



***The Kestrel National Championship 2017  
at  
The Royal Tay Yacht Club***



***Sailing Instructions***

# Kestrel National Championships 2017

## 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 – 2020), The RYA Prescriptions, the rules of the Kestrel Class and these sailing instructions.

#### 2. SAFETY

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance is the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by crew sufficient in number and experience and physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all other gear. The owner/competitor must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

The club and the race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused to the owner/competitor, skipper, crew or other person involved in the management of the race as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Neither the establishment of these conditions, their use by the race organisers, nor the inspection of the boat under these conditions abrogates the responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are none the less advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

PERSONAL BUOYANCY - Adequate personal buoyancy will be worn at all times when afloat.

RRS 40 - Neither wet suits, nor dry suits constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

#### 3. INSURANCE

All entrants must have and maintain insurance cover against Third Party and Passenger Liability for an amount of at least £2,000,000 or as prescribed by Class Rules, whichever is the greater.

#### 4. RIVER TRAFFIC

Attention is drawn to Rule 9(b) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and Dundee Port Authority Bye-Laws listed below.

While racing any yacht which is unable for reason of lack of wind, or any other cause to sail clear of any commercial vessel passing up or down the river, shall paddle in order to get clear, and thereafter retire from the race and so notify the Race Officer.

In the event of the Race Officer or member of the Race Committee observing that a yacht has contravened the Bye-Laws the Race Committee may proceed against the yacht in accordance with RRS 60.2(a) and (c). Whenever possible, a safety boat will proceed in front of the commercial vessel passing up or down the river. Any yacht sailing in the prohibited area, i.e. the area between the safety boat and the commercial vessel, **will be disqualified from that race and may be liable to prosecution under local harbour bye-laws.**

The person in charge of the safety boat shall be the sole arbiter of the correct distance the safety boat will proceed in front of any vessel. Any yacht, which causes the safety boat to alter course, **will be disqualified.** Safety boats engaged in ship escort duties may fly a blue flag.

IRPCS Rule 9(b)

A vessel less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only in a narrow channel or fairway.

Bye-laws for the Regulation of Vessels Navigating the River Tay Estuary

##### **No obstructions to other vessels**

A vessel whether under power or sail which is not confined to the main channel, shall not make use of the main channel as to cause obstructions to other vessels which can only navigate within such a channel, and shall give other vessels a clear course and as wide a berth as safe navigation requires.

##### **Vessels not to impede or endanger other vessels**

No vessels shall enter or cross the main channel except when the channel in the vicinity of the vessel is clear and only in such a manner as not to impede or endanger other vessels navigating the channel.

## 5. FINISHING

In all races, competitors should check and record their own time as they cross the finishing line in case they may not have been seen due to severe weather or pressure of boats. When possible, the names or number of boats finishing immediately ahead and astern should be noted.

## 6. RETIRALS AND DECLARATIONS

A declaration is required from the helmsman or owner's representative of yachts that have RETIRED from the race. The retiral sheet will be at the RTYC Race Box and must be signed within 1 hour of finishing or coming ashore, whichever is the later. Failure to sign will result in disqualification.

## 7. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

NOTICES - Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in RTYC No. 2 Shed adjacent to the RTYC Race Box.

SIGNALS ASHORE - Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RTYC Race Box..

CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - Flag `L` flown from the RTYC Race Box at least 1 hour before the scheduled start of a race will denote that a change in the sailing instructions has been posted on the Official Notice Board. This shall constitute official notice to each yacht in accordance with RRS 90.2(c) and it shall be the responsibility of all competitors to consult the notice.

## 8. COURSES

Courses for Championship Races will be displayed at the Committee Boat and will be as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the Sailing Instructions. The course for the Crews Race will be displayed at the RTYC Race Box.

## 9. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	HW	Race Nos.	First Start	Second Start
23.07.17	15.48	1 & 2	11.00	ASAP after Race 1
24.07.17	16.39	3 & 4	11.00	ASAP after Race 3
25.07.14	17.26	5(Long Distance)	13.00	
26.07.14	18.10	6 & 7	12.00	ASAP After Race 6

## 10. STARTING PROCEDURE

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The Class Flag will be Code Flag 'F'.

## 11. START

### COMMITTEE BOAT (All Championship Races)

The starting line is defined as being between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow inflatable mark positioned at the end of the line. **Any boat that makes contact with the Committee Boat or its extensions will be liable to disqualification from that race.** This alters RRS 31

## 12. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

## 13. GENERAL RECALLS

General recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

## 14. SHORTENED COURSE

Courses may be shortened at any mark of the course by a Committee Vessel displaying a Blue flag and Code Flag `S`. A shortened course will be signalled in accordance with RRS 32, in which case the finishing line will be between the main mast of the Committee Vessel and the mark.

## 15. PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 shall apply when a yacht is racing.

## 16. FINISH LINE

### COMMITTEE BOAT

The finishing line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat displaying a BLUE flag and an orange finishing mark as described in Appendix 1.

## **17. PROTESTS**

Protests and Arbitration Requests shall be written on forms available at the RTYC Race Box and lodged at the Race Box in accordance with RRS 61. The time limit will be two hours after the completion of the last race of the day.

The time and place of any protest hearings will be posted on the Notice Board in the RTYC Main Clubhouse after acceptance of protests. It is the duty of a yacht to find out whether there is a protest against her and to collect her witnesses when appropriate.

Request to reopen a hearing, on the 26th July must be made in accordance with RRS 66..

## **18. SCORING**

Will be the RYA Appendix 'A' 4.1 – Low Points System

The Championship will comprise 7 races. The number of races to count for the Championship shall be one less than the total number of races sailed, however if 4 or less races are sailed then all races shall count towards the Championship.

## **19. TIME LIMITS**

If any boat finishes a race within the prescribed time limit, namely two hours after the start, racing will be extended for all other boats by 30 minutes. When no boat finishes within the time limit, the race will be deemed to have been abandoned.

## **20. PRIZEGIVING**

The prize-giving will be held on Wednesday 26th July 2017 in the RTYC Main Clubhouse prior to the class dinner. In the event that the spare date is required the prize-giving will be held as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on the spare date.

**These sailing instructions supersede all other instructions issued.**