



Walton and Frinton Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions for the Phantom and H2 Open Event 3rd- 4th – October 2020

The Organizing Authority for this event is:

Walton and Frinton Yacht Club,

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All competitors are required to comply fully, at all times, with the Covid-19 regulations that are applicable and in force at the time of the event.

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2017-2020), the prescription of the RYA, the Phantom and H2 Class Associations rules, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and any Special Rules of Walton and Frinton Yacht Club. The event shall be classified as a Category C event as described in ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that at this event the RYA Racing Charter will be implemented and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter. This can be found at the front of the RYA Rule Book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020

<http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/RacingCharter.aspx>

2.0 CONDITION OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Each entry shall be raced by an H2 Class Association member and file a written entry form with the race organisers prior to racing. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- 2.2 Competing boats shall use only the complete sail number specified on the entry form. The race committee may, in exceptional circumstances, give written permission for a change of number provided that the request is made at least half one hour before the boat concerned leaves shore and that no other competitor is using the same number.
- 2.3 Each owner / competitor shall declare that he / she has a valid third-party insurance cover for a minimum amount of £2,000,000.00. Walton and Frinton Yacht Club shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused as a result of taking part in the regatta.
- 2.4 All competitors and their families will be deemed to be temporary members of Walton and Frinton Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official event notice board.
- 3.2 All event timings will be taken from a Radio Clock which is set to BST.
- 3.3 Flag signals will be made on the flag staff located in front of the Clubhouse

4.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event notice board a minimum of one hour before the first race of the day when the change will take effect. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 8.00 PM the previous day and IC "L" will be flown.

5.0 SAFETY

- 5.1 Life jackets or waistcoat type buoyancy aids will be worn at all times while afloat. Wet or Dry Suits are not acceptable as substitutes. This amends RRS 40.
- 5.2 If deemed necessary, a competitor may be ordered to abandon a boat and board a safety boat
- 5.3 Failure to obey safety instructions, including verbal instructions given by or on behalf of the race / safety officer, will be regarded as a gross breach of a rule and RRS 69 will be invoked.

6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 All signals made ashore will conform to the RRS 2017-2020
- 6.2 Competitors shall not launch while IC flag "W" is being flown
- 6.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in race signal AP

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Races are scheduled as follows:
 - Sat 3rd October. 1st Warning signal 10.55. Races 2 and 3 to follow
 - Sun 4th October. 1st Warning signal 11.25. Race 5 to follow
- 7.2 Races will be numbered sequentially in the order in which they are sailed. No warning signal will be made after 1430 hours on the last day of racing.

8.0 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

- 8.1 The course marks will be yellow/orange cylindrical buoys. In the event of a mark sinking, or moving significantly off station, a safety boat will be stationed in the position of the mark and IC “**M**” will be flown. The start and finish ODM will be a Mark flying an Orange/yellow flag

9.0 THE RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be set in Hamford Water to the North of Horsey Island.

10.0 THE COURSE

- 10.1 The course configurations and the order of rounding for the event will be as shown in appendix A. The diagram indicates the number of legs required to complete the course but does not necessarily indicate the angles between the legs. Mark 1 is intended to be the windward mark.

If after any race has been completed, the circumstances dictate to the Race Team that an alternate course is required the fleet will be sent ashore for a short briefing

11.0 THE START

- 11.1 The class flag for the Phantom Fleet will be Code Flag **R**.
The class flag for the H2 Fleet will be their unique Code Flag .
- 11.2 The start line will be between a staff bearing an orange flag mounted on the committee boat and a buoy or RIB at the starboard end.
- 11.3 An Inner Distance Mark may be laid in a position close to the Committee Boat. The IDM is a starting limit mark which shall be left to the same side as the nearby Committee Boat. See also Rule 8.2

Races will be started using Rule 26. The warning signal will then be given 5 minutes before the start signal. The sequence will then be as follows:

<u>Time before start</u>	<u>Flag</u>
5 mins	Phantom Class Flag raised
4 mins	“ U Flag ” raised
1 mins	“ U Flag ” lowered
0 mins	Phantom Class Flag lowered, H2 Flag raised
4 mins	“ U Flag ” raised
1 mins	“ U Flag ” lowered
0 mins	H2 Flag lowered

11.5 A boat shall not start later than 4 minutes after the starting signal.

12.0 RECALLS

12.1 Individual recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.1.

12.2 General recalls will be in accordance with RRS 29.2.

13.0 ROUND THE END

13.1 The round the end rule will not apply for this event

14.0 U FLAG

14.1 Because of time constraints imposed by tidal conditions, the following prohibited area penalty will be implemented. The U flag will be flown as the preparatory signal. Boats which sail within the triangle formed by the start line and the windward mark during the minute before her starting signal will be disqualified without a hearing.

15.0 FINISHING

15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff bearing a blue flag mounted on the committee boat and a Mark bearing an orange/yellow flag

15.2 Any boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat of the fleet will be scored DNF. This alters the RRS scoring appendix

17.0 TIME LIMIT

17.1 The time limit for each race is 45 minutes and the Race Officer may shorten or abandon a race at his discretion in accordance with RRS 32.

18.0 PROTEST

18.1 Protests shall be written on RYA protest forms, which will be available on request and filed with the race office within 60 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. The Protest Committee may extend the protest time at their discretion. This amends RRS 61.3.

18.2 Boats **must** notify the committee boat of their intent to protest when finishing. If unable to finish, notify a member of the Race Team **before** reaching shore that you did not finish and you intend to protest.

18.3 Protests will be heard in the order of receipt as soon as possible.

18.4 Arbitration is available to sailors following an incident

19.0 ALTERNATE PENALTIES

19.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident. Her penalty shall be a 720-degree turn in either direction subject to the following changes and provisions.

- (A) A 720-degree turn penalty consists of two tacks and two gybes, or two gybes and two tacks before resuming course.
- (b) When the infringement occurs after the preparatory signal and before the starting signal, the infringing boat shall make one 720 degree turn penalty after getting well clear of other boats as soon as possible. This Modifies RRS44.1 & 44.2

20.0 SCORING

20.1 A minimum of two races will constitute a valid event.

20.2 Low points scoring system as written in RRS Appendix A4 except as modified in these instructions.

20.3 Providing there are four races sailed, there will be one discard in the scoring.

20.4 Ties will be broken as written in RRS Appendix A Section A8

21.0 SPECIAL NOTES

21.1 Mark boats, rescue boats, and line sighting boats shall rank as an obstruction.

21.2 Any boat receiving "hands on" assistance from a rescue boat after its preparatory signal and before the finish will be scored as DNF. The Race committee, which includes the safety officer on the water and the OOD on shore, may decide when a boat or crew needs assistance.

Course A

**1p,2p,3p,Start/Finish line,1p,3p,
Start/Finish Line, 1p, 2p, 3p,
Start/Finish line,1p, 3p, Finish**

Mark 1 is the intended to be the windward mark.

Marks 1, 2 and 3 and will be large cylindrical orange buoys.

The outer distance mark of the start/finish line will be an orange cylindrical buoy with a horizontal black band.

The S/F line (gate) may be reduced in length after the start sequence.

Note: Competitors must pass through the gate formed by the finish line in the upwind leg of each lap.

