

PEYC Convoy Cup (Forth Offshore Group) - Friday 28th May 2010 Sailing Instructions

Reduced set for Convoy Cup FOG race only. Issued by the PEYC Sailing Secretary in May 2010 to replace all previous issues.

Section 1: General

1.1 Rules

Racing at PEYC will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the appropriate classes, except as any are changed by these sailing instructions. The Exoneration Penalty, RYA Arbitration and Advisory Hearing of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

1.2 Entries

- (a) A Race Entry Form duly signed (& with any applicable visitor race fees), must be submitted to the PEYC Membership Secretary, PEYC Sailing Committee or the Race Officer. By entering, the owner or representative undertakes to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing & these Sailing Instructions and acknowledges that they have third party insurance liability coverage of at least £2,000,000.
- (c) Competitors must register on the correct race entry sheet, at the Race Management table in the PEYC Clubhouse, for each race starting at Port Edgar in which they intend to compete.

1.3 Construction & Equipment Standards

- (b) Yacht sailors must wear a correctly fitted lifejacket or personal buoyancy aid, complying with the relevant EN standard, if International Code (IC) flag 'Y' is displayed before the class warning signal, indicating that RRS40 is in operation. At other times the RYA recommends that 'you wear a lifejacket or buoyancy aid unless you are sure you don't need to'.
- (c) Yachts must comply with the current Forth Yacht Clubs Association (FYCA) Construction & Equipment Regulations (available at the club or on the FYCA web site at: www.fyca.org.uk) and may be subject to inspection as directed by the PEYC Sailing Committee.
FYCA Category 4 applies to the Convoy Cup race.
- (e) Yachts must be equipped with a marine band radio, with channels 16, 37 and 71, that should be switched on and monitoring channel 37 while racing.

1.4 Results System & Handicaps

Race result calculations will be based on the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system using the current FYCA 2010 allocated handicap, or if unavailable the RYA YR2/10 number, or if unavailable a PEYC Trial Number.

1.5 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board outside the PEYC Clubhouse.

1.6 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- (a) Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted a minimum of one hour before the scheduled start to which it applies and will be indicated by displaying International Code Flag L at the PEYC Clubhouse flagpole and at the start. Any major change to the schedule of races will be posted a minimum of five days before it takes effect. Flag L is displayed only when a change is first posted; thereafter it is the competitors' responsibility to check for previously posted changes.
- (b) When there is insufficient time for procedure 1.6(a), AP postponement flag with Flag L indicates that it is the competitor's responsibility to come within hailing distance of the Race Officer or listen on Channel M1 (37) to receive changes to the Sailing Instructions verbally. The Race Officer will terminate the postponement once satisfied that all competitors have had sufficient opportunity to be informed.

1.8 Race Schedule

Start: Friday 28th May 2010 at 19:30 (Warning signal: 19:25)

1.9 Class Flag

Red flag

1.10 Racing Area

- (a) Ships have right of way in the shipping channels, as per the Forth Ports byelaws, and boats racing must not obstruct them. Particular attention must be paid to the restricted channel through the Forth Bridges where ships change course by 40 degrees. Boats reported for obstruction by Forth Ports shall be subject to protest without time limit.

- (b) As a last resort to avoid obstructing ships, a boat may use her engine, or any other means of propulsion, without retiring but must report such use after finishing. A Protest Committee will review the details and may impose a penalty if advantage is deemed to have been gained. This amends RRS 42 Propulsion.

1.12 Propulsion after Preparatory Signal

A boat arriving late for the start may remain under engine, paddles or other means of propulsion after her Preparatory Signal providing that, after ceasing such propulsion & before crossing the Start Line in the direction of the first mark, she completes a two-turn penalty on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions, keeping clear of all other boats during this manoeuvre.

1.15 Time Limits & Extensions

There is no time limit.

Section 2: E Breakwater Starts & Finishes

2.1 Signals

- (a) Start signals will be displayed at the Starter's Box on the end of the east breakwater of Port Edgar.

2.3 The Course

The course is defined in appendix A below.

2.4 The Start

The Starting Line is defined as the extension of the Transit Line from the main FLAGSTAFF, at the PEYC Starter's Box on the east breakwater of Port Edgar, through the TRANSIT POLE on the end of the breakwater. The outer distance limit of the line is defined by mark W for yacht starts. An inner distance mark may be laid off the east breakwater and a yacht shall not rank as a starter if it passes between this mark and the breakwater and fails to return and start correctly.

(NB: For a boat that is starting, when the outer limit mark is more than one of her boat lengths from the Transit Line on the pre-course side, there is no requirement for her to pass it correctly. See RYA Appeal cases)

2.5 The Finish

The finish line is defined in the course description in appendix A below. Each yacht must take its own finish time and e-mail it to racing@peyc.org.uk within 5 days (Alternatively phone 0131-337-2767).

2.6 Protests

Protests must be sent to the PEYC Sailing Secretary within 5 days of finishing.

Appendix A - Course

Port Edgar 28 th May:	HW 16:02 BST	LW 21:55 BST
Eymouth 29 th May	HW 04:20 BST	LW 10:22 BST

1. Start line at Port Edgar E Breakwater passing west to east
2. Admiralty No1 Mooring Buoy off Downing Point - leave to starboard
3. Oxcars Lighthouse - leave to port
4. Inchkeith Island - leave to starboard
5. Craigleith Island - leave to port
6. May Island - leave to starboard
7. Finish line: Pass east to west within 2 cables on north side of the North Cardinal Mark off Eymouth, taking the finish time when the mark bears due south.

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