



Royal Cornwall Yacht Club

Falmouth Sunbeam 85th Anniversary Championships 2009 June 13th and 14th plus the evening of June 15th if needed

Sailing Instructions

1. Organising Authority

1.1 **The Organising Authority** is the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club in co-operation with the Falmouth Division of the Sunbeam Class.

2. Entry

2.1 All competitors must complete entry forms to be eligible for the Championship

3. Rules

3.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS).

3.2 The prescriptions of the RYA will apply.

3.3 The Sunbeam Association's class rules will apply with particular reference to Part IV Special Divisional Rules, Falmouth. Where there is a conflict between the class rules and these Sailing Instructions (SI) or the Notice of Race (NOR), then the NOR and SI will apply.

4. Local Rules

4.1 Commercial Shipping

4.1.1. Commercial vessels constricted by their draft or size form moving exclusion zones which competitors are to treat as obstructions. The exclusion zone extends to 100 metres on all sides of the vessel and includes tugs, pilot boats and safety boats escorting the vessel. No competitor is to enter the exclusion zone and if becalmed is to use their engine or other means of propulsion to move out of the way. This should only be sufficient to move out of the exclusion zone and the course steered and distance traveled should be the shortest distance to move the competitor clear of the commercial vessel and its exclusion zone. This changes RRS 42.

4.2 Competitors who unnecessarily interfere with commercial shipping bring the sport into disrepute and risk protest by the Race Committee under RRS 69 (Gross Misconduct). A complaint by the harbour authority will automatically initiate a protest hearing.

4.3 St Mawes Cardinal Mark

4.3.1. Competitors shall at all times keep to the seaward side of St Mawes cardinal mark (Lugo Rock).

4.4 Dive Boats

4.4.1. A 30 metre zone around either a dive boat flying code flag A, or an orange pillar mark indicating a diver beneath the surface, or a diver on the surface are obstructions. A boat shall not enter the 30 metre zone.

4.5 Shipping Movements

4.5.1. A white flag may be flown by the committee boat to indicate a commercial shipping movement.

4.6 VHF Communication Channel

4.6.1. Committee boat race information will be broadcast on Ch72.

5. Notices to competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RCYC "Sailing" notice board in the main hall at the RCYC.

5.2 Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted by 0830 on the day that they will take effect.

6. Signals made ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff at the RCYC. In alteration of RRS "Race Signals" when flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes".

7. Schedule of races

Date	Race	Warning Signal
Saturday – 13 th June	The George Cork Trophy	1025
	The Tudor Rose Bowl	ASAP after Race 1
	The RCYC Challenge Cup	ASAP after Race 2; 30 minute break if possible
Sunday – 14 th June	The Boat House Trophy	1025
	Polly's Plate	ASAP after race 4
	The Silver Salver	ASAP after race 5; 30 minutes break if possible
Monday – 15 th June	Any one of the above if not sailed as scheduled	1825

7.1 Any race not started by 1600 on the 13th or 14th may be cancelled or postponed.

7.2 The above schedule of six races over two days can be altered by the race officer in consultation with the Sunbeam Class Captain depending on the weather. If appropriate, a notice will be displayed as per section 5 above.

7.3 No more than three races will be sailed on any one day

8. Class flag

8.1 The class flag shall be 'V'. Competitors are not required to fly this flag.

9. Race area and Course

9.1 Race areas and course configuration are shown in Appendix A.

9.2 The class flag flown below the appropriate numeral pennant on the shore flagstaff will designate the day's race location. The decision to use area 1a or 1b will be made in the Bay depending on the amount of commercial shipping present. The decision will be broadcast by the committee boat on VHF.

10. Check-in procedure

10.1 Before the start of racing for the day each competitor shall report to the Committee Boat and receive an acknowledgement that she has been 'logged in to race'. Failure to do so will be scored DNE.

11. The Start

11.1 The starting line will be between mainmast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the Start mark placed to port of the committee boat. The Start mark will be an orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

11.2 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.3 At the warning signal the Class Flag 'V' will be hoisted.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line one minute before her starting signal and she is identified then the race committee may attempt to broadcast her sail number on the communication channel.

12. Shorten course and changes

12.1 The course may be shortened at the committee boat or at any of the appropriate marks. If the course is shortened at the committee boat then flag 'S' will be displayed on the committee boat accompanied by 2 sound signals. Boats shall round Mark 2 and proceed to the finishing line. If the course is shortened at Mark 1 or Mark 2 then flag 'S' will be displayed from an official race boat accompanied by two sound signals and the finish will be between the mark and the staff flying flag S.

12.2 Course changes will be signalled using RRS 33.

13. The Finish

13.1 The finishing line will be between the mainmast of the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the Finish mark placed to starboard of the committee boat. The Finish mark will be a round blue buoy.

14. Penalties

14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are amended for an incident exclusively between one or more Sunbeams by substituting "Two turns" with "One Turn to include 1 tack and 1 gybe".

15. Time Limits

15.1 The time limit for each race will be 2 hours.

15.2 If the first boat finishes within the prescribed time limit, the race will be valid for those boats finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat. This amends RRS 35.

16. Protests

16.1 Protest forms are available at the Sailing office at the RCYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit posted on the Sailing notice board.

16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat of the fleet has finished her last race of the day.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing times will be posted with these notices and where practicable will start 40 minutes after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the protest office at the club.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17. Scoring

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. When fewer than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.

18. Retirement

18.1 A boat that retires from a race or returns to harbour during racing shall notify an official race control boat or the race committee on channel 72 as soon as possible. Competitors not adhering to this procedure may be subject to protest by the race committee and scored DNE (non discard able disqualification). This changes RRS 88.3.

19. Support boats

19.1 Support boats are prohibited.

20. Radio Communication

20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

21.1 Replacements will not be restricted.

22. Equipment and Measurement Checks

22.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22.2 Haul-out restrictions will not apply

22.3 Diving equipment and plastic pools will not be restricted

23. Safety equipment

23.1 All boats shall comply with Section 14 of the NOR.

24. Prizes

24.1 Prizes are as awarded by the Falmouth Sunbeam Association

25. Decision to Race

25.1 The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

Appendix A – Race Areas and Course detail

Not to scale

