

Twilight Supplementary

Sailing Instructions 2025/26



These Instructions are to be read as part of the printed Sailing Instructions within the 2025/26 RPYC Sailing Handbook (Redbook).

- Lights:** The attention to all skippers is drawn to DoT Regulations that all craft must carry the required navigation lights after sunset. Failure to do so may result in the Skipper receiving a substantial fine as this infringes the Navigable Waters Regulations
- Divisions:** Boats will sail in Divisions as allocated for Wednesday Summer Season Racing. If you are not sure, please contact the boating office.
- Start Times:** See 2024/25 RPYC Sailing Handbook as start times vary through the season
- Start Line:** Line "A"
- Finish Times:** The cut off for finish times of the twilights are published within the schedule of the RPYC 2025/26 Redbook. If Boats wish to proceed after this time, they will no longer be participants of the event and will be responsible for themselves from that time until they return to their Pen.
- Finish Line:** Line "A"
- Class Flags:** Division A – International Code Flag "A"
Division B – International Code Flag "B"
Division C – International Code Flag "C"
- Identification:** Skippers are advised that as they are crossing the finish line a torch must illuminate the numbers on your sail. If this is not able to happen, Skippers must communicate that they are crossing the finish line on VHF CH77.
- Special Rules:** Skippers are to note that the Rules for the Prevention of Collision at Sea Regulations prevail after sunset and boats shall not sail above a proper course to the next mark.
- Spirit of Twilights:** Twilight is a traditional RPYC social outing for which a special spirit of behaviour prevails:
Skippers are expected to resolve all differences without the need to lodge a protest, however the Racing Rules of Sailing apply and protests will be accepted.
- Sails:** Spinnakers shall not be used; headsail changes are permitted.
- Shortened Course:** A shortened course will be signalled by a white strobe light on the start box and shall be communicated via VHF CH77.



Twilight Courses

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Course 1 - SW/NE		5.2 NM (3.6)	
Start in a south-easterly direction			
Foam Spit	18	Port	
Como Buoy	65	Starb.	
Robins Buoy	59	Starb.	
Outer Dolphin Spit	17	Port	
If shortened proceed directly to the finish, finishing in a north-westerly direction.			
Knot Spit	14	Starb.	
Poplar Buoy	47	Port	
Crawley Buoy	45	Port	
Finish in a south-easterly direction.			

Course 2 - SW/NE		4.5 NM	
Start in a south-easterly direction			
Foam Spit	18	Port	
Foam Buoy	55	Starb.	
Sanders Buoy	99	Starb.	
Outer Dolphin Spit	17	Port	
Finish in a north-westerly direction			

Course 3 - E/W		5.2 NM	
Start in a south-easterly direction			
Foam Spit	18	Port	
Como Buoy	65	Starb.	
Armstrong Buoy	32	Port	
Bond Buoy	38A	Port	
Outer Dolphin Spit	17	Port	
Finish in a north-westerly direction			

Course 4 - Windy		5.6 NM (4.2)	
Start in a south-easterly direction			
Inner Dolphin Spit	16	Starb.	
Robins Buoy	59	Starb.	
Knot Spit	14	Starb.	
Poplar Buoy	47	Port	
Crawley Buoy	45	Port	
If shortened proceed directly to the finish, finishing in a north-westerly direction.			
Matilda Buoy	44	Port	
Poplar Buoy	47	Port	
Crawley Buoy	45	Port	
Finish in a south-easterly direction.			

Course 5 - SW Long		6.2 NM	
Start in a south-easterly direction			
Foam Spit	18	Port	
Foam Buoy	55	Starb.	
Bricklanding Buoys	33A & 33B	Starb.	
Outer Dolphin Spit	17	Port	
Finish in a north-westerly direction			