

East Lothian Yacht Club Open Regatta – 5 June 2021



Organising Authority – East Lothian Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located online at <https://elyc.org.uk/ELYC-Regatta-21>.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 10:00hrs.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on Elcho Green.

4.2 Flag D with one sound means the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not launch until this signal has been made.

4.3 Where flag AP is displayed ashore 1 Minute is replaced with not less than 30 minutes in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The schedule for racing is as follows:

Date	First Warning Signal	Number of Planned Races
Saturday 5 June	1056hrs	4

5.2 No warning signal will be made after 16:30hrs although the hope is to conclude racing by 15:30hrs if possible and conditions allow.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 The class flags to be used are as follows:

Aero	Flag R
ILCA 7 (Laser Full)	Numeral pennant 7
Streaker	Flag K
ILCA 6 (Laser Radial)	Numeral pennant 6

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 The courses may be in the west bay of North Berwick between Craighleith Island and the Lamb offshore of the Law rocks or in the area to the north east of North Berwick harbour, extending east towards the Bass Rock.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagram in Addendum A show the courses to be sailed for the schedule of racing.

8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing to the first mark may be displayed on the committee boat.

8.3 The number of laps will be displayed on a whiteboard on the committee boat.

8.4 Boats must pass through the start/finish line on each windward leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Course marks shall be as detailed in the course chart in Addendum A and generally be yellow or orange cylindrical marks or red or yellow spherical buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 The line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the pin end buoy.

10.2 An inner limit mark may be used to protect the committee boat. If used, no boats shall pass between the limit mark and the committee boat.

10.3 The race committee may choose to use a single starting sequence for a class or a rolling starting sequence to start a race as follows. This changes RRS 26.

Time	Signal	Signals Displayed/Removed
-4 minutes	Warning Signal	1st Class flag displayed
-2 minutes	Preparatory Signal	Preparatory signal displayed and next class flag displayed if rolling sequence
0 minutes	1st Class Start Signal	1st Class flag and preparatory removed if not a rolling sequence
+2 minutes	2nd Class Start Signal	Class flag removed
<i>Rolling sequence repeats with start signals at 2 minute intervals</i>		

10.4 The intended order in which the fleets will be started for the first race will be given at the briefing and displayed on the official notice board. The order for subsequent races may be changed at the discretion of the race committee.

10.5 Prior to commencing the starting sequence the race committee may draw attention to the upcoming sequence by displaying an orange flag and making multiple sound signals.

10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence.

10.7 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes of her warning signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 The finish line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark. The committee boat may be substituted by a RIB for finishing purposes.

11.2 An inner limit mark may be used to protect the finish boat. If used, no boats shall pass between the limit mark and the finish boat.

11.3 The race committee may signal the intention to shorten course by displaying flag S with two sounds on the committee boat. The race committee may display flag S over class flags indicating that those classes only are to finish.

11.4 The race committee may move the committee boat at the finish from its position at the start. Alternately, classes may be finished by a RIB displaying flag S at any mark on the course.

11.5 To aid the quick turn around of races the race committee reserves the right to finish boats in their observed position on the course. If this is the case a RIB will communicate to the relevant boats.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 In the event that a boat breaks rule 31, touching a mark, they shall take their penalty, if applicable, as per their class rules, only if they have their own class start.

13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS

13.1 The target time for the first boat finishing in each class will be 40 minutes.

13.2 The race committee may finish boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes by their observed position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. 14

PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest situations, due to the need to observe social distancing, will be settled by verbal arbitration. The beachmaster and competitors involved should be informed within 20 minutes of the last competitor arriving ashore. Socially distanced arbitration discussions will be arranged by the arbitrator and decisions communicated verbally and in writing on the notice board. Decisions not accepted by competitors can be taken to RYA appeal.

15 SCORING

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

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

15.2 If different classes start together and are in one race, results will be determined using the Portsmouth Yardstick system and average lap times. This system is intended to be used if there are a variety of rig sizes in the Aero fleet.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

19 PRIZES

19.1 A virtual prize giving will take place online after racing. Prize vouchers will be distributed via email.

ADDENDUM A

Start/Finish – 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – Start/Finish

Number of laps will be signalled on a whiteboard on the committee boat.

