



## Carnac Open Dinghies 2017

2017 SMELT @ Carnac

27 – 30 May

Carnac, France

*Organising Authority: Carnac Yacht Club in association with the relevant class associations.*

Sponsored by Allen Brother, Coast Watersports, Dinghy Rope, North Sails & True Start

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[DP]	Denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury
[NP]	Denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by boat.
[SP]	Denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the Enterprise, Lark, Merlin Rocket, National 12 and Scorpion class rules.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on ground floor of the club.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast located at the end of the pier beside the main slipway.
- 4.2.1 When flag 'D' is displayed ashore boats shall not launch. When flag 'D' is lowered with one sound signal, boats may launch. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the lowering of this flag.
- 4.2.2 If the warning signal for the first scheduled race of any day has to be postponed, and AP is displayed ashore, the '1 minute' is replaced with not less than 30 minutes in Race Signals. This changes Race Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 5.1






Date	Event / activity	Time
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Registration	09:00h – 18:00h
	Daily race briefing	13:00h
	1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal - 2 races scheduled	13:55h
	Competitors' Briefing	19:00h
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Registration	09:00h – 10:30h
	1st warning signal – 2 races scheduled	12:55h
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	1st warning signal – sprint races scheduled	12:55h
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	1st warning signal - 2 races scheduled	10:55h

5.2 On the day when sprint racing occurs no warning signal will be made more than 2 ½ hours after the 1<sup>st</sup> start of the day without the fleets returning to shore.

5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 14:55h.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The class warning signal flags will be as follows:

Enterprise – Flag E		Lark – Flag J		Merlin Rocket – Flag O	
National 12 – Flag T		Scorpion – Flag F			

## 7 RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the Bay of Quiberon, off Carnac.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Annex A show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the committee boat will display the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg to mark 1.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 The description of the rounding marks is stated in Annex A.

9.2 The starboard end starting mark will be the principal committee boat, and another committee boat will be the port end starting mark.

9.3 Finishing marks will be the principal committee boat at the starboard end and a committee boat at the port end or two ribs displaying blue flags.

9.4 A committee boat, signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 11.1

9.5 The substitute mark will be a white buoy with YC Carnac.

## 10 THE START

- 10.1 The handicap race will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the principal race committee boat at one end and either a boat or buoy at the other end.
- 10.3 Starting fleet races. Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	P, I, Z, Z with I, U, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

This changes rule 26.

- 10.4 The warning signal for each succeeding class shall be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.
- 10.5 The fleet race starting order will be indicated by the relevant class flag displayed at each warning signal. In the event of a general recall the affected class will restart after the last scheduled fleet start (change to RRS 29.2). This may be changed at the discretion of the race officer without notice.
- 10.6 Any fleet with fewer than 5 boats may be asked to start with the next smallest fleet at the discretion of the race officer.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 Rule 33 will apply, unless the new mark is positioned less than 200 metres from the original mark, in which case no signal will be made. This amends Rule 33.

## 12 SHORTENING COURSE

- 12.1 The committee boat on station at the finish will display Flag S with 2 (two) sound signals, boats shall finish when they next pass through the gate or between a mark of the course and a rib flying a blue flag.

## 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the principal race committee boat at one end and a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee boat at the port end, or between two boats displaying blue flags, or between a boat displaying a blue flag and a mark of the course.
- 13.2 The boats at the finish line may hold station using engines. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). [NP]
- 13.3 Once the shorten course flag has been displayed, all boats shall finish the next time they pass through the gate, regardless of the number of laps they have completed.
- 13.4 At the discretion of the Race Officer, a tail-ender who has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be told on the water, towards the end of the race, that they need not complete that lap. An appropriate position will be recorded. Failure to take advantage of this provision when races are held back-to back may result in the next race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be grounds for redress. Rule 62.1(a) This changes Rules 35 and A4.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Penalties for breaches of class rules shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and will range from no penalty to disqualification. This changes rule 64.1. [DP]

## **15 TIME LIMIT**

15.1 There are no time limits for finishing races. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms will be available at the race secretary office located on the ground floor of YC Carnac. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat, regardless of fleet, has finished the last race of the day
- 16.3 For protests concerning groups and/or ratings, which shall be lodged before the first protest time limit (after the first day of the regatta)
- 16.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes Rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The handicap races form a 2 race series with separate prizes. There will be no discards.
- 17.2 One fleet race shall be completed to constitute a championship. There will be one discard if four or more races are completed and 2 discards if nine or more races are completed.
- 17.3 Any race less than 30 minutes long for the first boat in a fleet shall be scored ½ points for all boats.
- 17.4 The following handicaps will be used for the handicap races:

Enterprise – 1113  
Lark – 1070  
Merlin Rocket (3554 onwards) - 983  
Merlin Rocket (3430 – 3553) - 993  
Merlin Rocket (2833 – 3156) – 1023  
Merlin Rocket (2165 – 2832) – 1033  
Merlin Rocket (1616 – 2164) - 1043  
National 12 (3415 onwards - foiling rudder) – 1064  
National 12 (3415 onwards – non foiling rudder) – 1089  
National 12 (3100 – 3414) - 1104  
National 12 (2512 – 3100) - 1130  
Scorpion - 1040

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or equipment. This changes the preamble to Part 4 and Rule 40.
- 18.2 A signing on and off system will be in place. The appropriate table will be situated on the ground floor of the club close to the official notice boards. Every boat's representative shall sign on before launching and off again after coming back ashore.
- a. The time limit for signing on begins 1h30 minutes before the first warning signal of the day. Signing on time ends at the start time for the race concerned.
- b. The time limit for signing off is the protest time limit on the day in question.
- 18.3 Any competitor not complying with signing on and off procedures before and after the start and finish of his/her race(s), will have the following penalty applied without a hearing:
- Failure to sign out - + 1pt added on score of first race
  - Failure to sign in - +1pt added on score of last race
  - Failure to sign out and in - + 1pt added on score of all races of the day
- This penalty may be removed following a €5 donation to the French coast guard payable to YC Carnac. [NP]

- 18.4 A list of boats that have infringed will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after the end of protest time and within 30 minutes of that time. This changes rule 63.1.
- 18.5 The release of dinghies from the beach will be under the control of the beach master. All competitors shall return to shore without unnecessary delay when they have finished racing for the day.
- 18.6 Boats not participating in any of the day's racing shall inform the Beachmaster.
- 18.7 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the committee boat or a race patrol boat, as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 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 the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 20.2 All boats shall display event sponsors logos if supplied. These shall be provided by the event organisers.

## **21 RUBBISH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put rubbish in the water, rubbish maybe placed on support or official boats.

## **22 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 overall in each fleet. Further prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

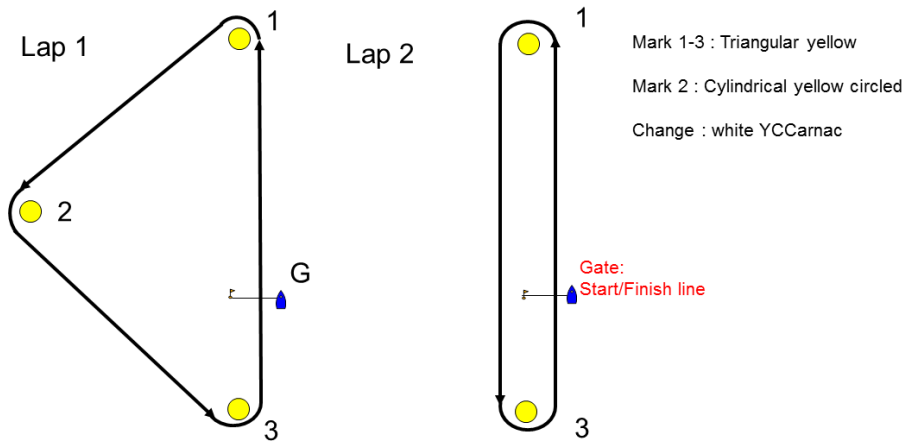
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Ref NOR 19.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 million (two million pounds) per event or the equivalent.

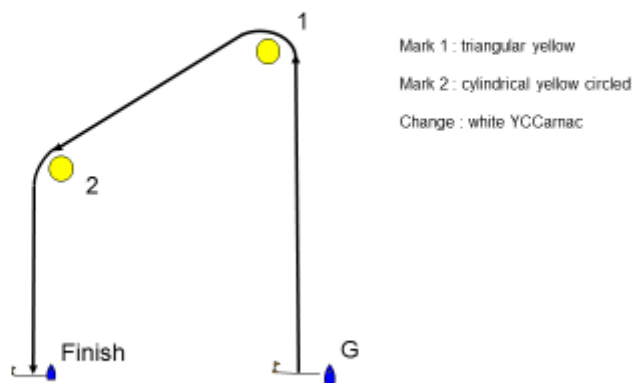
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- All classes – 1,2,3,G,1,3,G repeat



## Course B

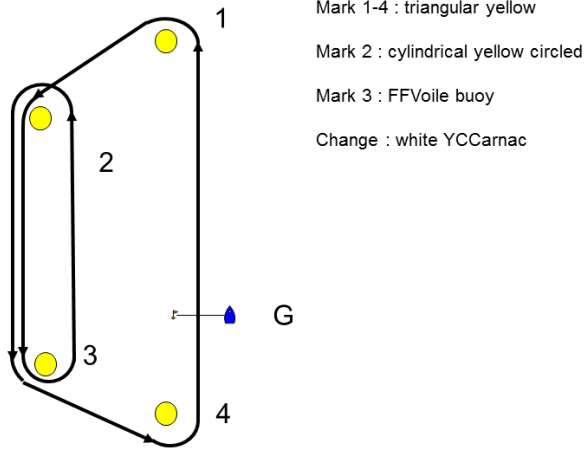
- All classes – 1, 2 finish



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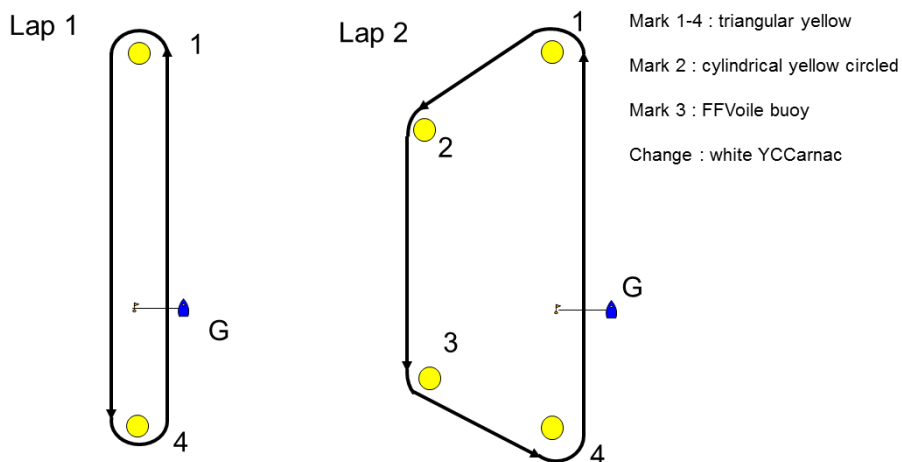
- All classes – 1,2,3,2,3,4,G repeat



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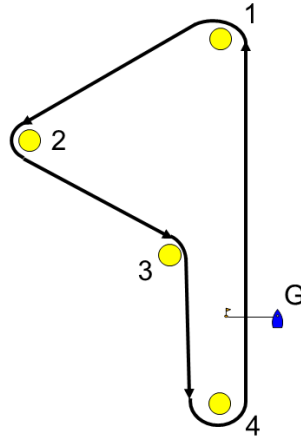
# Course D

- All classes – 1,4,G,1,2,3,4,G repeat



# Course E

- All classes – 1,2,3,4,G repeat



- Mark 1-4 : triangular yellow
- Mark 2 : cylindrical yellow circled
- Mark 3 : FFVoile buoy
- Change : white YCCarnac

## Annex B: Tide Times

Times of high and low water are a shown below. All times are CET.

### **Carnac Plage**

	HIGH TIDE				LOW TIDE	
	Morning	Coef.	Evening	Coef	Morning	Evening
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	06:42	107	18:55	106	00:26	12:46
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	07:29	103	19:40	100	01:17	13:37
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	08:17	95	20:27	89	02:09	14:29
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	09:07	83	21:18	77	03:04	15:24