farm shall be treated as an obstruction and RSS Rules 19 and 20 shall apply.

16. COURSES

16.1 Points Series

The course to be sailed will be announced by VHF and may also be indicated by a display board, as follows:

A VHF announcement will be preceded by a warning of at least one minute, not more than 30 minutes before the Warning Signal, and will list the same information as set out below. At least one repeat broadcast will be given, and further repeats to competitors may be made on request by any boat when convenient, but not during any starting sequence.

In the event of VHF communication problems the following may be used:

A display board may show each mark of the course in turn (including the finishing mark) using the two-letter abbreviations set out in the "Abbreviations" section of the Course Marks List, and indicating the side to which each is to be left.

If a course that has been displayed and/or broadcast is subsequently changed, displaying IC flag L together with a sound signal will signal this event. The change of course signal will be made at least 5 minutes before the Warning Signal. The signal flag L will be removed at the Start Signal. In the event of a discrepancy between the displayed course and that broadcast, the displayed course will prevail.

16.2 North Sea and Coastal Passage Races

Courses will be as defined in the *Supplementary Sailing Instructions* herewith.

17. FINISHING LINE

The finishing line will be between the indicated finishing mark and a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on an adjacent committee boat, leaving the finishing mark on the indicated side.

In exceptional circumstances the committee boat may be off station at the finish, in which case the following procedure (*Timing In*) should be used.

18. TIMING IN

If the committee boat is not on station for the finish of a points series race, the finishing line is reached when the finishing mark bears 90 degrees to the rhumb line from the preceding mark, within 2 boat lengths on the correct side.

In this event competitors shall take their own finishing times and report them to the Race Officer by VHF (or telephone if available) or to the Haven Series Secretary (07778 010580) as soon as possible and not later than mid-day on the following Monday, together with the names of the boats finishing immediately ahead and astern of them, if visible. Times shall be corrected to GPS time indicating BST or GMT as applicable.

19. SHORTENING COURSE

The course may be shortened to finish at any mark of the course for any reason at the discretion of the Race Officer (*this changes RRS Rule 32.1*). A committee boat will display IC flag S and the line shall be crossed from the direction of the last previous mark, on the proper side as prescribed by the course definition. The finish line will be defined by the mark in question and a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat, or the fore mast of the Committee Boat (*this changes RRS Rule 32.2 the definition of "Race Signals"*).

20. TIME LIMIT – there will be no time limits.

21. RETIREMENT OR DELAY (*Mandatory Safety Requirement*)

Any boat retiring, or withdrawing from a subsequent race the same day, must report to the Race Officer that it is so doing by hailing, or by VHF or telephone as above (*Communications*), at the earliest opportunity and obtain an acknowledgement.

Any boat significantly delayed while racing but not requiring assistance should report her situation and estimated finishing time to the Race Officer by the means indicated above (*Communications*).

NOTE THAT ANY BOAT NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AT THE END OF RACING MAY BE REPORTED TO THAMES COASTGUARD AS OVERDUE.

22. DECLARATION

Declarations are not required for Points Series races. For others, see *Supplementary Sailing Instructions*.

23. ABANDONMENT

Any race that is abandoned may be re-sailed. If practicable and if circumstances so permit, the Race Officer shall have power to re-sail an abandoned race on the same day, or if a Saturday race, to sail an additional race on the Sunday immediately following. Otherwise a Points Series race shall if practicable be re-sailed on the Saturday, or failing Saturday the Sunday, of the next following Haven weekend.

24. PROTESTS

These are to be notified verbally to the Race Officer at the finish or by telephone or VHF radio within two hours thereafter, and confirmed in writing to the *Haven Series Secretary, 17 Beach Lane, Alderton, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 3BU* at the earliest possible time. Protests should be posted first class and postmarked no later than the last post on the Monday following the race, or emailed to fiona.meikle@btinternet.com no later than 9am on the Tuesday following the race. Protests will be heard on the Friday following the race at 20.00 BST at the RHYC, or failing this at a time and place appointed by the Chairman.

PASSAGE RACE SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE MERCATOR TROPHY RACE

1. RULES

1.1 Haven Points Series Sailing Instructions Section 1 amended as follows:

- a. Offshore Special Regulations 2014-2015 Category 3 Monohulls plus Liferaft shall apply.
- b. A boat that is on the course side at the start and fails to return and start correctly shall not be scored OCS, but shall have one hour added to her corrected time (*changes RRS Appendix A4.2*).
- c. Between sunset and sunrise each night the Steering and Sailing Rules of the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* shall apply and shall replace the rules of RRS part 2.

1.2 In the event of a conflict, these Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. AFLOAT RACE OFFICER

An "Afloat Race Officer" will be designated to receive declarations and/or protests, and for co-ordination and communication purposes. Details will be announced via VHF channel 37 before the start.

3. START LINE & COURSE

The start line in Harwich Harbour will be the line between the **Beacon Hill** buoy and a staff with an orange flag on the committee boat, approximately 1 cable to the east of the buoy. The line is to be crossed in a southerly direction.

The course is as follows: Cliff Foot (P), Landguard (P), Medusa (P), N.E. Gunfleet (S), Longsand Head (S), Buitenstroombank Buoy (P) Finish.

4. FINISHING The finishing line at Oostende is formed by a line bearing 035 degrees magnetic to the Buitenstroombank Buoy, leaving the buoy within 2 boat lengths to port. Competitors must note their own finishing time, together with the names of the boats finishing ahead and astern of them if in sight. Times shall be corrected to GPS time indicating BST or GMT as applicable.

5. SUNRISE/SUNSET The times of sunset and sunrise shall be deemed to be as follows:
Friday 23 May Sunset 20:45 BST Saturday 24 May 04:45 BST.

6. DECLARATIONS are required, and must be made on the annexed declaration form to the Afloat Race Officer by 09.00 BST on the Saturday, or within one hour of finishing if later.

7. RETIRING Any boat retiring MUST report the fact at the earliest possible opportunity to the Afloat Race Officer or to the Haven Series Secretary (*telephone 01394 410495, mobile 07778 010580*)

8. PROTESTS Protests are to be made in writing to the Afloat Race Officer by 09.00 BST on the Saturday or within one hour of finishing if later.

9. BERTHING FEES The entry fee for both races includes the first night berthing fees at the destination. If you intend to stay longer please inform the harbourmaster after arrival.

10. IMPORTANT WARNING The Oostende port authority is taking strict action against boats infringing port signals and is imposing heavy on-the-spot fines. Competitors should ensure that they enter and leave the harbour only when the signals allow. Competitors are reminded that a courtesy ensign should be hoisted to the starboard crosstree before entering harbour and should be above and at least as large as any other flag at the crosstrees.

PASSAGE RACE SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE BRITANNIA TROPHY RACE

1. RULES

1.1 Haven Points Series Sailing Instructions Section 1 amended as follows:

- a) Offshore Special Regulations 2014-2015 Category 4 shall apply
- b) A boat that is on the course side at the start and fails to return and start correctly shall not be scored OCS, but shall have one hour added to her corrected time (*changes RRS Appendix A4.2*).

1.2 In the event of a conflict, these Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. AFLOAT RACE OFFICER An "Afloat Race Officer" will be designated to receive declarations and/or protests, and for co-ordination and communication purposes. Details will be announced via VHF channel 37 before the start.

3. START LINE & COURSE – The start line will be the line between the **Wadgate Ledge Beacon** and a staff with an orange flag on the committee boat, approximately 1 cable to the west of the beacon. The line is to be crossed in a north-easterly direction.-

If the race is started in inclement weather or other exceptional circumstance a competing boat may be used as a committee boat and will be given the due time allowance.

The course is as follows –

Start; Special Mark FL(5)Y.20s (S), East Barnard (P); Newcombe Sand (P); South Holm (S); Stanford (P); South West Holm (S); North Newcombe (P) finish. (see Notes below).

Note:

- a. Special Mark FL(5)Y.20s (52°18.9'N 001°47.0'E) is approx 4nm East of entrance to Southwold.
- b. Competitors are advised that a dangerous wreck exists in a position approximately 335°(T) 1.8 cables from Wadgate Ledge Beacon.

4. FINISHING LINE The finishing line at Lowestoft is formed by a line bearing 265 degrees magnetic to the *North Newcombe Buoy* and within 2 boat lengths of the buoy.

Competitors must note their own finishing time together with the names of the boats finishing ahead and astern of them if in sight. Times shall be corrected to GPS time indicating BST or GMT as applicable.

5. DECLARATIONS are required, and must be made on the annexed declaration form to the Afloat Race Officer at the destination within one hour of finishing. Times shall be corrected to GPS time indicating BST or GMT as applicable.

6. RETIRING Any boat retiring MUST report the fact at the earliest possible opportunity to the Afloat Race Officer or to the Haven Series Secretary (*telephone: 01394 410495, mobile: 07778 010580*)

7. PROTESTS These are to be made in writing to the Afloat Race Officer at the destination within one hour of finishing.

8. AFTER FINISHING Refer to a current almanac for pilotage information, entry requirements etc. – note that it is now MANDATORY to call on VHF Ch.14 before entering or leaving, and that harbour light signals MUST be obeyed. Contact "*Yacht Club Marina*" on Ch.80 for berthing instructions, but otherwise continue to monitor Ch. 14 for harbour traffic.

Overnight berthing is arranged on the RN&SYC pontoons. A group discounted rate for one night has been negotiated, and is included in the entry fee (*see Entry Form*). Prize-giving and supper will take place at the Royal Norfolk & Suffolk Yacht Club. **Please book for the supper with the Haven Series Secretary.**

(Fiona please amend red text as necessary if same as Ramsgate Supper arrangements)

PASSAGE RACE SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE HARWICH TO RAMSGATE PASSAGE RACE

1. RULES

1.1 Haven Points Series Sailing Instructions amended as follows:

- a. Offshore Special Regulations 2014-2015 Category 3 Monohulls plus Liferaft shall apply.
- b. A boat that is on the course side at the start and fails to return and start correctly shall not be scored OCS, but shall have one hour added to her corrected time (*changes RRS Appendix A4.2*).

1.2 In the event of a conflict, these Supplementary Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. AFLOAT RACE OFFICER

An "Afloat Race Officer" will be designated to receive declarations and/or protests, and for co-ordination and communication purposes. Details will be repeated on **VHF Channel 72** before the start.

3. START LINE & COURSE

The start line in Harwich Harbour will be the line between the **Beacon Hill** buoy and a staff with an orange flag on the committee boat, approximately 1 cable to the east of the buoy. The line is to be crossed in a southerly direction on a single start at 07:30 BST.

Course: Cliff Foot (P), Landguard (P), Medusa (P), N.E. Gunfleet (S), Sunk Head Tower (S), Black Deep No.8 (P), Outer Fisherman (S), Elbow (S), East Brake (S), Ramsgate Channel buoys 2 & 4 (passing marks) to (S), North Quern (P) & Finish.

4. FINISHING

The finishing line, which runs 298° magnetic, is a transit formed by the Race Hut Flag Mast on the East Pierhead and the North Quern Buoy, The inner distance is Ramsgate Channel Buoy No.6 which may not be on the line. Yachts should take their finishing time when the North Quern, North Cardinal Mark bears 118° magnetic.

All yachts must radio to Temple Race Hut (VHF72) at Ramsgate Channel Buoy No.2 with Yachts Name and Sail Number to be identified as a finisher, finish time will be recorded but without a sound signal.

Competitors must also record their own finishing time on their declaration form.

North Quern North Cardinal mark	Port	51° 19.41'N 01° 26.11'E
No. 6 Port Hand Mark	Starboard	51° 19.46'N 01° 25.91E

HARBOUR: Please call Ramsgate Port Control on VHF14 for permission to enter the Harbour.

6. DECLARATIONS With own finishing times, must be made on the annexed declaration form to the Afloat Race Officer at the first opportunity. Finish times can be passed beforehand by VHF or mobile phone.

7. RETIRING Any boat retiring MUST report the fact at the earliest possible opportunity to the Afloat Race Officer or to the Haven Series Secretary (*telephone: 01394 410495, mobile: 07778 010580*)

8. PROTESTS are to be made in writing to the Afloat Race Officer by 18.00 BST on the Saturday or within one hour of finishing if later.

9. BERTHING FEES The entry fee includes the first night berthing fees at the destination. If you intend to stay longer please inform the harbourmaster after arrival.
