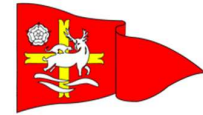




Tees and Hartlepool Yacht Club



THYC Winter Series 2023 – 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The event will be governed by RRS 2021-2024, the prescriptions of the RYA, the IRPCS, NERR, THYC general instructions and these Sailing Instructions.

2. Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the World Sailing 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. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- g. 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 £3 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 and NERR. 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 have completed a THYC WS entry form and carry a valid NERR rating certificate.
- b. Boats must be adequately insured as detailed above.

- c. All boats shall comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2022 – 2023 Appendix B for Inshore Racing unless subject to class requirements of an RYA affiliated class.
- d. All boats must have a VHF transceiver capable of transmitting and receiving Channel M2 or P4.
- 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 0.9000.

Class 2 will be all boats with NERR rating under 0.9000.

On the entry form boats racing must declare 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

The courses to be sailed, marks to be used, are attached and also 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 Ch.M2.

8. Schedule of Races

		Class	Warning	Start	Tide	HT
Sunday	Race 1 12 Nov 2023	All Classes	12.25	12.30	15.01	4.87m
Sunday	Race 2 26 Nov 2023	All Classes	12.25	12.30	14.50	5.03m
Sunday	Race 3 10 Dec 2023	All Classes	11.25	11.30	13.50	4.46m
Sunday	Race 4 24 Dec 2023	All Classes	11.25	11.30	13.45	4.54m
Sunday	Race 5 07 Jan 2024	All Classes	09.25	09.30	12.03	3.90m
Sunday	Race 6 21 Jan 2022	All Classes	09.25	09.30	12.15	4.00m
Sunday	Race 7 04 Feb 2022	All Classes	09.25	09.30	10.05	3.80m
Sunday	Race 8 18 Feb 2022	All Classes	09.25	09.30	10.27	3.80m

9. Intention to Race

Prior to the event all boats must submit a Winter Series entry form to 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 and the number of people on board.**

10. Starting Sequence

From THYC tower: all signals will use lights as below and may be supplemented using VHF Ch.M2.

Signal		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
Finish – when possible	VHF Ch.M2	Four white lights

11. Recalls

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

12. Signal Lights

The single transit light is below the clubhouse window and the 4 signal lights are above the window.

13. Start / Finish Line

The Start/Finish line is a transit between a single white light below the THYC clubhouse window and the white pole at the end of the south pier carrying the red harbor 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 (yellow spheres) are tide borne and may move accordingly.

To ensure clarity when several boats finish close together all competitors should record their own finish time from GPS (preferable by photo).

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 Approach Channels as defined by red and green channel buoys

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

17. Motoring

Yachts under power prior to the start as a result of delays in the lock or to clear Hartlepool Approach Channel may remain under power after her preparatory signal provided that, after stopping her engine, she carries out two full 360° turns (720°) on the pre-start side of the starting line and after the starting signal. She shall keep clear of all other boats until she has completed her turns and started.

18. 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.

19. Retirement

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

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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**”.

23. Scoring

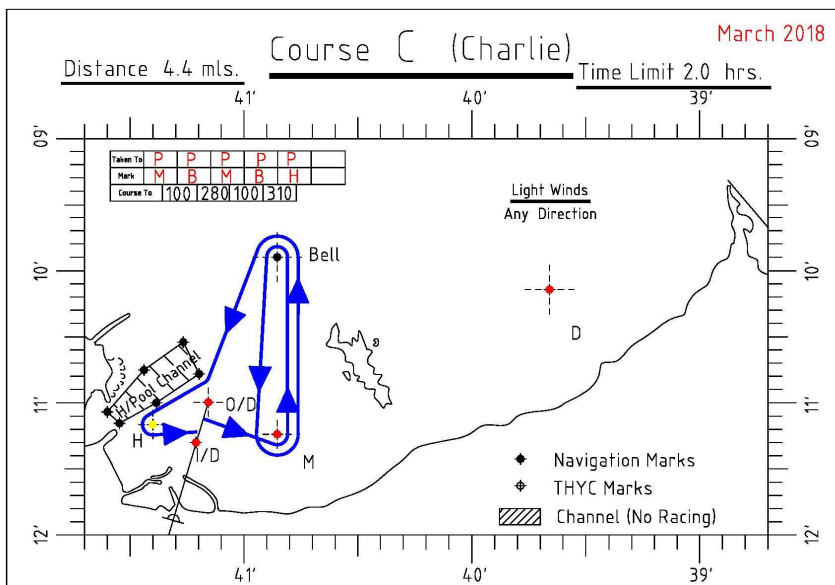
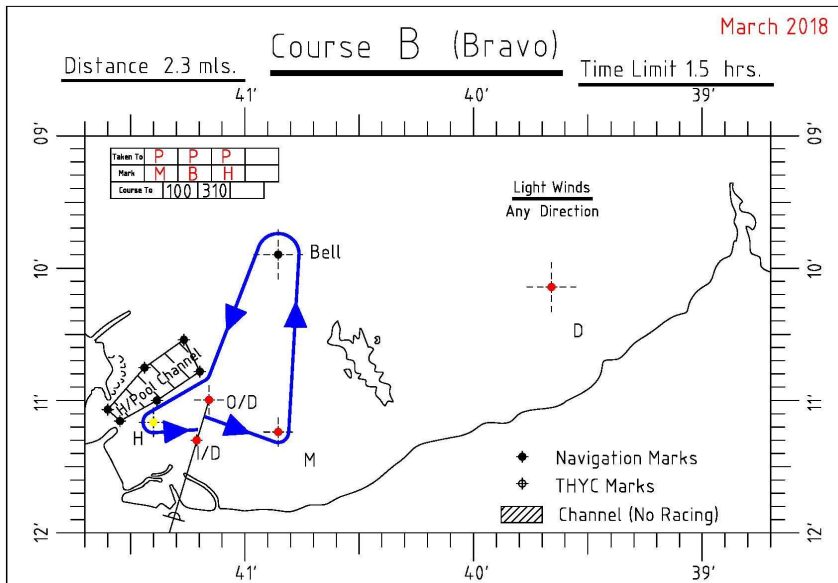
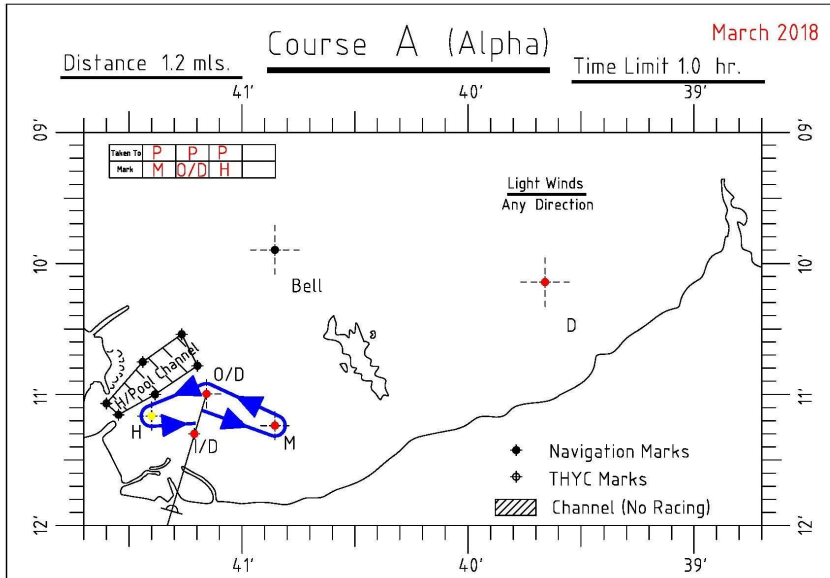
The series will consist of a possible of 8 races of which a minimum of three races must be completed to constitute the series.

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 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.

24. Contact Email: crace@thyc.org.uk

25. Courses

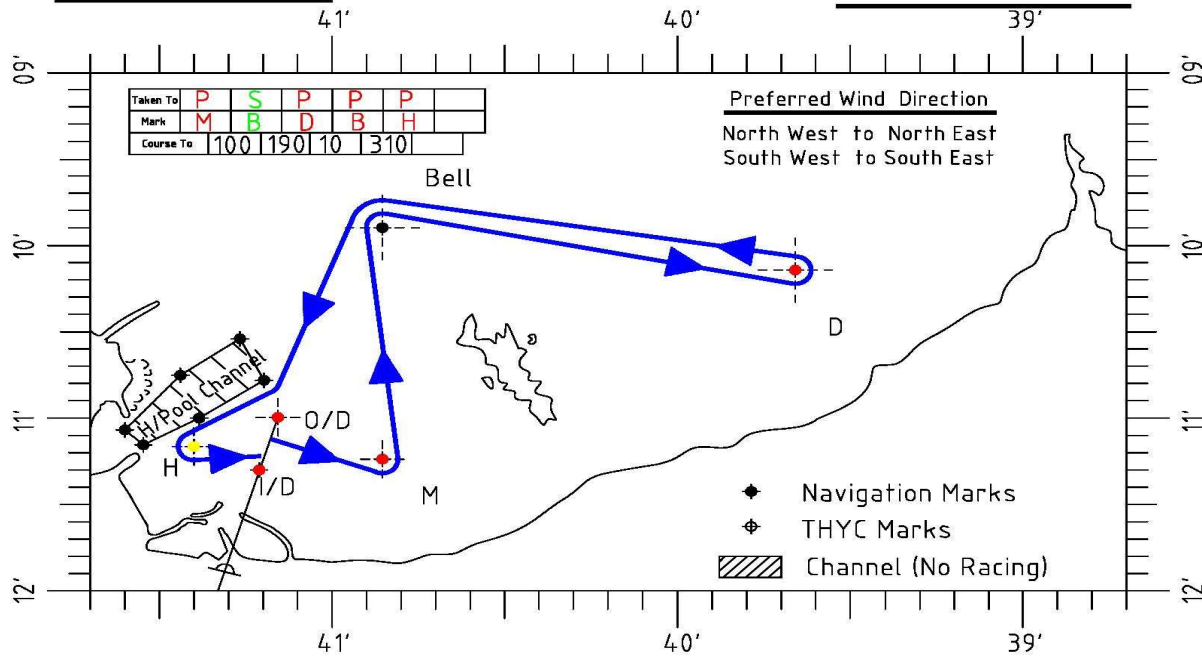


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Course D (Delta)

Distance 4.2 mls.

Time Limit 2.0 hrs.

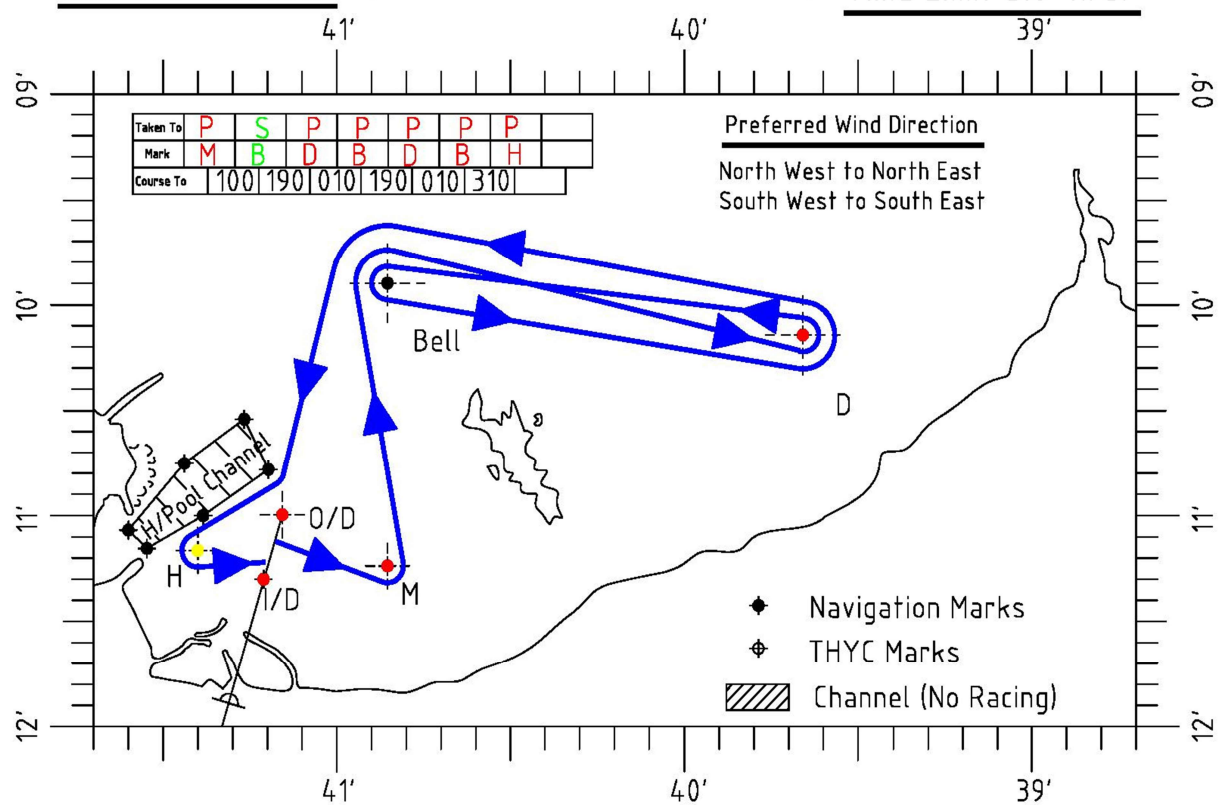


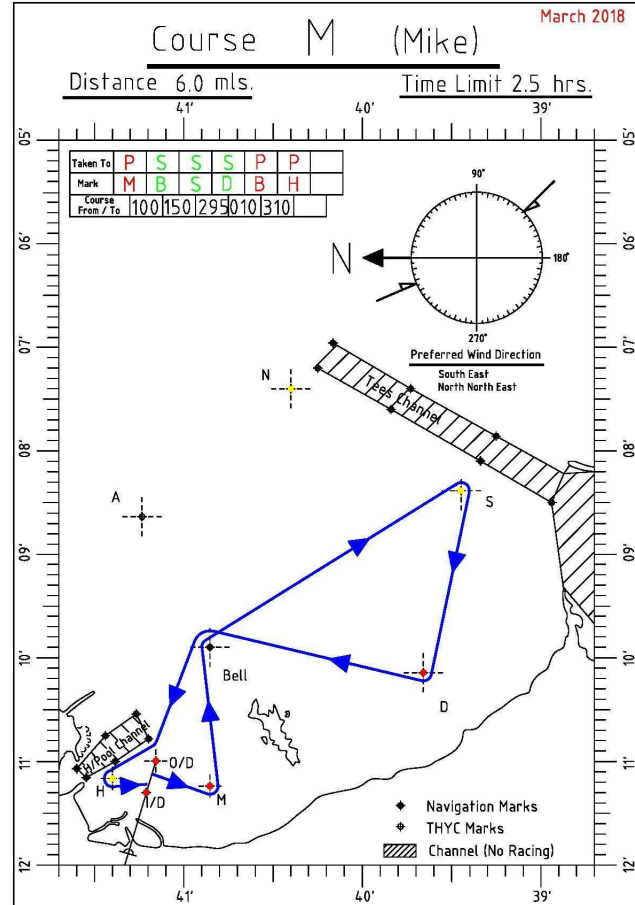
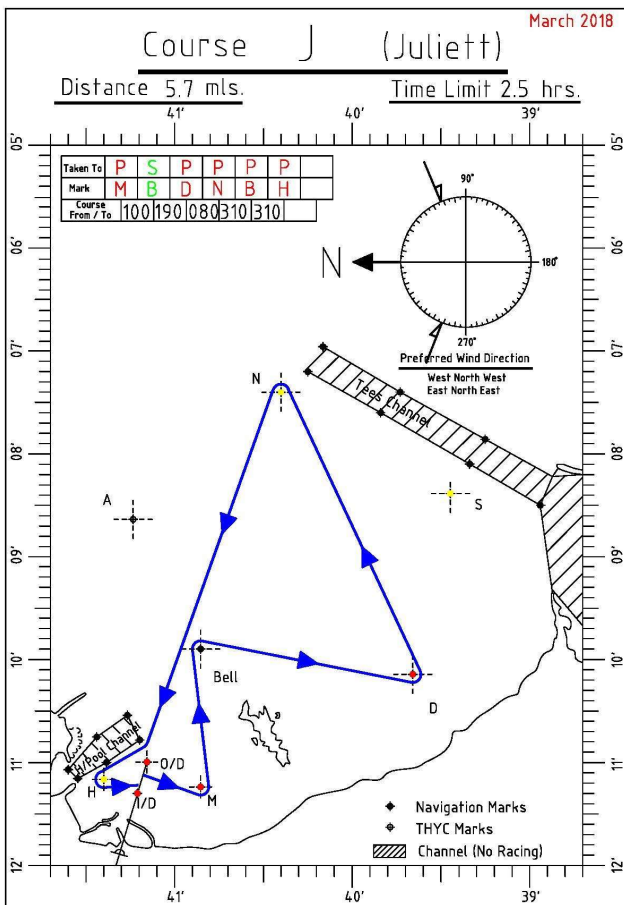
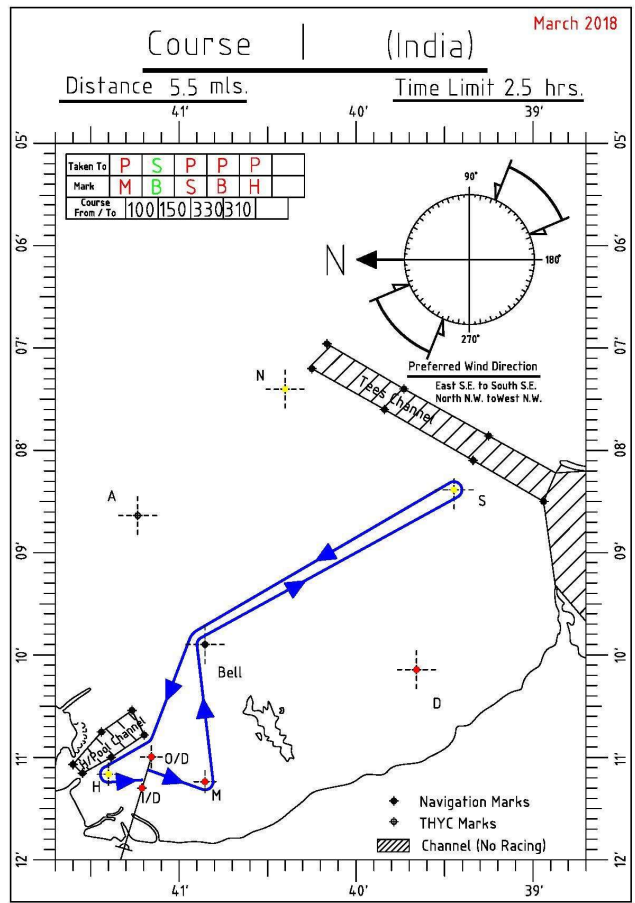
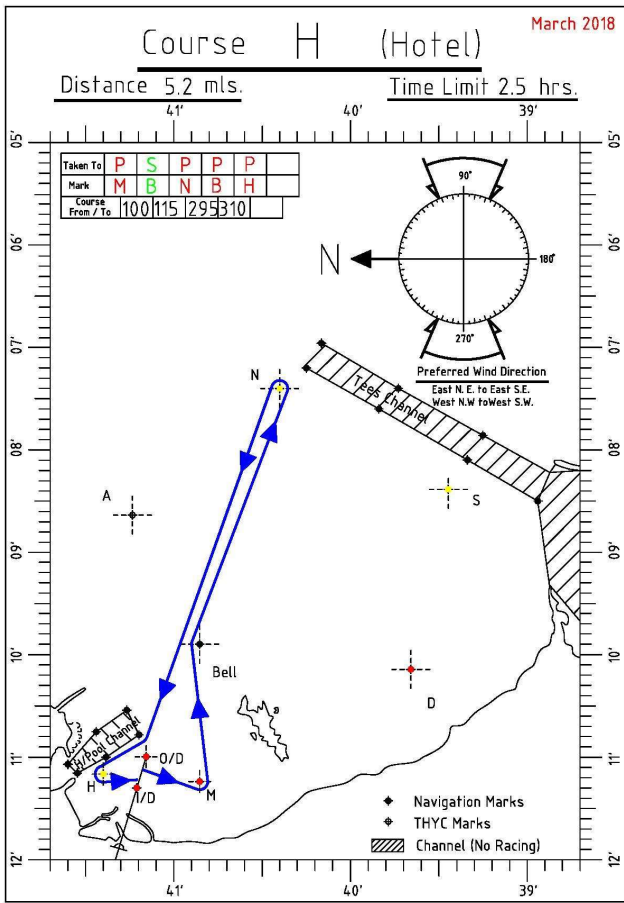
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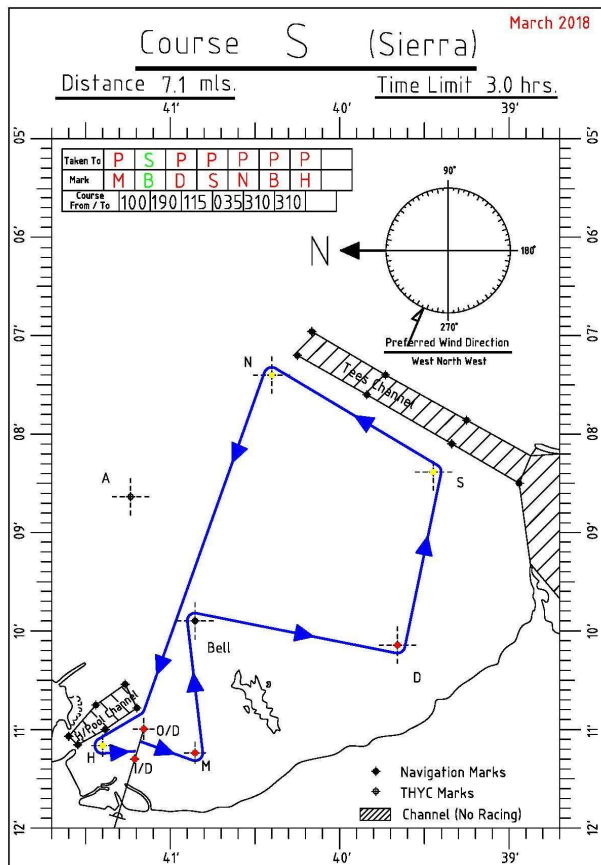
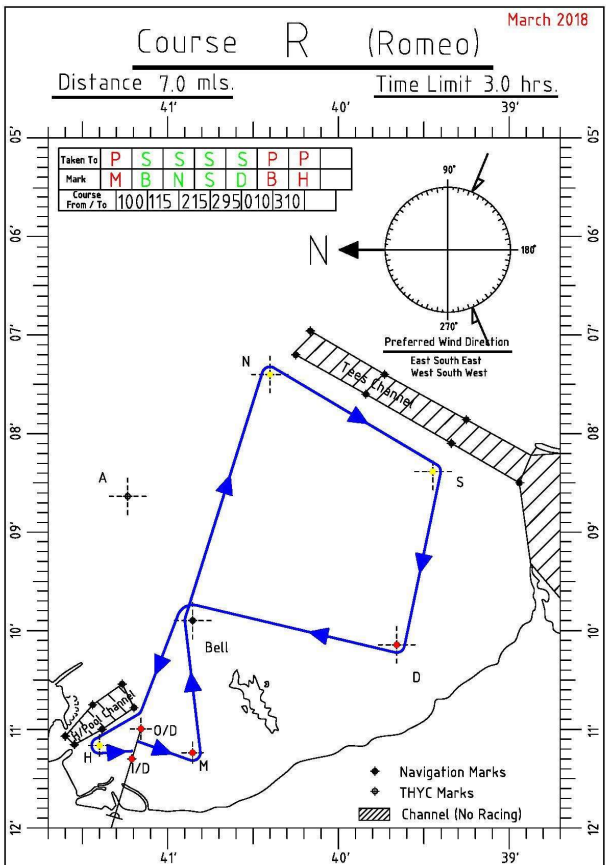
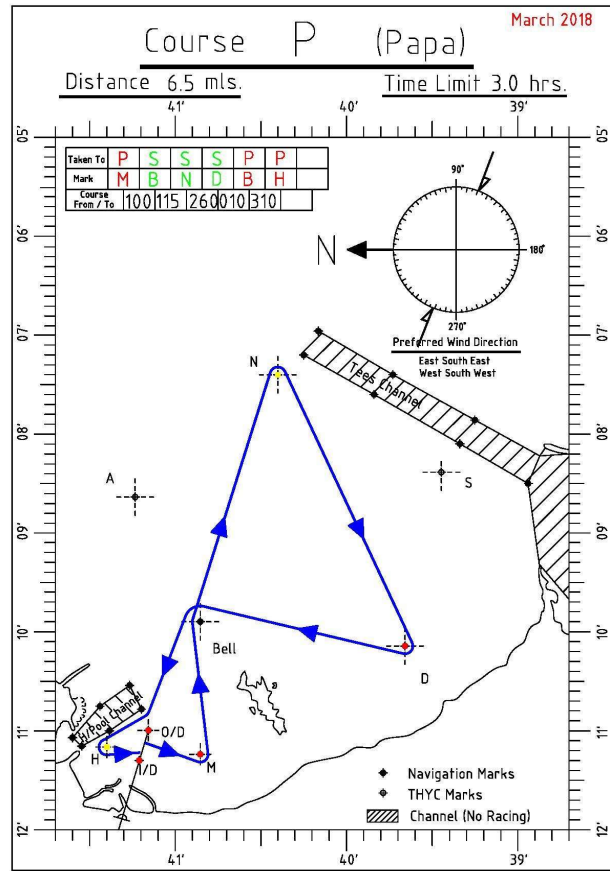
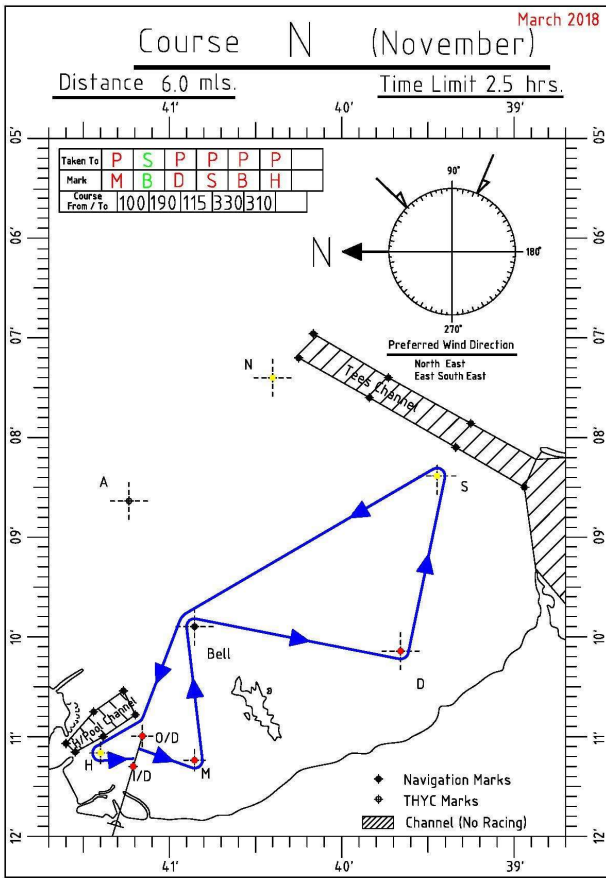
Course E (Echo)

Distance 6.2 mls.

Time Limit 3.0 hrs.







25. Race Marks

M - Yellow spherical buoy approx. position 54° 40.82'N 001° 11.14'W.

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

B - Longscar Bell Cardinal buoy approx. position 54° 40.86'N 001° 09.92'W.

D - Yellow 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 - 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 - Yellow spherical buoy approx. position 54° 39.37'N 001° 08.62'W.

Situated approx. 200m NW of the Tees Channel in the vicinity of the Tees3 charted mark.

H - Yellow spherical buoy approx. position 54° 41.39'N 001° 11.10'W.

Situated approx. 100m west of the Hartlepool HP4 charted channel mark.

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

Situated approx. 200m east of the Marina entrance.

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

Situated approx. 400m east of the Marina entrance.

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

November 2023

Given the current Covid-19 situation the THYC acknowledge the pandemic is far from over. The winter series will continue as planned, take on-board the RYA's guiding principles, 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 recognize that we have a role to play by providing guidance to the RYA community on the application of the 2021 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

COVID Statement

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.