



ROYAL MERSEY YACHT CLUB REGATTA Sailing Instructions

Saturday 8th June 2024

H.W. (Liverpool): 13:09 BST Height: 8.9 m Timing Signal: 11:15 BST

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entries

Entries may be made by completing the entry form available on the club website and following the payment instructions on the form.

Alternatively, on the day of the race entries can be made ashore at the RMYC Club House up to one hour before the start of the first race.

Prizegiving

The prize giving will be held in the RMYC Club House after sailing.

The Commodore and members extend a warm welcome to all competitors and weather permitting a barbecue will be held after racing for which bookings can be made online at events@royalmersey.co.uk.

REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

Sailing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and individual class rules.

The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures are available.

Boats shall not impede commercial shipping, as required by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea and local regulations.

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the notice board not later than two hours before the start of the race and where possible will be brought to the attention of all competitors. In exceptional circumstances, i.e. when already afloat, Sailing Instructions may be given verbally.

3. Risk Statement

Rule 4 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances

4. Safety

Boats shall carry appropriate marine safety equipment to comply with individual Class Rules including personal buoyancy for each person on board, first aid kit, towing warp, anchor and anchor warp, adequate for all tidal conditions and oars or paddles. PERSONAL BUOYANCY SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILST TRAVELLING IN THE PATROL BOATS. A VHF radio is strongly recommended.

The Committee Boat will monitor VHF Channel M2 (P4) and safety announcements may be made on that channel.

5. Insurance

Boats shall carry adequate insurance, including third party liability to a minimum of £2,000,000.

6. Schedule of Races

Races, starting times and class flags are as scheduled in the 'Order of Races' below.

7. Courses and Marks

Courses and Marks are specified in the 'Courses' section to these instructions and in the 'Order of Races'. The courses chartlet is for identification purposes only. If the light/heavy weather course is to be used for a class, Code Flag 3 will be displayed during the five-minute period preceding the start of that class.

8. Start and Finish Line

The inshore starting line (used for all courses other than Courses 4 & 6) is between the signal mast on the Committee Boat and the Inshore Club Mark (IM) moored approximately 100 metres inshore.

The offshore starting line (used for Course 4 & 6) is between the signal mast on the Committee Boat and Buoy G1.

In each case, the Finish Line is the same as the Start Line.

9. The Start

Races will be started at five-minute intervals according to RRS Rule 26.

There will be a Timing Signal (Air Horn) at the time stated on the title page. Unless there is a postponement, the first Warning Signal will be ten minutes later.

Unless there is a postponement, the Warning Signal for each succeeding class will be simultaneous with the Starting Signal of the preceding class.

Rule 30, Starting Penalties will not apply.

Yachts whose Warning Signal has not been displayed shall keep clear of the starting area.

10. Postponement

The Answering Pennant with two long Sound Signals will indicate that all races not yet started are postponed. One Sound Signal and the lowering of the AP means the timing sequence will re-commence one minute after the AP is lowered.

11. Shortened Course

As the leading yacht in a class approaches or rounds a mark preceding the Inshore Mark, or preceding G1 for Courses 4 & 6, Code Flag S will be displayed and two sound signals will be made. Yachts shall cross the finishing line directly from that mark. When signals apply other than to all classes racing, the appropriate class flag will be displayed inferior to the signal.

12. Time Limit

The Time Limit will be 14:30 BST, after which yachts which have not finished shall be deemed to have retired.

13. Protests

The Protest Procedure will be in accordance with Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Protests should be written on the prescribed form (available in the Club House) and lodged with the Race Committee as early as possible and within 3 hours of the end of the race.

ORDER of RACES at Rock Ferry

Race	CLASSES	Start Time	Code Flag	Course	Light/Heavy Weather Course
	Timing Signal	11:15			
	First Warning Signal	11:25			
1	INTERNATIONAL ETCHELLS	11:30	A	1	5
2	RMYC MYLNE NATIONAL SQUIB	11:35	B	2	5
3	SEABIRD HALF RATER OPERA CLASS HILBRE CLASS	11:40	C	3	5
4	FALCON ONE DESIGN	11:45	D	2	5
5	IRC YACHTS VENTURE CLASS	11:50	E	4	6

RMYC Regatta Courses

Course 1

Inshore Start Line, E4(p), G7(p), G3(p), E3(s), IM(p), E1(p), Inshore Finishing Line.

Course 2

Inshore Start Line, E2(p), G5(p), G3(p), E3(s), IM(p), BR(p), Inshore Finishing Line.

Course 3

Inshore Start Line, E2(p), G5(p), E3(s), Inshore Finishing Line.

Course 4

Offshore Start Line, E4(p), G7(p), G3(p), E3(s), G1(s), E2(s), Offshore Finishing Line

Course 5

Light/Heavy weather course. Refer to Sailing Instruction 7

Inshore Start Line, E1(s), IM(p), BR(s), IM(p), BR (s), Inshore Finishing Line

Course 6

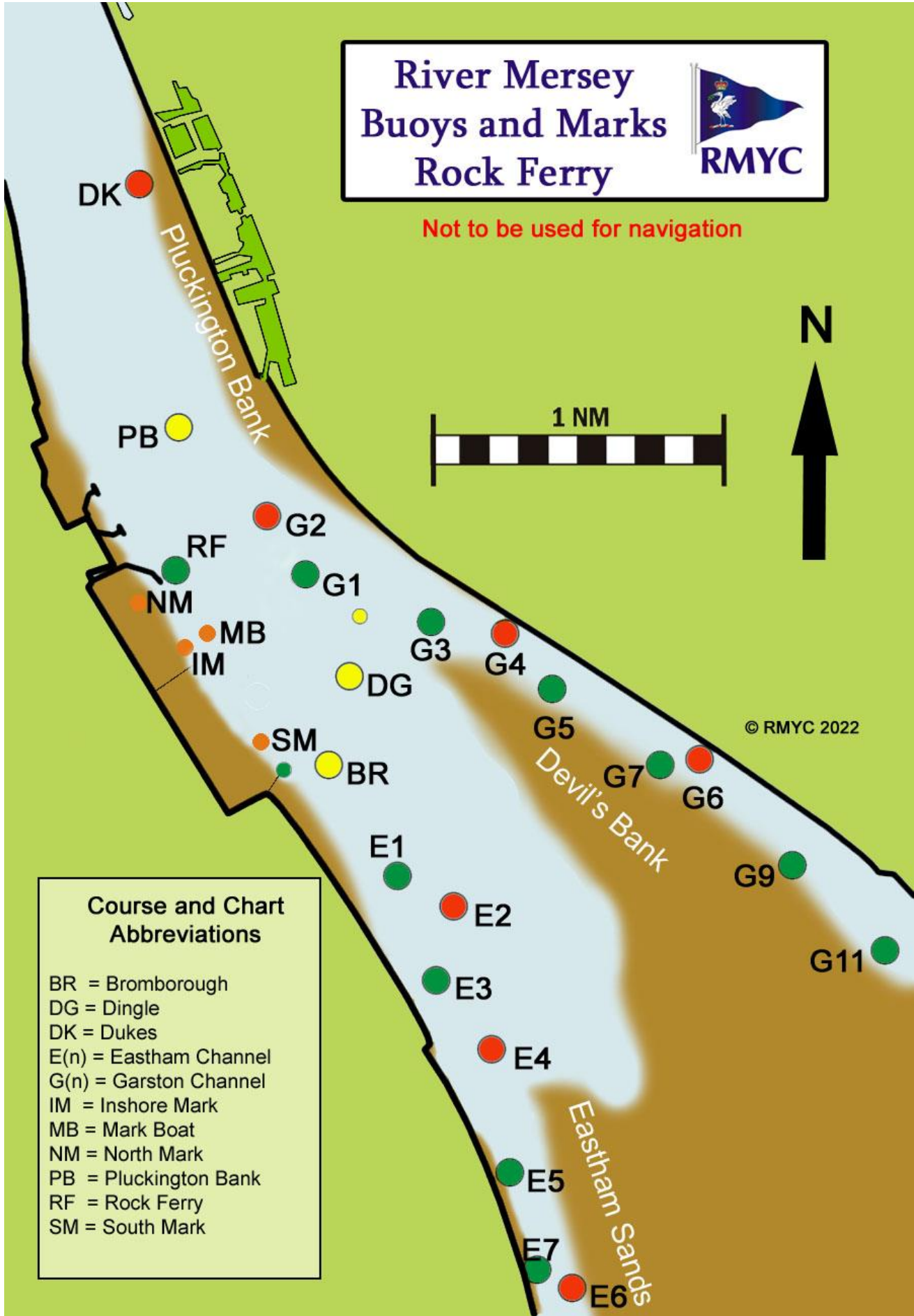
Light/Heavy weather course. Refer to Sailing Instruction 7

Offshore Start Line, E2(p), G1(s), E2(s), Offshore Finish Line

River Mersey Buoys and Marks Rock Ferry



Not to be used for navigation



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- Course and Chart Abbreviations**
- BR = Bromborough
 - DG = Dingle
 - DK = Dukes
 - E(n) = Eastham Channel
 - G(n) = Garston Channel
 - IM = Inshore Mark
 - MB = Mark Boat
 - NM = North Mark
 - PB = Pluckington Bank
 - RF = Rock Ferry
 - SM = South Mark