

K6 Open Meeting Aldeburgh Yacht Club, 14th-15th July

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANISATION & RULES

1.1. ORGANISATION

The Organising Authority is the Aldeburgh Yacht Club (AYC)

1.2. RULES:

Races shall be governed by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020(RRS), the Prescriptions of the RYA, the K6 Association Class Rules, AYC Local Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions including any amendments. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This alters RRS 63.7.

1.2.1.AYC LOCAL RULES:

1.2.1.1. Any boat which, while racing, fouls a moored boat, excluding any Committee Boat, not in the race shall retire from that race immediately. She must also file a report in the AYC Incident Book. Contact with the mooring buoy, rope or chain is permissible. Failure to retire will render her liable to disqualification. If the contact is the fault of another boat, that boat shall also immediately retire, or be liable to disqualification and may not exonerate herself by doing a turn in accordance with RRS 44 as modified by these Sailing Instructions. The boat that fouled the moored boat may, however, gain redress if the contact is deemed by the Protest Committee, following a Protest hearing, to be the fault of another boat even if that boat has already retired.

1.2.1.2. Boats shall leave the beacons marking the oyster beds to the South of the Martello Tower to the East. In addition a boat shall not cross to the Eastward side of an imaginary line joining these beacons.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Series Notice Board at AYC.

2.2. There will be a briefing on Saturday 14th July at 11.30 at the AYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted before 11.30 on Saturday 14th July and before 09.00 on Sunday 15th July except that any change in the schedule of races for 15th July will be posted before 20.00 on Saturday 14th July.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed from the AYC club flagpole.

5. THE SERIES

- 5.1. The series shall consist of a maximum of 6 races.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday 14th July will be at 12.55. A 2nd race to follow as soon as possible after completion of the first race. A 3rd race may also be sailed to follow as soon as possible after completion of the 2nd race.
The warning signal for the next race in the series on Sunday 15th July will be at 10.25. Subsequent races to follow as soon as possible after this race.

6. STARTING SYSTEM

- 6.1. The Class Flag will be 'K'.
- 6.2. Rule 29.2 General Recall is varied as follows. A General Recall at the AYC South Line shall be signaled by two sound signals and displaying a board showing the First Substitute.

7. COURSES:

- 7.1. The start area and the type of course will be notified on the notice board each morning at least 60 minutes before each start. Competitors should note that the course area may be some distance from AYC.
- 7.2. **Courses using specially laid marks:** The course will be as shown in the diagrams appended to these Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3. **Courses using AYC Club marks:**
 - 7.3.1. The starting line will be either:
 - 7.3.1.1. between the mainmast of the Principal Committee Vessel and an orange cylindrical buoy. There may also be an Inner Distance Mark, which, if laid, will be a small orange Buff buoy or
 - 7.3.1.2. The AYC South Line, situated about 300 metres south of the AYC clubhouse between a signal mast on the east side and two black and white poles on the west side of the river.
 - 7.3.2. Competitors will be informed of the type of start and its probable location on the notice board at least 60 minutes before the start.
 - 7.3.3. The finishing line will be the AYC start/finish line between the main signal mast on the AYC clubhouse and two black and white poles on the opposite side of the river. Courses may be shortened at the finishing line when they pass through it in accordance with RRS32.2(b).
 - 7.3.4. These courses use the marks shown on the chart issued to competitors and may also use laid buoys. In this case the position of the laid buoy(s) will be indicated on a board in AYC at least 1 hour before the start and the laid buoy(s) will be assigned a letter for display. The Course will be described by letters.
 - 7.3.5. The course Letters will be displayed on the Principal Committee Vessel if the start is under 7.3.1.1 or at the AYC South line if it is under 7.3.1.2. The colour of each letter's background will be either red (Port) or green (Starboard) to indicate on which side that mark is to be left. The letters should be read from left to right. Yachts will sail to the finish after the last indicated mark.
 - 7.3.6. Elbow Buoy and Cob Island Beacon shall be marks of the course. They will not be shown on the course board but shall be left to the southwest whenever they are passed. If the course has two or more rounds (each comprising the same marks rounded in the same order) a board with a number on it will be displayed on the letter board after the relevant marks.

7.3.7. Marks, except for Elbow mark, Quay mark, Dove Point mark and Cob Island beacon are pillar buoys with a red top mark carrying their identification letter. Elbow mark is a yellow buoy with a black and white top mark. Quay mark is a white spherical buoy. Dove Point is a South Cardinal buoy. Cob Island beacon is a metal post with top mark located on the site of the old Cob Island south of the disused Brick Dock.

8. SUBSEQUENT RACE

8.1. International Code Flag 'E' will be displayed on the Committee Vessel at the end of a race if a subsequent race is to take place.

9. TIME LIMIT

9.1. The time limit is 90 minutes from the first valid start of each race. Once the first boat has finished there will be a period of 30 minutes within which other boats can finish. Boats finishing after the expiry of this limit will be marked Did Not Finish. This alters RRS 35.

10. PENALTIES

10.1. The "two-turn" penalty specified in RRS 44.1 for a breach of any provision of Part 2 of the RRS is reduced to a single 360 degree turn. This changes RRS 44.1. A single 360 degree turn also exonerates any infringement of RRS 31. When 10 applies RRS 44.1(b) shall also apply.

11. POINTS SYSTEM

11.1. RRS A 4.1 and A 4.2, the Low Point Scoring System, will apply.

11.2. If 4 or more races are completed one result may be discarded. If fewer races are completed all results shall be included.

12. PROTESTS:

12.1. In alteration to RRS 61.3, Protests shall be given to a member of the Race Committee or the AYC secretary and the Race Officer informed by the Protester within 1 hour of the last boat finishing the last race on that day. This time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

12.2. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the end of protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and of the location and time of the hearings.

12.3. Notice of protest by the Race Committee will be posted to inform yachts under RRS 61.1(b). By the display of such notice, competitors shall be considered adequately informed of such a protest.

13. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

13.1. RRS Rules: Attention is drawn to the following Fundamental Rule included in Part 1 of the Racing Rules. Helping those in danger: A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

13.2. Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy. All those sailing in dinghies must always wear personal buoyancy. A wet suit or dry suit is not adequate personal buoyancy

13.3. By participating in a race conducted under the Racing Rules of Sailing, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

13.3.1. to be governed by the rules;

13.3.2. to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken in accordance with the rules subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them as to the final determination of any matter arising under the rules;

13.3.3. with respect to such determination, not to resort to any Court or Tribunal not provided by the rules

13.4. Decision to race: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or continue racing.

13.5. Class requirements: All boats must conform with the safety requirements laid down by their Class Rules.

14. RISK STATEMENT

14.1. RRS 4 states “the responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

14.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that

14.2.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

14.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

14.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions

14.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

14.2.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

14.2.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.

14.2.7. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3m against third party claims.

14.3. **Skippers must make their crew aware of their responsibilities contained in the Risk Statement before racing.**

15. RETIREMENTS

15.1. Any yacht which retires should inform either the Race Officer or the Secretary’s office at AYC

16. LATE ENTRIES

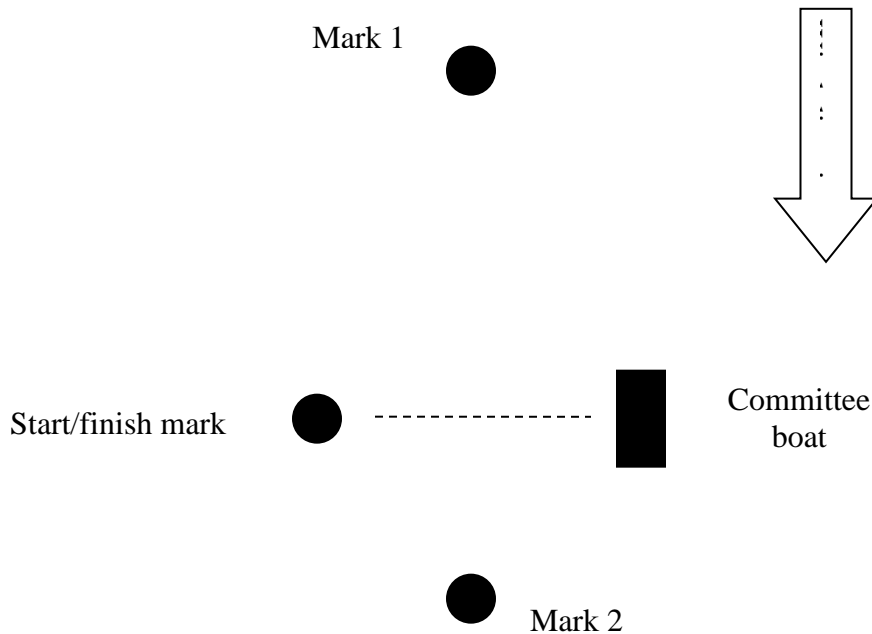
16.1. At the discretion of the Management Committee, late entries for the Open Meeting may be accepted up to 09.30 on Sunday 15th July.

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- 1) Competitors and any accompanying guests shall be temporary members of Aldeburgh Yacht Club for the duration of the event.
- 2) Marks will be orange cylindrical buoys
- 3) The course area will be in a convenient position on the river Alde so as to enable windward/leeward courses to be set. Competitors should ensure that they launch in good time before the first race each day to enable them to reach the course area.
- 4) The start/finish line will be between the flagpole on the committee boat and an orange cylindrical buoy positioned at approximately 90 degrees to the wind from the committee boat. The committee boat will be at the starboard end (when facing the wind) of the start / finish line. Boats **must** pass through the gate formed by either end of the start/finish line on each windward leg (each leg from mark 2 to mark 1). Boats may either pass through the gate or outside it when on the leeward leg (each leg from mark 1 to mark 2) as they choose. This amends and supersedes K6 class standard sailing instructions 8.2, 10.2, 10.3, 13 and 14.
- 5) The course diagram is given below. One lap constitutes cross the start/finish line, sailing approximately to windward to mark 1 which shall be left to port, sailing approximately to leeward to mark 2 which shall also be left to port and thence to the start/finish line.



- 6) The number of laps to be sailed shall be displayed on the Committee boat prior to the warning signal.
- 7) Boats shall not make contact with any boat moored on the river whilst racing. Any boat which inadvertently fails to comply with this rule shall immediately retire from the race. Contact is permitted with the mooring buoy and rope/chain but not between any part of a boat racing (including her crew) and any part of any boat moored on the river.
- 8) The schedule of races is as follows:

Saturday 14 July (HW 14.30)	Briefing	11.30
	Race 1	13.00
	Race 2	ASAP after the finish of Race 1
	Race 3	ASAP after the finish of Race 2
Sunday 15 July (HW 15.19)	Race 4	10.30
	Race 5	ASAP after the finish of Race 4
	Race 6	ASAP after the finish of Race 5