



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE QUARTER TON CUP 2019

MONDAY 10TH – WEDNESDAY 12ND JUNE

HOSTED FROM THE COWES YACHT HAVEN, VECTIS YARD, HIGH ST, COWES PO31 7BD.

The Organising Authority (OA) is The Quarter Ton Class (QTC).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- 1.2 Appendix T, Post Race Penalties and Arbitration, will apply.
- 1.3 The National authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
<https://www.rya.org.uk/SiteCollectionDocuments/Racing/RacingInformation/RacingRules/RYA%20Prescriptions%202017.pdf>
- 1.4 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing (Appendix B) will apply. [DP]
- 1.5 Quarter Ton Class Rules apply. Class Rules can be found at <http://www.quartertonclass.org>. [DP]
- 1.6 Parts A, B and C of the IRC Rules will apply. [DP]

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) in the Cowes Yacht Haven Events Centre.
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "Quarter Ton Race Committee". VHF channel **72** will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 In addition to VHF radio, a WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC intentions. Sign up details will be provided at registration. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.4 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. [DP]

3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of Notice to Mariners and should be particularly aware of the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area – (Thorn Channel). Competitors are reminded to maintain a constant watch for shipping movements, particularly in the Port of Southampton Precautionary Area (Thorn Channel). Your attention is drawn to the ABP Notice to Mariners No.14 of 2019 and any subsequent amendments which covers the movement of shipping and the accompanying sound signals that may be heard. [DP]
See [http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20\(Thorn%20Channel\).pdf](http://www.southamptonvts.co.uk/admin/content/files/NTMs/2019%20No%2014%20-%20Port%20of%20Southampton%20-%20Precautionary%20Area%20(Thorn%20Channel).pdf)
- 3.2 The RC or Protest Committee may protest a boat for breach of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) or the above regulations on the basis of a report from any source. This changes RRS 60.2(a) and 60.3(a). [DP]
- 3.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC by VHF before leaving the race area, or by telephoning +44 07525 159140. [DP]

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB by 09:00hrs on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any change to the time of the first warning signal each day will be posted not later than 19:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No signals ashore will be displayed. The RC will inform competitors using VHF and the WhatsApp group.



6 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND CLASS FLAG

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st warning signal</u>		<u>HW Portsmouth</u>
Sunday 9 th June	1400hrs	Practice starts and race	1723 4.4m
Monday 10 th June	1100hrs	Races	1826 4.4m
Tuesday 11 th June	1100hrs	Races	0645 4.1m
Wednesday 12 th June	1100hrs	Races	0752 4.1m

- 6.1 It is intended to complete up to nine (9) races.
- 6.2 There will be no more than three races a day, however, additional races may be sailed on any day to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 6.3 No warning signal will be displayed after 15:00hrs on Wednesday 12th June.
- 6.4 The class flag will be IC flag Q.

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be on the Solent and adjacent waters. The RC will advise competitors of the intended start location via VHF and WhatsApp 90 minutes prior to the first warning signal of each day.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be as follows:

COURSE #2 – Windward, Leeward (finish).

COURSE #3 - Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

COURSE #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish).

COURSE #5 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (finish).

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Windward mark **1** will be a Black 5 ft. inflatable mark. Windward mark **1a** will be a 5 ft. Black inflatable mark. Windward mark **o** will be a 3 ft. inflatable orange mark.
- 9.2 Mark **1a** will be positioned approximately 4 boat lengths upwind from mark **1**. Mark **o** will be positioned approximately four boat lengths from, and at 90 degrees to port, from mark **1a**. Marks **1**, **1a**, and **o** will be left to port in that order before proceeding to the next mark.
- 9.3 Leeward gate marks **2s** and **2p** will be Black 5 ft. inflatable marks.
- 9.4 If only a single windward or leeward mark is present, boats shall leave that mark to port before proceeding to the next mark.
- 9.5 The start and finish marks will be two Committee vessels.

10 THE START

- 10.1 To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least five minutes before the warning signal.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between the staffs displaying an orange flag.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.
- 10.4 In addition to RRS 29.1, individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow number, sail number or boat name shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 The position of any laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted by up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous laid mark(s) and/or up to approximately 200 metres to windward or leeward without a signal. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 For changes greater than those described in SI 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay the original mark (or move the finishing line) as soon as practical.
- 11.3 In addition to RRS 33 signals, the RC may use VHF radio to assist in communicating the change of the next leg of the course.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying an orange flag.

13 TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35 and A5.



14 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for a boat breaking a rule in Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).
- 14.2 In addition to RRS 61.1(a) a boat intending to protest should notify the committee vessel immediately upon finishing the race or retiring and await acknowledgement.
- 14.3 APPENDIX T (Post Race Penalties and Arbitration) of the Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 14.4 Protest forms are available at the race office / protest desk within the CYH Events Centre. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finished the last race of the day or 30 minutes after flag AP over A is displayed ashore.
- 14.5 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and the whereabouts in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.6 Notices of protests by the RC or PC will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- 15.1 The corrected time will be the elapsed time * IRC Time Correction Factor
- 15.2 Three races constitute a series.
- 15.3 If there are six or more races are completed, one discard will be applied.
- 15.4 The Corinthian Division will be scored separately.

16 MEASUREMENT AND INSPECTIONS

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules and Safety Requirements. On the water a boat can, be instructed by the Technical Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. [DP]
- 16.2 When the protest committee after finding the facts, decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken the measurement rules, class or equipment rules, that boat will either be disqualified, will be given a discretionary penalty or will be warned that each subsequent infringement will lead to a penalty." This changes RRS 64.1. [DP]

17 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 17.1 Official boats will be marked with an orange flag.

18 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 18.1 Haul out and swimming of the boats apply. See Notice of Race 15.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 See NOR 17.

20 RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1 See NOR 21.

21 INSURANCE

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims.



EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C VESSEL

4 = Course #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (finish) 1 + 1A (vertical) + o (90° offset) at the weather mark, and leeward Gate. **120° / 1.2 nm** = Weather mark(s) approx. **120°** magnetic at **1.2 nm** from the start.

COURSE # 3

Finish ----- R/C

'o' '1a'

'1'

Wind
↓

- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + o to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 3 – Windward (Finish)

'2s' '2p'

Start ----- R/C

COURSE # 4

'o' '1a'

'1'

Wind
↓

- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + o to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + o to port)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (Finish)

'2s' '2p'

Start/ Finish ----- R/C

COURSE # 5

Finish ----- R/C

'o' '1a'

'1'

Wind
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- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + o to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + o to port)
- Leg 4 – Leeward (gate)
- Leg 5 – Windward (Finish)

'2s' '2p'

Start ----- R/C

COURSE # 2

'o' '1a'

'1'

Wind
↓

- Leg 1 – Windward (1 + 1a + o to port)
- Leg 2 – Leeward (Finish)

Start/ Finish ----- R/C

APPENDIX T – POST RACE PENALTIES AND ARBITRATION

T1

POST-RACE PENALTIES

1. Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
2. A Post-Race Penalty is a 4 place Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
3. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

T2

ARBITRATION MEETING

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

T3

ARBITRATOR'S OPINION

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

1. the *protest* is invalid,
2. no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or
3. one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

T4

ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

1. a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and
2. a boat may ask to withdraw her *protest*. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.