

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 Races will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* [RRS] and the Rules of the Fireball class, except as amended in these Sailing Instructions [SI]. Where conflict exists, these Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the R.Y.A. will apply.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the main ground floor room of the clubhouse.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race start on the day the changes will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 Declaration

- 4.1 After racing competitors must sign the Declaration Sheet within 60 minutes of the last finisher in the last race of the day to confirm compliance with the rules. **Competitors failing to make finishing declarations will be scored RAF (Retired After Finishing).**

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed either from the club mast or from the race box signal area.
Note: The race box signal area can only be viewed from the river side of the clubhouse.

6 Schedule of Races

6.1 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Fireball Class</i>
24 th July 2021	racing
25 th July 2021	racing

6.2 Number of races:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Fireball Class</i>
24 th July 2021	2 races
25 th July 2021	2 races

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is as follows:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time of warning</i>
24 th July 2021	11.39
25 th July 2021	12.24

- 6.4 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 The class flag will be flag No 8.

8 Racing Area

- 8.1 Figure 1 shows the location of the racing area.

9 The Courses

- 9.1 The racing will be round club courses and will be set on the day. Maps will be provided to competitors.

10 Marks

- 10.1 Marks of the course will be yellow cylindrical buoys.:
- 10.2 Replacement marks, in the event of loss of a mark, will be orange spherical buoys **[change to RRS 34]**.

11 The Start

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS Rule 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a line formed when the 2 metres on Northey Island line up and all competitors must start between Colliers buoy and the inner distance buoy. **When completing a Round-an-End Rule penalty [RRS 30.1] either the Start IDM or Colliers buoy shall be rounded.**
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start **[change to RRS A4.1]**.

12 The Finish

12.1 The finish will be signalled using one of:

12.1.a. Finishing at the Finish Line.

12.1.b. The finish will be on the Club Line and boats must finish between Colliers buoy and the inner distance buoy and cross the line formed by the 2 metres on Northey Island being in line.

12.1.c. Finishing at a rounding mark.

A race committee boat will display Flag S and make two sound signals as the lead boat approaches the mark. Boats will finish at the line formed between the nearby mark and the staff displaying Flag S.

[change to RRS 32.2].

13 Time Limits

13.1 If no boat has rounded Mark 1 30 minutes after the start of a race, the race may be abandoned.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 150% of the elapsed time for the first boat in their class to sail the course and finish will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) **[change to RRS 35 and RRS A4].**

14 Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1 The Exoneration Penalty of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

14.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the race office at times posted with the protest notices.

14.5 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

(c) **[change to RRS 66].**

15 Scoring

15.1 The low point scoring system of [RRS Appendix A] will apply.

15.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16 Safety Regulations

16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16.2 Buoyancy Aids will be worn at all times whilst crews are afloat.

17 Replacement of Crew or Equipment

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.

17.2 Substitution of damaged equipment will not be allowed without prior written consent of the race committee.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

18.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

18.2 It is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching or going to sea the boat confirms she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

18.3 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing. The Organisers encompasses everyone helping to run the race and the event, and includes the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, and beachmasters.

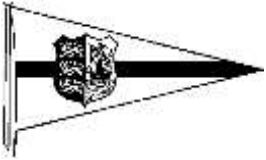
18.4 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

19 Insurance

19.1 All entrants are required to hold third party indemnity insurance with a minimum indemnity of two million pounds sterling or equivalent for the total period of the event and affirm such cover to the Organising Authority. Entrants not from the UK need to have the accepted Normal Minimum level of liability insurance for their country (this level needs to be displayed to all other competitors).

20 Radio Communication

20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.



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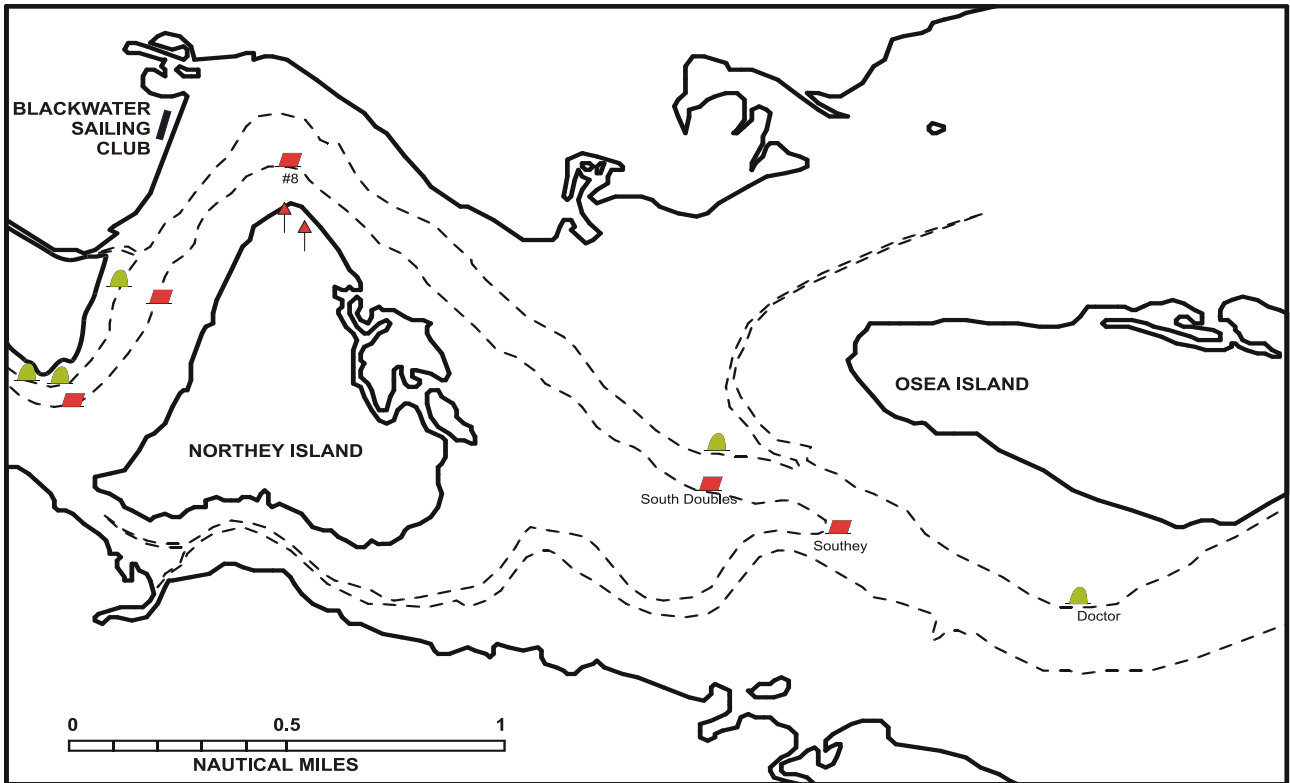


Figure 1

Tidal Information

<i>Date</i>	<i>Published Time of High Water</i>
Saturday 24 th July 2021	13.44
Sunday 25 th July 2021	14.32