



Laser/ILCA - All Rigs, 9th & 10th September 2023 OPEN
and
TOPPER OPEN 10th September 2023

SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. For the purpose of the above two events (**the events**), these Special Sailing Instructions change or add to the SYC 2023 Open Meeting Sailing Instructions and the SYC Course Map (the **SYC Standard Open SIs**). Where there is a conflict between these Special Sailing Instructions and the NORs, or the SYC Standard Open SIs, or the Topper South West Traveller Series 2023 Notice of Series, these Special Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. **Salcombe Harbour Dinghy Racing Code of Conduct:** SYC Standard Open SI 2.2 is replaced with the following:

“2.2 [NP][DP] Boats shall sail safely and give due consideration to all users of Salcombe Estuary:

(a) non-racing boats - there are many pleasure and commercial craft afloat who do not understand the racing rules. Boats are required to be courteous

(b) swimmers - when sailing near to beaches, boats shall keep a lookout for swimmers, who should be treated courteously and be given a wide berth

(c) fishermen - whether onshore or on a vessel, boats should be aware that fishermen's lines may be cast well away from their position and should be avoided

(d) cadet racing – if cadet racing is taking place, boats should give them due consideration and care

(e) Kingsbridge and South Sands ferries. Boats should make reasonable effort to avoid impeding these ferries which are obstructions

A boat breaking this sailing instruction and/or bringing the reputation of the ILCA/Laser or Topper Classes or SYC into disrepute may be protested by the race committee.”

3. SYC Standard Open **SI 4.2 is replaced** with the following:

“4.2 [NP][DP] When flag AP over D is displayed ashore, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 55 minutes’ in the race signal AP. When flag AP over D is displayed, boats shall not launch. A boat that breaks this rule may be scored DSQ by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.”

4. Course:

- 4.1. All marks shown on the SYC Course Map are rounding marks (see RRS definition of “Sail the Course”).
- 4.2. The positions shown for the marks on the SYC Course Map are only approximate positions and in particular marks X, Y, Z and F might be positioned close to one or other of the numbered marks which they are positioned between.

5. Starting System/Fairway:

5.1. SYC Standard Open **SI 11.2** is deleted.

5.2. SYC Standard Open **SIs 8.1 – 8.9** are replaced with the following:

*“8.1 During busy times of the year the Harbour Authority mark a Fairway in the vicinity of the Starting Line to provide a safe passage for the use of non-racing craft during a start sequence. The outer edge of this Fairway is defined by an imaginary line between adjacent yellow buoys which extend from and include V0 (Salcombe Harbour Hotel) to V3 (Ferry Inn). They are set out from the Salcombe shore of the estuary. The length of the Fairway may be extended by placing spherical yellow buoys carrying a yellow X top mark at either or both the northern and/or southern ends. The **Prohibited Area** is between the outer edge of the Fairway (see above) and the Salcombe shore.*

8.2 At all times during which the Fairway is active the Prohibited Area ranks as a continuing obstruction.

8.3 [NP] When the Fairway is active, boats shall not enter or remain in the Prohibited Area except as permitted under 8.7 or 8.10 below.

8.4 [NP] A Salcombe Harbour Authority – Kingsbridge Estuary Local Notice to Mariners will apply.

8.5 The Fairway is activated by the display of the 2nd Sub pennant at the Watch House. In addition yellow flashing lights may be displayed on each end of the Watch House. The Fairway will remain active for so long as and as often as that pennant is displayed at the Watch House.

8.6 If the race committee intend that the Fairway will be active for a start, it will be activated at latest at the Warning Signal for that start. However, all the rules in this

SI will apply at any time during which the Fairway is active, whether or not the Fairway was active at the time of a boat's start, so boats must be aware that:

- (a) If the Fairway was activated for an earlier start it may remain active for the whole period between that earlier start and between 5 and 10 minutes after any later start (whether the later start is for the same or another class).*
- (b) The Fairway may be de-activated at any time between 5 and 10 minutes after a start, but it may be re-activated in respect of later starts of the same or different classes and may remain active until some time after those starts.*

8.7 [NP] *A boat sailing in the Prohibited Area at the moment when the Fairway is activated shall leave the Prohibited Area without delay by the most direct route in a seamanlike manner.*

8.8 [NP] *Unless the race officer considers that the boat is acting as specified in 8.7 above or 8.10 below, a boat identified by the Race Officer or staff of the Salcombe Harbour Authority entering or in the Prohibited Area at a time when the Fairway is active shall be scored DSQ in that race without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1).*

8.9 *The sail numbers of boats disqualified under this Fairway rule may be displayed on an RC vessel close to a mark of a course or near to a disqualified boat on a leg of the course.*

8.10 *Boats sailing from Batson boatpark or Baker's Well are permitted to sail out through the Prohibited Area by their shortest course.*

8.11 [NP][DP] *Any competing boat involved in an avoidable incident with a non-competing craft within the Prohibited Area at a time when the Fairway is active may be disqualified from that race and any other subsequent race in that series. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.*

8.12 *Competitors should consider non-racing craft that are being held north and south of the starting area by the Harbour Master to be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre."*

6. **SYC Standard Open SI 12 (CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE):** is replaced by the following:

"12. Changing the next leg of the Course

12.1 *To change the next leg or legs of the course, (other than from the Watch House) a patrol boat will be positioned in the vicinity of a mark of the course and:*

- will fly flag C*
- will display the next mark or marks of the course*

- will make a sound signal which may be repeated as appropriate
- may verbally advise of the next mark or marks.

12.2 To change the course or the next leg or legs of the course from the Watch House the race committee at the Watch House:

- will fly flag C
- will display the new race course at the Watch House, which will include marks already passed.
- will make a sound signal which may be repeated as appropriate
- may verbally advise of the next mark or marks and/or may cause a patrol boat to do so

“This changes and replaces RRS 33”.

7. SYC Standard Open **SI 13.2** is changed by deleting the words *“Unless disqualified by the Race Officer”*.

8. **Time Limit::** SYC Standard Open **SI 14.1** is replaced with the following:

“14.1 On Saturday 9th September the Race Time Limit for the ILCA/Lasers shall be 3 hours. On Sunday 10th September for the Laser ILCAs and the Toppers, the race time limit for the first boat shall be 1 ½ hours. Any boat failing to finish within those time limits or within 30 minutes after the first boat which sails the course as required by RRS 28 and finishes, whichever is the later, will be scored DNF (this changes RRS 35 and A5).

9. **Special Finishing Procedure (this changes RRSA4 and A5):**

- 9.1. After one boat has finished a race, the race committee may motor through the fleet displaying flag “Q”. It shall record boats still racing in order of increasing distance to sail the course to the finishing line.
- 9.2. The leading boat so recorded will be scored one more than the last boat to finish before this special procedure was begun. Each subsequent boat recorded will be scored one more point than the previous boat.
- 9.3. When a boat is scored under this SI:
 - 9.3.1. Her score will apply even if the boat subsequently finishes.
 - 9.3.2. The race committee shall be under no obligation to delay the start of a subsequent race of the series in order to enable the boat to finish.

10. **Retirement and post-race penalties:**

10.1. **T1** of Appendix T to the RRS (Post-Race Penalties) shall apply with the following modification:

Under T1(c) the requirement of delivery of a written statement that the boat accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred to be delivered to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee shall apply, without the reference to the arbitrator (there will

be no arbitrator at the event)..

- 10.2. The remainder of Appendix T shall not apply.
- 10.3. Except for the purpose of calculating a post-race penalty, RRS 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) shall not apply.
- 10.4. A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible.

11. Protests

- 11.1. SYC Standard Open SI 16.2 is replaced with the following:
“Protests, requests for redress or re-opening of a hearing shall be delivered to the Race Committee by posting them in the Race Office Box in the lobby of SYC.”

- 12. **Tides:** Salcombe Harbour and the race course area are affected by tides and currents. High Water at Salcombe is at approximately 01:13 and 13:56 BST on Saturday 9th September and at approximately 02:48 and 15:25 BST on Sunday 10th September. Low Water at Salcombe is at approximately 07:32 and 20:32 BST on Saturday 9th September and at approximately 09:15 and 22:06 BST on Sunday 10th September.

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