



**ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:
ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON**
in association with the
BRITISH CLASSIC YACHT CLUB
16 - 21 JULY 2023
COWES

Amendment No 1 to the Sailing Instructions

Change #1 - To avoid overlapping VHF communications between the BCW IRC fleet and BCW 6M fleet the VHF channels used for the BCW IRC fleet will be amended as follows:

- For communications from the Race Committee to Competitors - **VHF Channel 04**.
- For communications from Competitors to the Race Committee - **VHF Channel 72**.

Therefore, the following SIs are amended and will now read:

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) intends to broadcast race and course information by **VHF Ch 04** and repeated on the Event Telegram group. See SI Addendum A.
- 3.3 Competitors wishing to communicate with the RC should do so on **VHF Ch 72**.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be announced by the Race Committee (call sign: Castle One) on **VHF Channel 04** before the Warning Signal and again as soon as possible after the Preparatory Signal. There will be no visual course boards.

12 THE START

- 12.2 Classes will normally start at **ten-minute** intervals. The starting signal for one class will be followed five minutes later by the warning signal for the next class to start. However, in the event of a long postponement or other reason, the Race Committee may reduce this to a five-minute sequence so that the start of one class will be the warning signal of the next class. Any change to the ten-minute sequence will be announced on **VHF CH 04**.
- 12.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on **VHF CH 04** after Flag X has been displayed.
- 12.12 Direction of start:
- (a) The Race Committee will announce the intended direction of start not less than fifteen minutes before the start of each race. A signal displayed at the RYS Lodge Flagstaff will also indicate the direction of the start. A red flag indicates starting to the East. A green flag indicates starting to the West.
- (b) After a postponement this signal may be changed to reverse the direction of subsequent starts. Any such announcement will also be made on **VHF Channel 04**.
- 12.13 The Race Committee intends to announce a start sequence countdown for each start on **VHF Channel 04** accompanied by sound signals and signal flags displayed from the RYS flagstaff.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.4 The Race Committee may, in exceptional circumstances, extend the Race Time Limit or Finishing Window and this will be announced on **VHF Ch 04**. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on **VHF Ch 72** or by hailing an official regatta support boat or RIB.

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