

7. Racing

- 7.1 Competitors must identify their yachts to the **RO** before starting and as soon as possible after finishing a race. Yachts finishing in darkness must illuminate their sail number and report to the **RO**.
- 7.2 Yachts retiring from a race or event must inform the **RO** or, in Passage Races, endeavour to send a report to the **RO**.
- 7.3 If, for any reason, a Committee Vessel is not present at the designated finish line of a Passage Race, competitors shall record their finishing time to the nearest second referenced to a GPS receiver and take a note of the competitors sail numbers immediately ahead and astern if visible. It is advised that a photo of the finish line and GPS receiver is taken as evidence. This information should be forwarded to the Race Committee as soon as possible by VHF or phone.
- 7.4 In Passage Races, unless referred to in the Race Instructions, cardinal marks must be passed on the correct hand.
- 7.5 In alteration to **RRS 52** (manual power) any yachts wishing to use equipment described by these rules, should prior to racing, advise the race secretary of their intentions. The race secretary will then advise on acceptability.
- 7.6 Results will be calculated using IRC or CYCA handicaps as appropriate. If a yacht's handicap is changed during a race series;
- a) she shall remain in the class in which she competed in her first race of that series.
 - b) her new handicap will apply to races which start after the date on the new certificate.
- 7.7 No anchor shall be carried on deck projecting forward of a yacht's bow.

8. Advertising

Written permission must be sought from the Race Committee for any advertising, other than an event sponsor's advertising material. In the absence of written permission, advertising is not permitted during racing.

9. Class Visual Signals and Sail Numbers

From the warning signal until completion of a race, competing yachts shall fly a Class flag as indicated in the Sailing Instructions and as designated by the International Code Flags from her backstay. Ensigns shall not be worn during racing.

10. Racing Areas

- 10.1 The racing areas for Fairlie Patch and Kip are illustrated in diagrammatic form in the Fairlie Patch and Kip Race sections of this year book. Passage races will take place in the Firth of Clyde.
- 10.2 Reference should be made to the appropriate Admiralty Charts of the area as amended from time to time by Notices to Mariners, for the location and description of navigational buoys and channels

11. Courses, Start and Finishing Lines and Marks

- 11.1 Courses, marks and start/finish procedures for points series races are detailed in the relevant Fairlie Patch, Kip and Passage Racing sections of the current **FYC** Year Book.
- 11.2 Committee vessels shall be identified by flying an orange flag, and, a red flag with FYC in white letters.
- 11.3 Courses, marks, start/ finish procedures for passage races are described in the race schedules.
- 11.4 Starting Line:
The starting line shall be between a racing mark and an Orange flag flying on a Committee vessel.
- 11.5 A Yacht shall keep clear of the Start Line area prior to their preparatory signal.
- 11.6 Late Starting:
No yacht shall start a race more than 10 minutes in the case of a points race series, or 30 minutes in the case of a passage race, after the last start of the sequence including recalls. The RO may exercise discretion during periods of calm weather.
- 11.7 Start time limit:
At the start time limit as indicated in 11.6 late starting, the Orange flag shall be lowered without a sound signal.
- 11.8 Finishing Line: The finishing line shall be between a racing mark and a blue flag on a committee vessel displaying an orange flag, and, a red flag with FYC in white letters.
- 11.9 Yachts must cross the finish line at the end of each round and at no other time whilst transiting between other marks of the course. Keeping yachts clear of the line as far as practicable is intended to assist accurate round or finish timing by the Committee vessel.
- 11.10 A competing yacht shall keep clear of the Finish Line area after finishing.