

NATIONAL LARK & INTERNATIONAL OK CLASS

OPEN REGATTA



19th & 20th May 2012

Organising Authority:



BRIXHAM
YACHT • CLUB

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- 11.3 The Start Line will be between the committee signal boat at the starboard end displaying an orange flag and a port end Dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

- 11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS Appendix A5.

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In the event of a shortened course signalled at a leeward mark, or signalled from a committee boat displaying a blue flag, boats shall proceed from mark 3 to the finish line as defined in SI14. This changes RRS32.

14. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a mast displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the Finishing Mark which will be a Dan buoy displaying a blue flag.

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The time limit for the leading boat, will be 90 minutes. If one boat finishes within this time limit, the race will be valid for all boats that finish within this time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat whichever is the later. All other boats will be scored 'DNF'. This changes RRS 35 and Appendix A5

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- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
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(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes RRS 66.
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The Regatta will be scored using RRS appendix A4 Low Points system. Of the 6 races scheduled, 3 races shall be completed to constitute a valid regatta. If four or more races are completed, a boats worst score will be excluded when calculating the final score.

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- 18.1 All competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times whilst afloat on the water. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy.
This changes RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4

- 18.2 Long hair shall be restrained to eliminate the risk of entrapment.

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A Tally Number will be allocated to each boat, launching trolley and allocated space. A Tally Board will be situated near the launching area before each race. Each helm and crew intending to race shall remove the tally bearing his/her number from the board and wear it on a wrist over any clothing and be clearly visible. The Lark helms are to have a red tally band and the crew to have a yellow tally band. The OK helms are to have an Orange tally band. Timing for the release of Tallies prior to going afloat will be on the instruction of the Race Officer / Beach Master normally 1 hour before the advertised start of racing. No boat shall launch without removing their tallies from the tally board. Tallies shall be returned to the tally board within 15 minutes of returning ashore or not later than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day, whichever is earlier. Each retiring helm will sign the 'Retirement Declaration Sheet' relevant to the race that they retired from. These sheets will be next to the Tally Board. It is the sole responsibility of competitors to ensure that they have tallied correctly. Boats failing to comply with this procedure will be fined £25 for a first offence. Non-payment of the fine within 24 hours or a failure by a boat to tally on another day will result in disqualification without a hearing from the races sailed while untallied. (Any fines received will be donated to local branches of the RNLI and National Coastwatch Institution.).

This alters RRS 63.1 & Appendix A5

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- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
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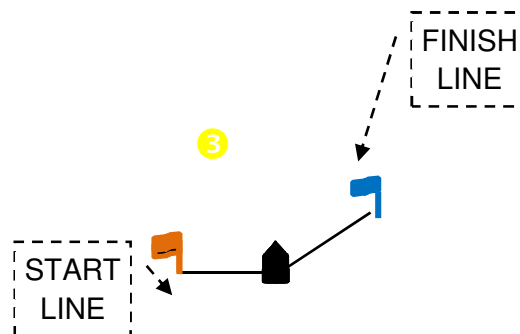
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