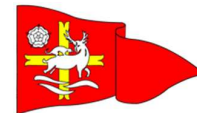




Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club

THYC & NECRA Winter Series 2020 – 2021



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Please note the Covid-19 restrictions addendum to these instructions.

1. Rules

The event will be governed by RRS 2017-2020, RRS 2021-2024 (from 1st January 2021) the prescriptions of the RYA, the IRPCS, NERR, THYC rules and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) For offshore races: They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew in sufficient number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;
- h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third party claims, which must include racing.

The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race.

3. Disclaimer

Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. Every owner/ person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races and that the boat contains at least the minimum safety equipment specified by THYC, NERR and NECRA. By participating in this event each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with their participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

4. Conditions of Entry

This is a THYC event that is open to NECRA members providing they satisfy the following:

- a) Each boat shall hold a valid NERR rating certificate.

- b) Boats must be adequately insured as detailed above.
- c) All yachts shall comply with the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2020 – 2021 Cat4 Monohulls subject to the prescriptions of Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club for a VHF transceiver to be carried.
- d) All races using THYC published courses are designated category 4.
- e) **The wearing of lifejackets is strongly recommended for all events but is compulsory for any race where sails need to be reefed or during the hours of darkness.**
- f) Boats may be inspected before or after racing.

5. Classes

Class 1 will be all boats with NERR rating 0.8500 and over.

Class 2 will be all boats with NERR rating under 0.8500.

Results will be based on NERR rating as shown on NERR website.

Boats racing must declare, at the start of the series, to sail spinnaker or non spinnaker rating for the whole series.

6. Notice to Competitors and changes to Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors will be posted by email from THYC and by notice in the Hartlepool Marina Lock Office. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first scheduled race.

7. Courses

Details of courses to be sailed and marks to be used are issued as separate documents available to download on THYC website. The originals will be used in the race station to set courses for all classes. Each mark of the course must be rounded as specified in the course notes.

The course to be sailed, for each class, will be announced by VHF radio approximately 15 minutes before the scheduled start using channel M2.

8. Schedule of Races

		Class	Warning	Start	Tide	HT
Sunday	Race 1 06 Dec 2020	All Classes	09.55	10.00	07.18	4.30
Sunday	Race 2 20 Dec 2020	All Classes	09.25	09.30	07.36	4.29
Sunday	Race 3 10 Jan 2021	All Classes	10.55	11.00	13.05	4.76
Sunday	Race 4 24 Jan 2021	All Classes	10.55	11.00	12.33	4.19
Sunday	Race 5 07 Feb 2021	All Classes	10.55	11.00	11.39	4.30
Sunday	Race 6 21 Feb 2021	All Classes	10.55	11.00	10.27	3.90
Sunday	Race 7 07 Mar 2021	All Classes	10.25	10.30	09.57	4.16
Sunday	Race 8 21 Mar 2021	All Classes	10.25	10.30	8.29	4.06

9. Intention to Race

Prior to the event all boats should indicate their intention to race by contact with crace@thyc.org.uk
On the day all boats **must** indicate their intention to race by notifying the THYC race station call sign “**Tees Tower**” on VHF Ch. M2. **This notification must include the boat's name, sail number, Class with or without spinnaker and the number of people on board.**

Should the race station be unmanned the race will be started from the water using Ch. M2/P4.

10. Starting Sequence

Starting will normally be done from the THYC tower but if an OOD is not available or Covid19 restrictions access it may be done from the water.

If the race is started on the water, boats must record their own finish time from GPS (preferable by photo). This finish time must be given to the OOD no later than 1 hour after the last boat has finished. Failure to do this will result in the boat being recorded as DNF.

Note: If started from the water the defined start line is different – see below.

Signal	On the water	From the tower
Warning signal (5 minutes to start)	Countdown VHF Ch.M2	One white light
Preparatory signal (4 minutes to start)	Countdown VHF Ch.M2	Two white lights
1 Minute to start	Countdown VHF Ch.M2	Three white lights
Start	Countdown VHF Ch.M2	All lights extinguished

Signals may be supplemented by a countdown on VHF Ch.M2.

11. Recalls

Signal	On the water	From the tower
Individual recall	VHF Ch.M2	One white light
General recall	VHF Ch.M2	Four white lights

12. Postponement

Will be indicated by 4 white lights from the tower or on VHF Ch.M2 from the water. The new start time will be broadcast on VHF Ch.M2

13. Start / Finish Line

From the Tower: The Start / Finish line is a transit between a white light on the THYC clubhouse and the white pole at the end of the south pier carrying the red harbour light and weather instruments.
Yachts must pass between the Inner and Outer distance marks at the start and finish of each course specified.

From the water: The start line is a transit between the inner distance mark and the white pole at the end of the south pier carrying the red harbour light and weather instruments. Yachts must pass between the Inner and Outer distance marks at the start and finish of each course specified.

Note: the outer and inner distance marks (orange spheres) are tide borne and may move accordingly.

14. Shortened Courses

Shortened course for any class will be indicated by two white lights displayed from the THYC clubhouse as the leading yacht in class approaches the last mark before the finishing line. It may also be announced on VHF Ch.M2.

15. Course Amendments

Courses may be amended. An announcement will be made via VHF Ch.M2. The OOD will attempt to confirm by VHF that each competitor is aware of the amendments. However, the onus is on competitors to monitor VHF Ch.M2 for such announcements.

16. Hartlepool and Tees Channels

These are designated as Continuous Obstructions and must not be entered when racing. Yachts entering these Channels whilst racing will be disqualified.

17. Time Limit

As indicated on course sheets. If more than one THYC course is used, the time limit for the race is the sum of the time limits for each course.

18. Retirement

Any yacht retiring before or after finishing must inform the duty officer on VHF Ch.M2 as soon as possible.

19. Penalties

If a yacht contravenes a rule of part 2 of RRS while racing she may exonerate herself by taking a 720° turns penalty in accordance with RRS44.

20. Protests

Protests must be advised to OOD by VHF Ch.M2 immediately after the end of the race and protest forms handed in to THYC race office within 2 hours of the race finish of the last boat.

21. Radio Communication

While racing, boats shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, including mobile phones. THYC call sign is “**Tees Tower**” will call all racing yachts as “**THYC fleet**”.

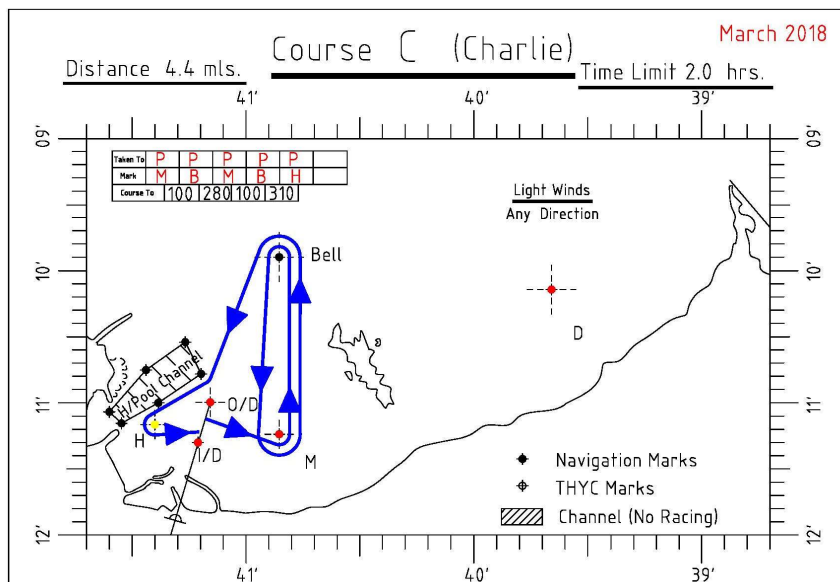
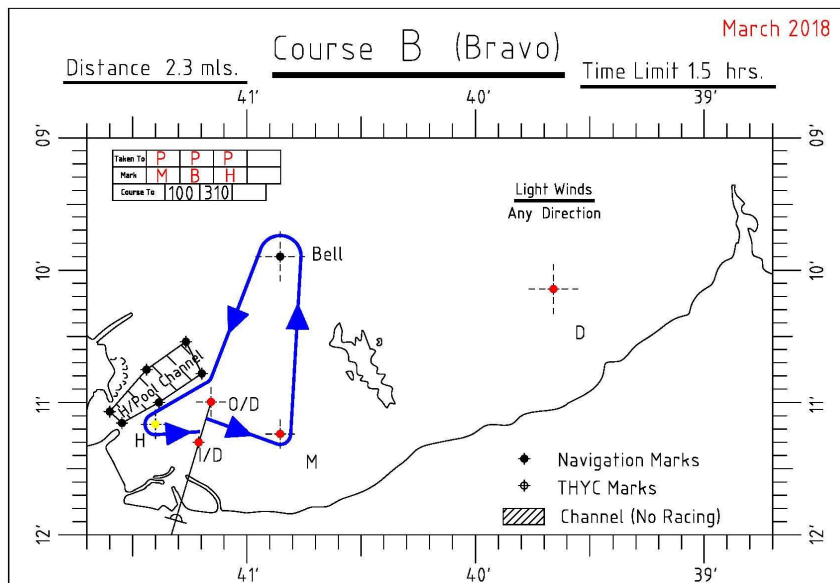
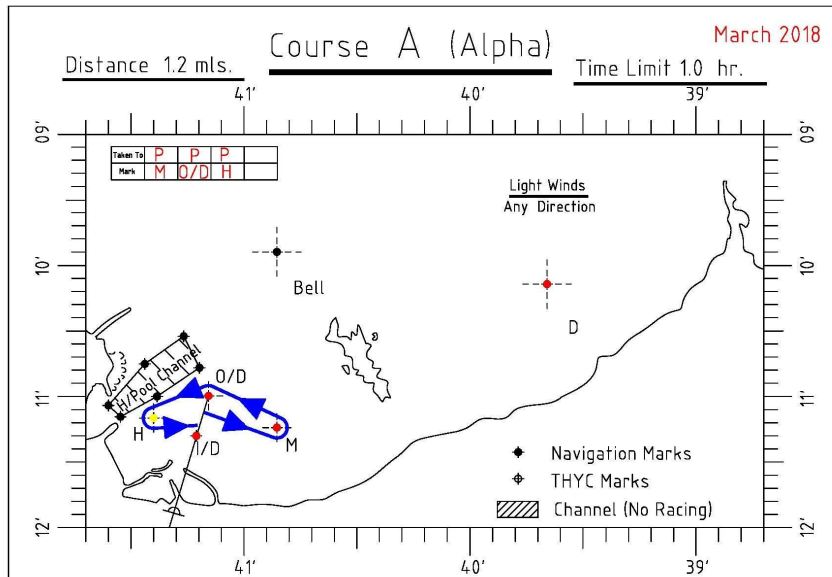
22. Scoring

The series will consist of a possible of 8 races of which a minimum of three races must be completed to constitute the series.

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 will apply to every race in the series and a boat's final net score will be the total of their best (lowest score) results from the nearest whole number above **half of the number of races completed in the series**.

Race results will be calculated using the boats NERR rating as shown in the registered details on the THYC and NERR Websites at the time of the event and posted there after each race.

23. Courses

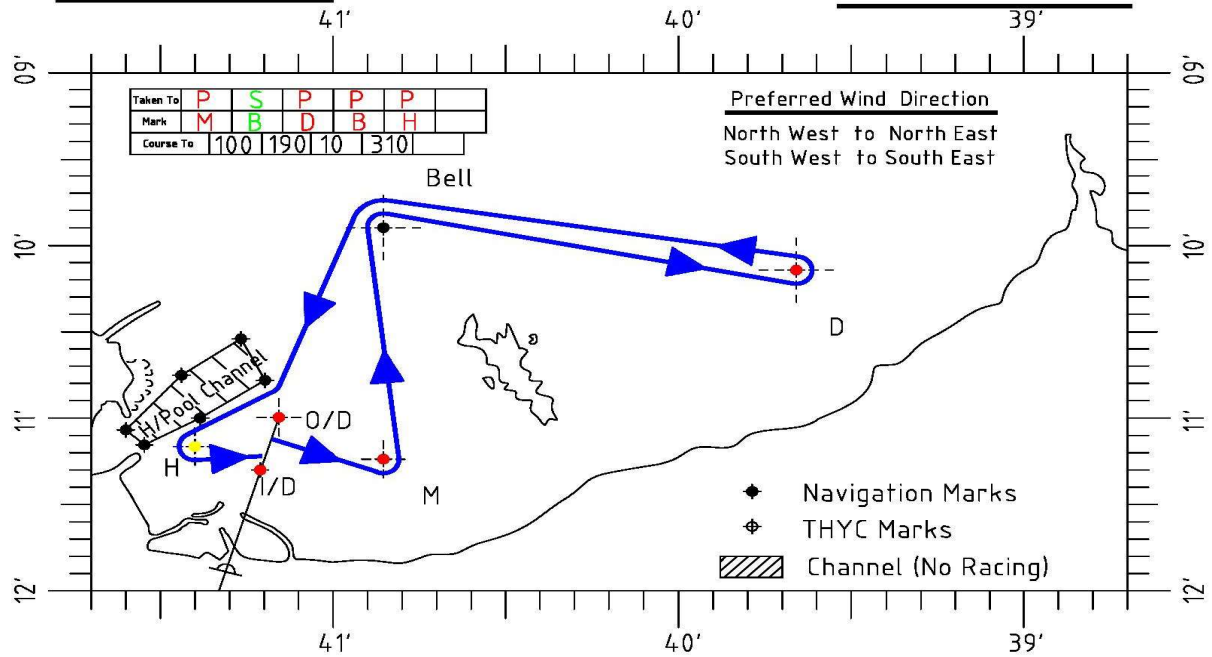


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Course D (Delta)

Distance 4.2 mls.

Time Limit 2.0 hrs.

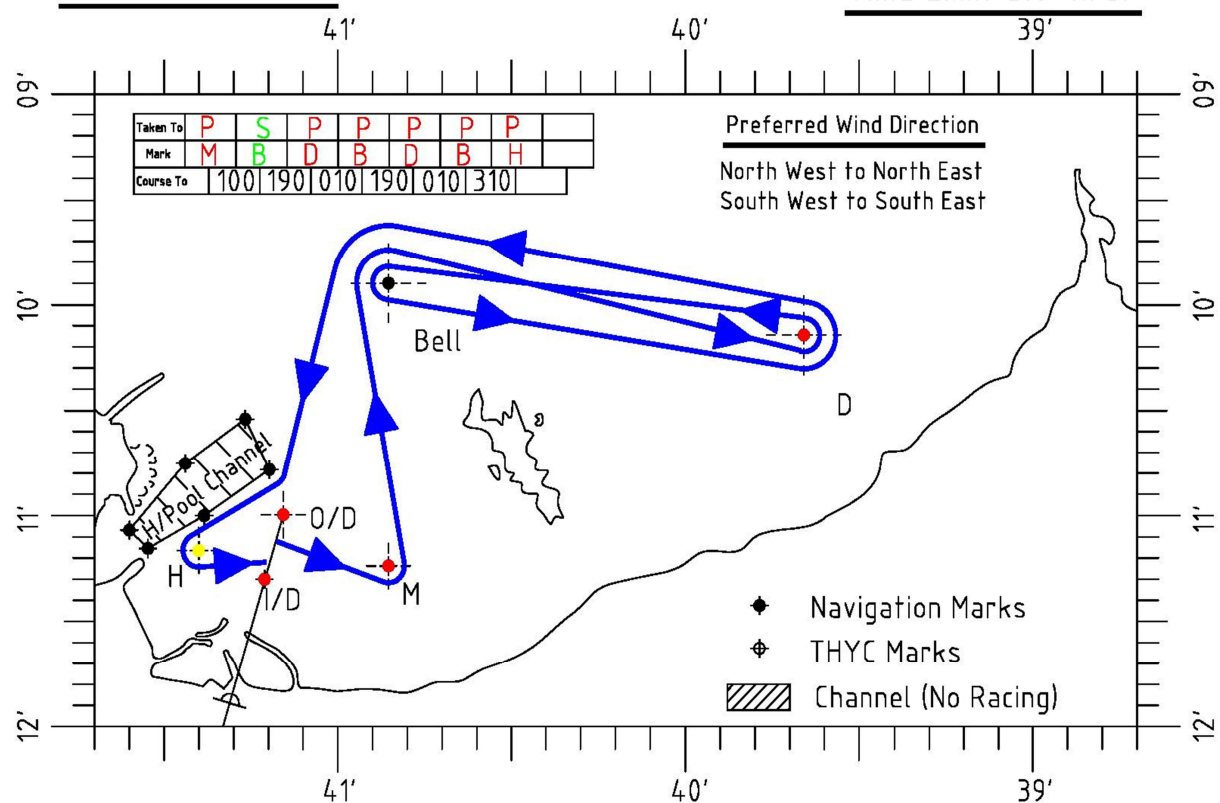


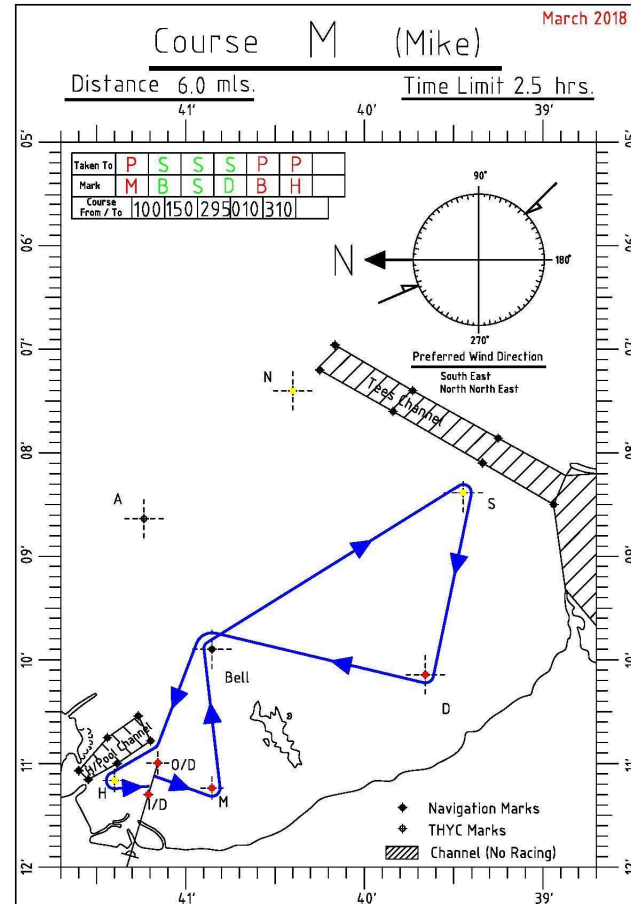
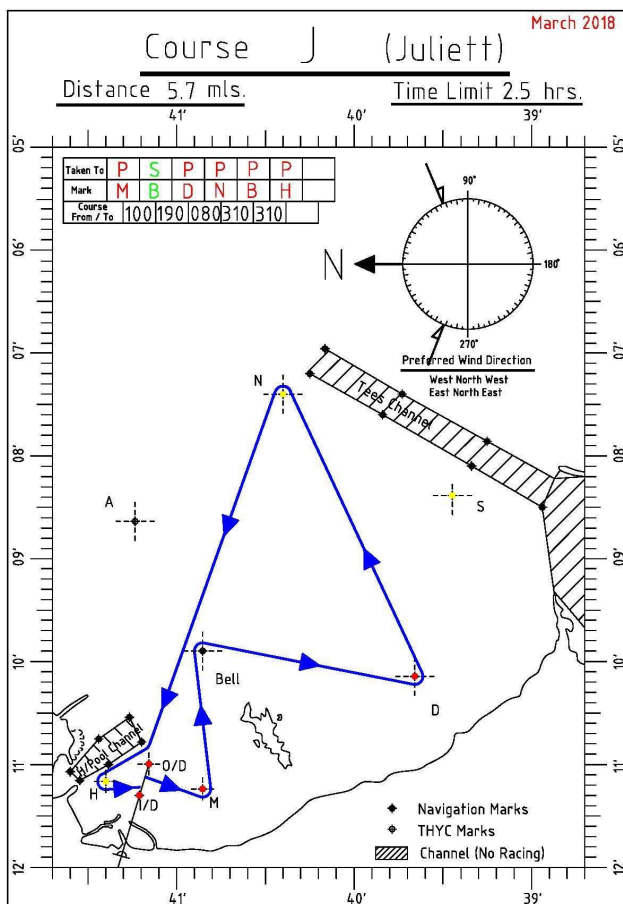
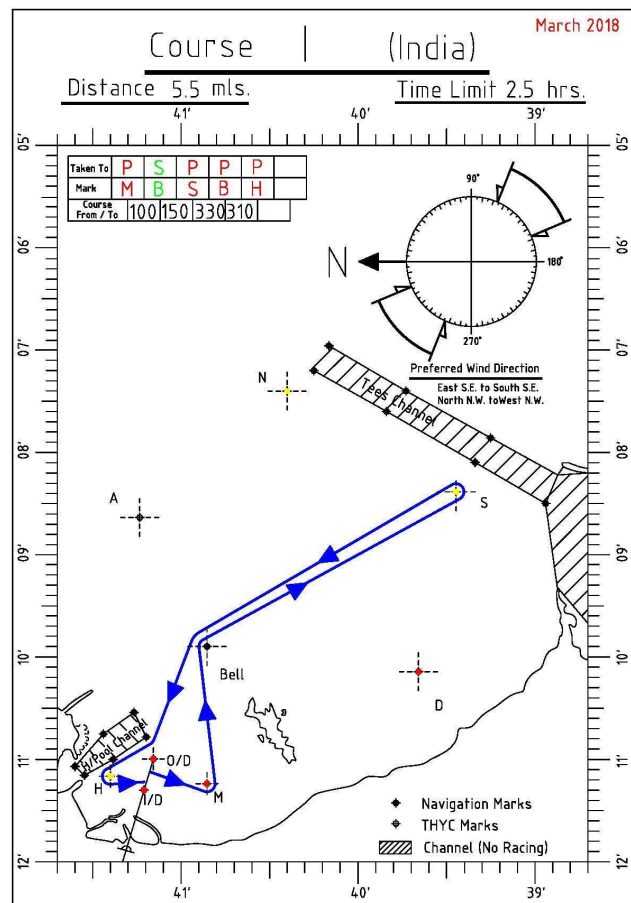
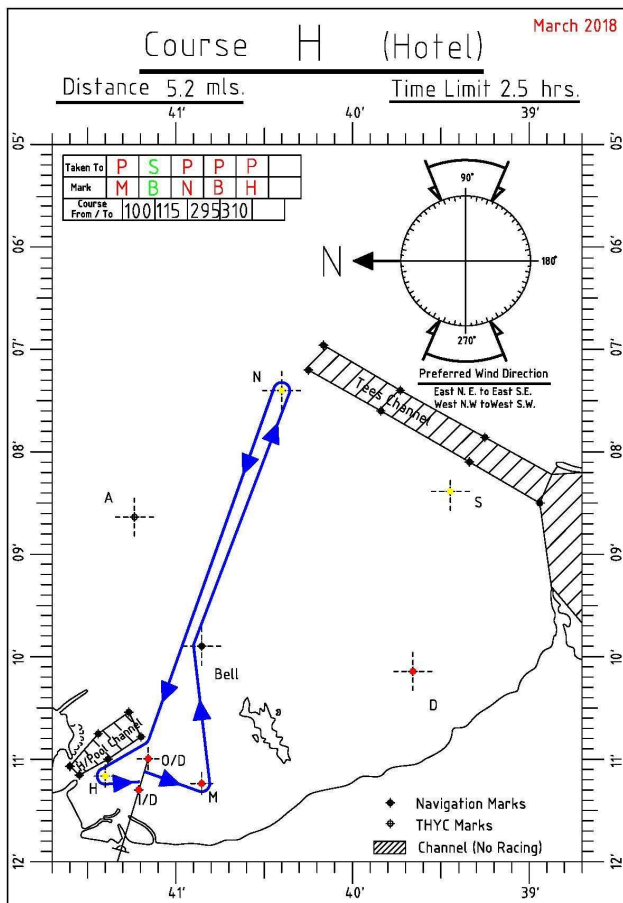
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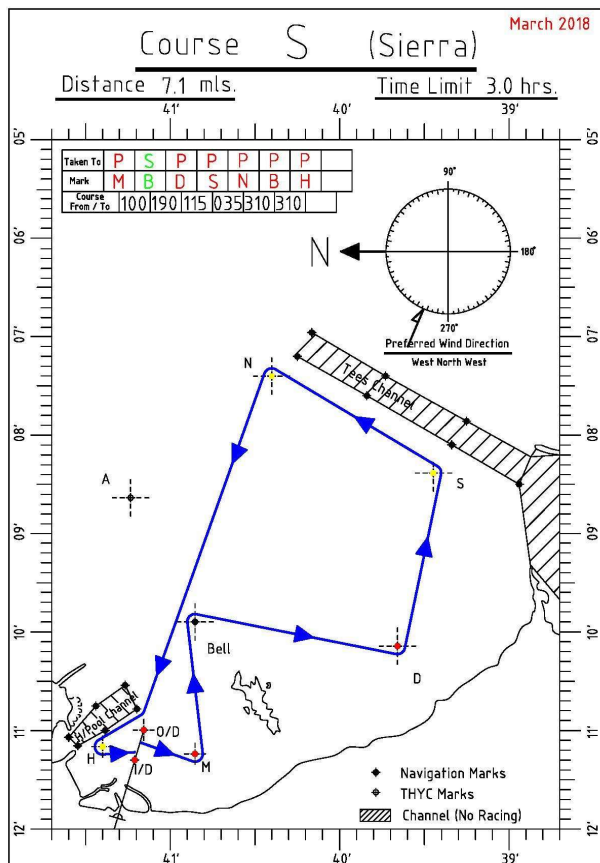
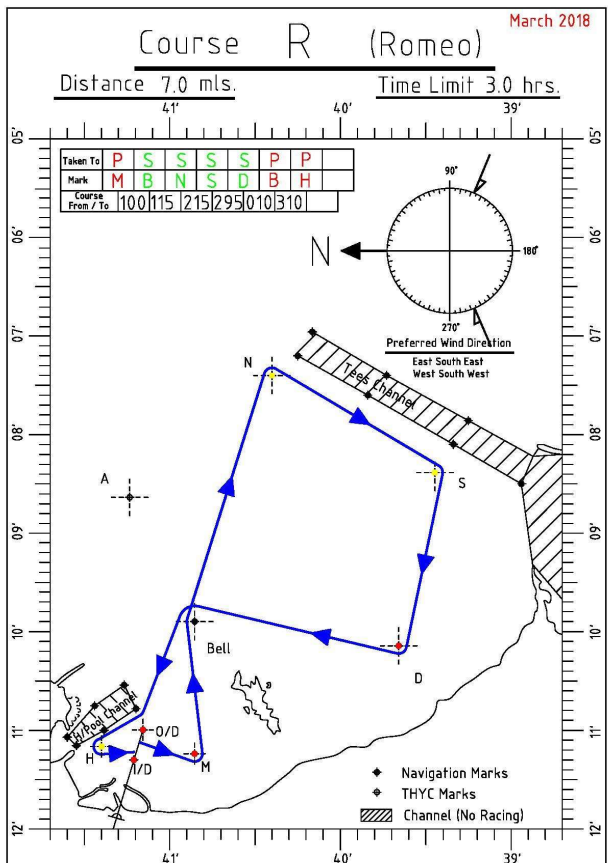
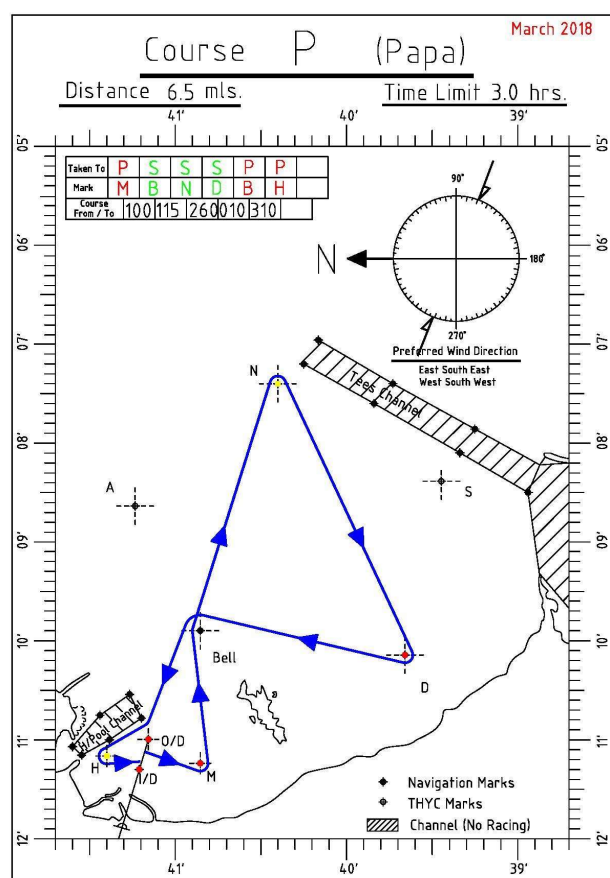
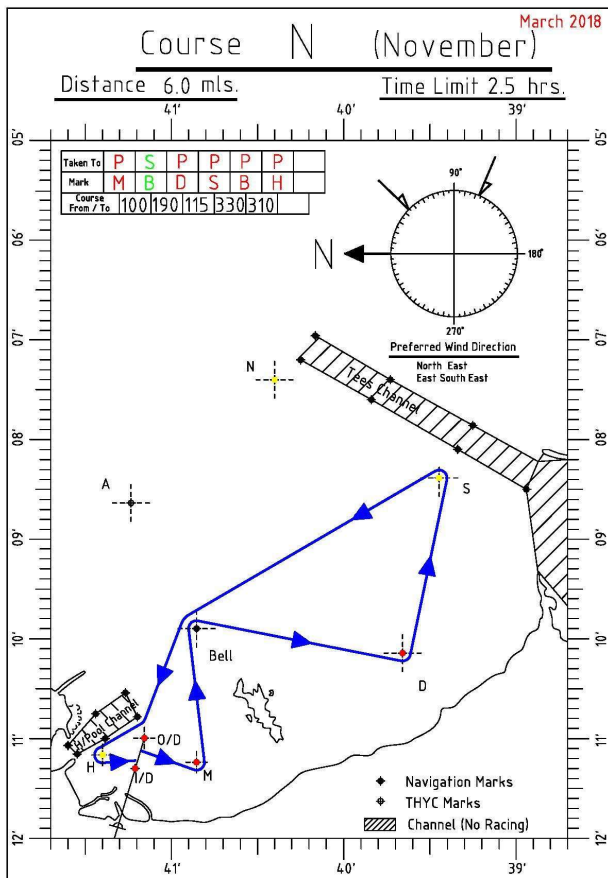
Course E (Echo)

Distance 6.2 mls.

Time Limit 3.0 hrs.







M - A red spherical buoy approx. position 54° 40'.82 N 001° 11'.140 W.

Situated approximately 400m south of the Marina/Middleton entrance.

B - The Longscar Bell Cardinal Buoy. approx. position 54° 40'.86 N 001° 09'.92 W.

D - A red spherical buoy approx. position 54° 39'×80 N 001° 10'×13 W.

Situated approximately on transit between the Longscar Bell and the Nuclear Power Station.

N - A yellow spherical buoy approx. position 54° 40'.40 N 001°07'.45 W.

Situated approx. 500m NW of the Tees Channel in the vicinity of the Tees North charted mark.

S - A yellow spherical buoy approx. position 54° 39'.31 N 001° 08'.66 W.

Situated approx. 200m NW of the Tees Channel in the vicinity of the Tees Three charted mark.

H2 - The outer port hand Hartlepool Channel Mark.

H - A yellow spherical buoy approx. position 54° 41'.39 N 001° 11'.10 W.

Situated approximately 100 metres W of the Hartlepool 4 charted channel mark.

I - A red spherical buoy the inner distance mark of the start/finish line.

Situated approx. 200M East of the Marina entrance.

O - A red spherical buoy the outer distance mark of the start/finish line.

Situated approx. 400M east of the Marina entrance.

SC The Saltscar buoy; a North cardinal mark, position approx. 54° 38' N, 1° 00'.00 W.

WN Windfarm North Cardinal – approx. position 54° 65'×53 N 001° 10'×04 W.

WS Windfarm South Cardinal – approx. position 54° 63'×44 N 001° 08'×65 W.

WE Windfarm East Cardinal – approx. position 54° 63'×94 N 001° 06'×50 W.

WW Windfarm West Cardinal – approx. position 54° 65'×02 N 001° 12'×16 W.

The positions given are approximate and the committee accepts no responsibility for their accuracy.

July 2020

Given the present Covid-19 situation the THYC winter series will continue as planned, take on-board any new local constrictions where they apply, take each Sunday as it comes unless asked to do otherwise by the RYA or further government/LA edict.

The RYA's guiding principles will underpin all guidance across the boating community.

1. Our guidance Covid-19 preventative measures are vital in keeping you, your family and others safe and to minimize pressure on frontline services. The RYA will continue to support the National effort to control the spread of Covid-19 and assist members of the RYA family with any variations that might develop at a local level. We support the Government's desire to return to normality in a measured way and we recognise that we have a role to play by providing guidance to the RYA community on the application of the 2020 Regulations.

2. Our approach is considerate and conservative
Considerate: be mindful of the potential impact that you could have on other water users and do not place unnecessary extra strain on the RNLI and emergency services
Conservative: help to minimize risk by taking an extra conservative approach to your boating

Team sport and physical activity

You can continue to take part in organised sporting or licensed physical activity in groups of more than 6 outdoors and only one household and support bubble (for over 18s) indoors. Outdoor activities either need to be organised by a national governing body, club, registered instructor/coach, business or charity, and/or involve someone who has received an official licence to use equipment relevant to the activity. In all cases, the organiser must conduct a risk assessment and ensure compliance with COVID-19 Secure guidance.

COVID

Statement

By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the THYC COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

Control the Risk

- Race officer pre-race risk assessment – online distribution
- Pre-race attendance, symptom and contact list – online declaration
- Arrive in sailing kit
- Avoid contact whilst travelling to and from the boats
- Follow normal social distancing and hygiene protocols onshore
- Maximize social distancing on board
- Limit duration below deck
- Practice hand hygiene
- Sanitize surfaces regularly

Cancellation

The Organising Authority may cancel/postpone the events, cancel classes, reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.