

Thurrock Yacht Club



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

LONDON RIVER TRAVELLERS TROPHY CRUISER SERIES

Saturday 25th July 2015

1 RULES

Racing will take place under the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the RYA and these Sailing Instructions. The Skipper of each yacht must be aware of, and comply with, the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, and the Port of London Byelaws and General Directions.

2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

2.1 General

The safety of a yacht and the entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht, who must ensure that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race. Moreover every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his yacht for the race.

2.2 Registration

All entrants shall register for the race by using the official entry form. Completed forms must be received by Thursday 23rd July. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**

2.3 Only yachts owned by or skippered by EYC, GSC, GYC or TYC members are eligible to enter this event.

2.4 Handicaps the Byron Handicap system will be used for the series. Yachts with "white sail" handicaps will be penalised 2% if the use of a spinnaker is declared, and 1% for a cruising chute. Conversely boats with a handicap which assumes a spinnaker will receive a 2% benefit for a "no spinnaker" declaration, or a 1% benefit if a cruising chute is declared instead of a spinnaker. Spinnaker declarations will apply for all races in the series.

3 SAFETY RULES

3.1 Enforcement

Competitors may be disqualified for failing to observe these safety rules. The onus of proof of compliance shall be on the competing yacht.

3.2 Commercial Traffic

Competitors are reminded of their obligations to other vessels under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and in particular to large commercial vessels in the main channel. Any yacht which finds herself on a collision or near collision course with such vessels shall alter course to pass astern of them. Where this is not possible a yacht may use any available means of propulsion to avoid collision without being deemed to have infringed this rule, provided that the yacht returns to the point at which use of such propulsion commenced before continuing to race.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be Traffic Lights on the front of the clubhouse.

- 5 SCHEDULE OF RACE
 Saturday 25th July 2015 start at 10:30. Briefing ashore will be held at 09:30 (BST).
 The start time may be changed at the briefing.
 All boats are required to send a representative to the briefing.
- 6 THE COURSE
 The course will be announced at the briefing.
- 7 THE START
- 7.1 Starting Procedure
 The races will be started with the following signals:
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| 5 min before start | 1 white light on | 1 sound |
| 4 min before start | 2 white lights on | 1 sound |
| 1 min before start | 3 white lights on | 1 sound |
| START | All Lights Out | 1 sound |
- In the event of a fault with the light radio warnings will be used for the start sequence as follows:
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| 5 min before start | Verbal Radio Warning | 1 sound |
| 4 min before start | Verbal Radio Warning | 1 sound |
| 1 min before start | Verbal Radio Warning | 1 sound |
| Start | Verbal Radio Warning | 1 sound |
- A postponement is signaled by Radio Message up to 6 minutes before the start.
- 7.2 The Start Line
 The start line will be Thurrock Yacht Club Line which is the transit of an inverted orange triangle on the Club house and a yellow post at the end of the slipway. The line extends the full width of the river.
- 8 THE FINISH
 The finishing line will be the Thurrock Yacht Club line (as defined previously).
- 9 TIME LIMITS
 Time limit: 18:00 BST. One boat finishing within the time limit shall extend it by one hour for other competitors.
- 10 PROTESTS
 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within Two hours of the end of the race. The time and place of the protest hearing will be posted on the race notice board. The committee may use SMS text messages on the day to notify competitors of any protests logged

Tidal Information

Saturday 25th July 2015 HW Tilbury 07:42 BST
 LW Tilbury 13:26 BST

Prize giving will be held at the end of the series