



Evolution Rigging Melges 24  
UK National and Open Championships  
14<sup>th</sup>– 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
During Felixstowe Regatta hosted by Haven Ports Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.
- 1.3 Total weight of the crew is not to exceed 375 kg

### 2 BOW NUMBERS

Boats shall display bow numbers and event bow stickers during the event as provided by the Organising Authority. They shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary.

### 3 NOTICE TO THE COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located in the Haven Ports Yacht Club on the Lightship.

### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

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5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be given at the flagpole in front of the clubhouse
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removal
- 5.3 Flag B hoisted with one sound signal means “Protest time has begun”. When lowered with one sound means “Protest time has ended”.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Ten (10) races are scheduled for as follows:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	Cranage – to be organised with SYH Registration and crew weigh in	TBA 16:00 – 20:00
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Race day (4 races back to back) Competitors food at HPYC	First warning 10:35 After racing
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Race day (4 races back to back) Competitors food at HPYC	First warning 10:35 After racing
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Race day (2 races back to back) No warning signal after Cranage – to be organised with SYH Prizegiving	First warning 10:35 14:00 TBA 16.00

6.2 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be 10.35

6.3 At the last day of racing no warning signal will be given later than 14.00.

6.4 The Organising Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

7 CLASS FLAG

Class flag will be numeral pennant 8



8 RACING AREA

8.1 Check in – all competitors are required to check in with the race officer on the committee boat when arriving in the racing area. No check in will be accepted by VHF

8.2 Attachment 1 shows the location of racing area

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## 9 THE COURSES

9.1 Courses shall be devised by the Race Committee.

9.2 The diagram in Attachment 2 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.3 Shortening course. Addition to RRS 32.2 (d) at the finish line. The Race Committee may make a SHORTEN COURSE signal at the defined finish line. This signal shall be made as the leading boat clears a rounding mark and boats shall then sail from that rounding mark directly to the finish line

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Mark 1a and 2 will be dropped, inflatable coloured marks. Their position and description will be broadcast on VHF 72 along with the number of laps

## 11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the start mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5

11.3 The RC will broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boats actions subsequent to the start. VHF channel identified in SI 26.3 (see also SI 26.2)

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 Rule 33 is altered. RRS 33(a)(2) shall not apply. The Committee vessel may in addition, broadcast a marks new magnetic compass bearing on the fleets communications channel.

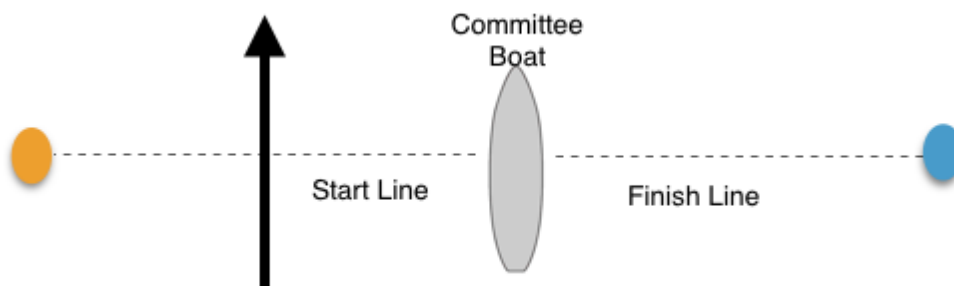
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### 13 FINISH

The finishing line will be between the finishing mark and a Committee Boat wearing an Orange flag (End of finishing Line) and a Blue flag (boat on station for a finish).

NOTE - See diagram below - The Finish line is not the same as the start line.



### 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time
90 minutes	30minutes	45 minutes

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A11

### 15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protests must be notified to the committee boat when finishing or retiring from the race where the incident occurred. This may be done by VHF

15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after code flag "B" is raised – SI 5.3. This will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to harbour. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

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- 15.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the protest room building in East Anglian Sea School, beginning at the time posted
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 2, 18, 20, 25 and 31 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day
- 15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2

## 16 SCORING

When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

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## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection

## 20 SPARE

## 21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will carry a yellow flag for identification

## 22 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are to keep at least 50m of distance to any boat currently competing

## 23 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the race committee.

## 24 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## 25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 Except in an emergency, 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

25.2 The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

25.3 VHF channel 72 will be used to communicate with competitors.

25.4 The race committee may not acknowledge any radio transmission except in the case of an emergency, and shall not enter into dialogue with competitors

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## 26 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as per Notice or Race 14.

## 27 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

## 28 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000, such insurance to include racing.

## 29 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour. Refer to NOR 12.1.

## 30 ADDITIONAL SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 30.1 The By-laws of the Harwich Haven Authority apply, as do the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea as between competitors and any vessel not racing. Any competitor found to have infringed these by-laws or regulations will be reported by the Race Committee and may be subject to Protest Committee action under the RRS.
- 30.2 Competitors should be aware that a boat sailing a converging course with a large or unwieldy commercial vessel may be held to have impeded its safe passage by approaching within its restricted visibility zone, even without having encroached within the deep water channel.
- 30.3 Competitors are required while racing, to avoid navigating within the limits of the Deep Water Channel or passing on the channel side to seaward of the Grisle buoy, as defined by straight lines joining consecutive channel marks including the Landguard Buoy, and out to sea as far as the Cross Buoy. For the purposes of the RRS such lines are to be regarded as a Continuing Obstruction. The only exception being when specifically stated by these Sailing Instructions or the applicable course definition.
- 30.4 Any boat which being disabled or out of control encroaches into the Deep Water Channel shall promptly advise Harwich VTS on VHF channel 71 of her situation.

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30.5 Any boat which while racing suffers damage or gets into difficulties but does not require assistance shall advise Thames Coastguard of her situation by normal VHF procedure or by telephone (01255 675518), to avoid unnecessary emergency action should she be reported in difficulties by a third party. She shall then advise the Race Officer of her situation by the means provided below ('Communications').

ATTACHMENT NO.1

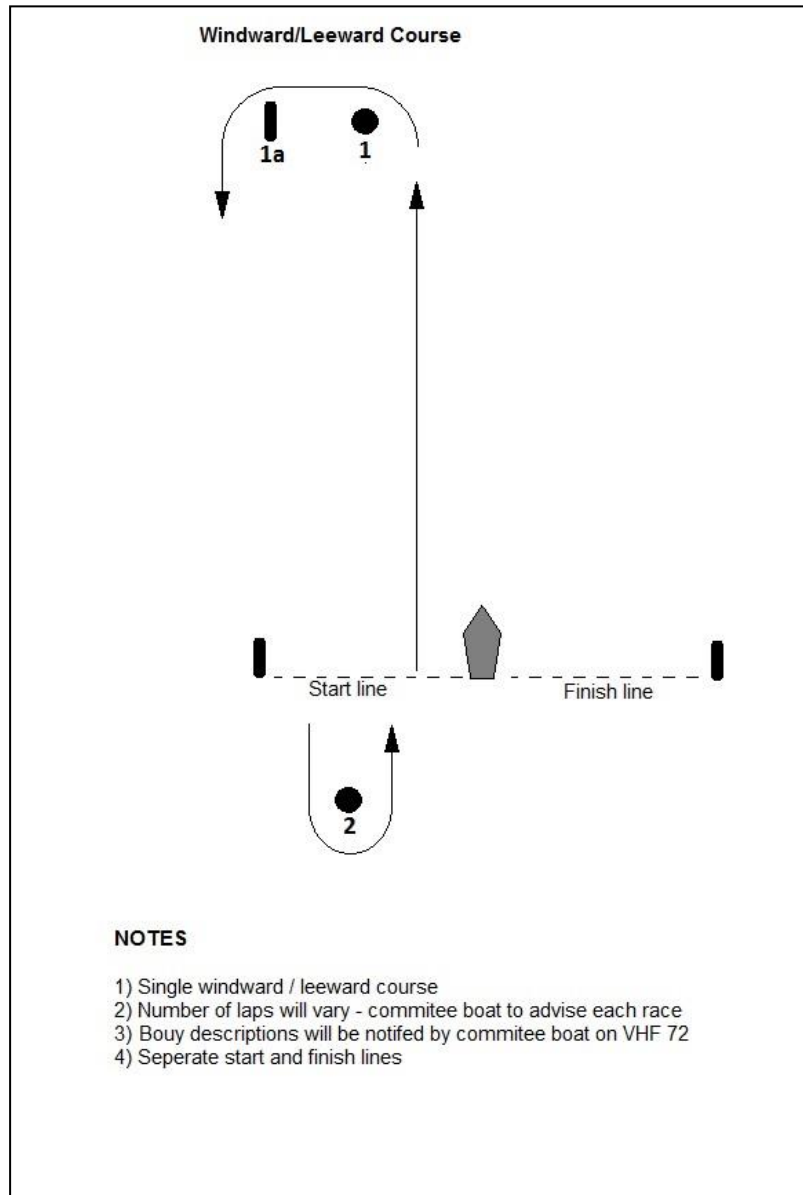
RACING AREA LOCATION



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