



# UK 18 FOOTERS

## 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028*. Competitors should note that Pagham yacht Club; implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.

#### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse at Pagham Yacht Club.

#### 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast adjacent to the bridge on the beach side of Pagham Yacht Club clubhouse.

4.2. Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

4.3. Launch Control: When before a race, a class flag is displayed ashore no boat in the class shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

#### 5. Racing Schedule

Date	High Water		Race	Briefing	Warning Signal
	Tide Time	Height			
6 <sup>th</sup> June	15.52	4.8	1	9.30	10.25
7 <sup>th</sup> June	16.41	4.7	4	9.30	10.25

The stated warning signal times are for the first race of the day, the warning signals for the second and third races of the day will be as soon as possible after completion of the prior race.

5.1 The series schedule is 6 races with 4 to count.

5.2 If the racing schedule needs to be altered a maximum of 4 races will be held in any one day.

5.3 Any changes to 5.2 (to increase the number of races) will need to be approved by a 70% majority of the fleet at the morning briefing on the day.

## **6. Racing Area**

6.1. Courses will be set and the races held in front and to the east of the clubhouse on the open sea in an area known as Pagham Bay.

## **7. Course**

7.1. See appendix 1.

7.2. The racecourse, including start and finish line details, will also be displayed on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the warning signal of the race.

## **8. Marks**

8.1. Racing marks shall either be large orange cylindrical buoys, bearing an identification number or small spherical buoys coloured red or white.

8.2. Starting and finishing marks are defined in instructions 9 The Start and 10 The Finish and Finishing.

## **9. The Start**

9.1. The starting line marks shall be the Pagham YC committee boat and a small cylindrical buoy. The committee boat shall be the starboard end starting mark and the small cylindrical buoy shall be the port end starting mark. The starting line shall be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a red flag and the cylindrical buoy.

9.2. A red flag will be raised on the staff of the committee boat with a sound signal 3 minutes before the commencement of the start sequence.

9.3. The start sequence used will be the 5, 4, 1, 0 sequence.

9.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **10. The Finish and Finishing**

10.1. The finishing line marks shall be the Pagham YC committee boat and the small cylindrical buoy. The committee boat shall be the port end finishing mark and the small cylindrical buoy shall be the starboard end finishing mark. The finishing line shall be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and the small cylindrical buoy.

10.2. The race officer may shorten the race by flying international code flag S. If code flag S is flown at mark 1 sail the next leg to the finish line passing between marks 2 & 3.

## **11. Time Limits**

11.1. The time limit for the leading boat shall be 35 minutes. To minimise delays between races the Race Officer may award finishing positions to boats that are still racing. The Race officer's finishing position decisions are final and will not be grounds for a competitor to seek redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **12. Scoring**

12.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2. A boat's series score will be the sum of a boat's best scores from the number of races to count.

12.3. The number of races to count is shown below:

Number of races sailed:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Number of races to count	1	2	3	4	4	4

12.4. Scoring shall be in accordance with the low points scoring system as defined in RRS A4 and be calculated in accordance with RRS A9.

### **13. Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress**

13.1. The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available during this event. See official notice board for details.

13.2. A competitor intending to request an advisory hearing or lodge a protest must advise the race committee, but preferably the race officer of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned and before leaving the race area and coming ashore.

13.3. Protest forms will be available in the clubhouse at Pagham YC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.4. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

13.5. Notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

13.6. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1 (b).

13.7. Breaches of instructions 4.3, 14, 15.2 and 15.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat, this changes RRS60.1 (a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

13.8. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered either within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

13.9. 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 RRS 62.2.

### **14. Radio Communication**

14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### **15. Safety Regulations**

15.1. In accordance with the International 18ft Class Rules, buoyancy aids shall not be worn while racing due to safety concerns regarding entrapment in the event of a capsize. International code flag Y will not be displayed.

15.2. Each crew member shall carry, on their person, an easily accessible safety knife capable of cutting Dyneema and other lines used aboard the boat. In addition, one safety knife of equivalent specification shall be securely attached to the transom of each skiff and be readily accessible from the water.

15.3. The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on before going afloat and sign off after returning to the shore. By signing off the helm is indicating that the correct courses have been sailed and the rules obeyed for all races sailed and that all the boat's crew have returned safely to the shore. A helm shall indicate that he has retired from a race by signing off with the code RTD, DNF. Helms shall sign off within 60 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.

### **16. Local Variations**

16.1. In front of the club house marked by a RED beacon is a section of Mulberry Harbour, which is visible at low tide. The post is located next to the northeast corner of the harbour.

16.2. To the west of Pagham YC slipway, approximately 30m seaward from the end of the Rock Groynes lay a series of shingle banks that extend from approximately 70m west of the slipway continuing towards the west. These shingle banks are a hazard to boats for 3 hours either side of low water.

16.3. Boats are advised NOT sail to the west of a line running perpendicular from the beach starting at a point 50m west of the Pagham YC slipway for 3 hours either side of low water.

Appendix 1.

