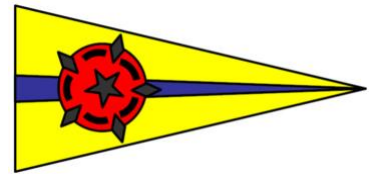


# RIBBLE CRUISING CLUB

## The BIG Race



### BIG RACE SPECIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[Varies General Sailing Instructions included in the 'Rules' part of the handbook]

#### 1 RULES

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. (RRS) and the Notice of Race.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of Ribble Cruising Club prior to the start of the race.

A course may be posted on the clubhouse Race notice board and on the notice board by the car parking area in front of the moorings at the dock.

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagstaff above the race box on the main club building.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing: Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 [or as programme in the club handbook]

A single race for dinghies and cruisers

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the day is 5 minutes before the start time published in the handbook.

5.3 After a long postponement, to alert boats that a race will begin soon, one long sound signal will be made at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

#### 6 RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of racing area and the layout of the marks.

All racing marks are yellow with black numerals with the exception of V mark which is a red buoy.

Any temporary marks will also be yellow.

6.1 Fishing boats and their equipment, mooring buoys and other pleasure craft that may stray into the racing area, shall rank as an *obstruction* as defined in the RRS definition.

#### 7 THE COURSES

7.1 For dinghies the race course will be posted on the official notice board no later than 20 minutes before the first warning signal, for cruisers it will be broadcast on VHF

channel 37 by the RO when participating cruisers are in the vicinity of the start line and before the warning signal.

7.2 The mark numbers will be displayed/described in sequence followed by either S (starboard) or P (port) indicating whether the mark is to be passed to port or starboard.

7.3 The number of laps will also be indicated on the same notice. Courses may be shortened.

7.4 Legs of the course will not be changed after the preparatory signal. This changes rule 33.

## **8 MARKS**

8.1 All racing marks are yellow with black numerals with the exception of V mark which is red.

8.2 A lap is completed by sailing across a line (Line A) which is the projection of a line between the club mast and the yellow post on the foreshore.

## **9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

Boats moored in the river and in the vicinity of the race marks.

The jetty including the basket and pole at the river end.

## **10 THE START.**

10.2 The starting line will be a transit of the mast on the clubhouse and the yellow post with a yellow diagonal cross located on the foreshore. **[There is no ODM for dinghies or cruisers]**

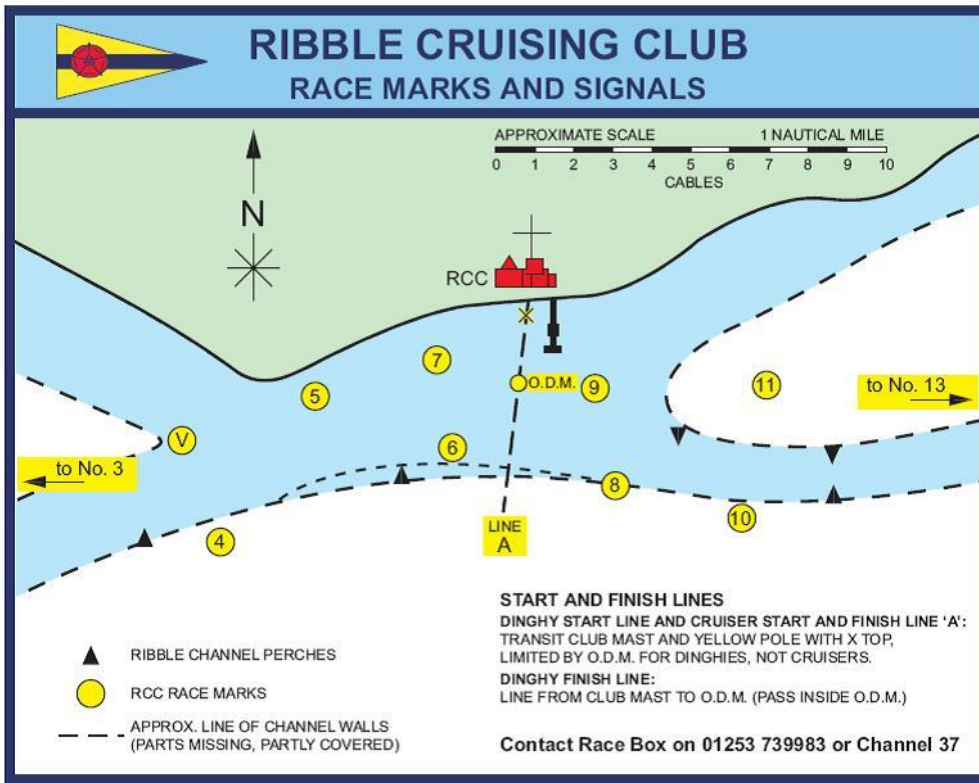
10.3 There will be no flags during the start sequence.

10.4 The start sequence will utilise the club lights mounted on the white triangle which is mounted on the roof of the club facing the river.

The start sequence (white triangle) will be as follows:-

Warning signal	(5 minutes to start time)	3 lights	+Sound signal
Preparatory signal	(4 Minutes to start time)	2 lights	+Sound signal
End of Preparatory	(1 Minute to start time)	1 light	+Sound signal
Start		no lights	+Sound signal

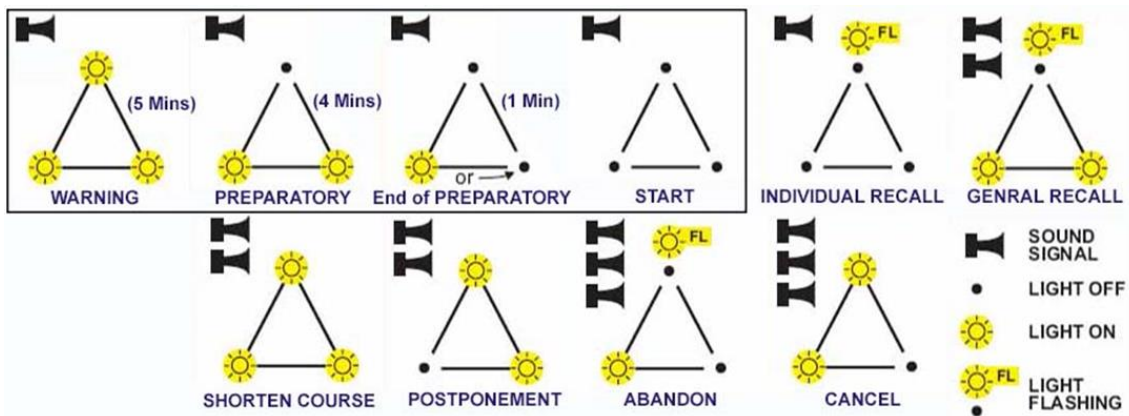
If boats are over the start line at the start the top flashing light will be illuminated. (See light sequence below.) indicating either an individual or general recall.



**CLASS INDICATOR LIGHTS  
COLOURED FLASHING BEACONS**

- AMBER - FAST HANDICAP CRUISERS
- BLUE - SLOW HANDICAP CRUISERS
- GREEN - FAST HANDICAP DINGHIES
- RED - SLOW HANDICAP DINGHIES

**START SEQUENCE 5-4-1-GO**



ALL STARTS FOLLOWING A GENERAL RECALL WILL BE DEEMED AS THE BLACK PREPARATORY FLAG, as rule 30.3.

- 10.4 A boat starting later than 30 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be a transit of the mast on the clubhouse and the yellow post with a yellow diagonal cross located on the foreshore. [There is no Outer Distance Mark for cruisers or dinghies]

- 11.1 Boats crossing the finishing line may be acknowledged by a sound signal.  
11.2 The race committee may decide to finish boats on the course at an appropriate mark. In which case the finish line will be between the mark and a safety boat flying a blue flag.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 The penalties described in RRS 31.2 and RRS 44.1 will apply. Failure to take a penalty when breaking a rule is considered a serious breach of the basic principle of sportsmanship.  
12.2 As provided in rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken rule 42.  
12.3 Appendix P will apply.  
12.4 Penalties for breach of rule 41, outside help, shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. Any outside help shall be reported to the race committee before the end of the protest period on that day of sailing.

## **13 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 13.1 There is a target time on the race of 90 minutes.  
13.2 Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office and can be obtained subject to payment of a £5 'donation' to the RNLI. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.  
14.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.  
14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the clubhouse.  
14.4 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick, amended where necessary by the Sailing Committee, shall be used as the basis of handicapping.

'Special' handicaps may be applied by the Sailing Committee to cruisers.  
[insert calculation for adjustment of cruiser handicap if appropriate] .

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

16.1 Check-Out and Check-In: The dinghy boat's crew is responsible for signing out prior to launching and signing in after coming ashore on the appropriate sheet on the official notice board.

Failure to do so within 30 minutes of the completion of the final race of the day will render the crew liable to a 'donation' to the RNLI of £10.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

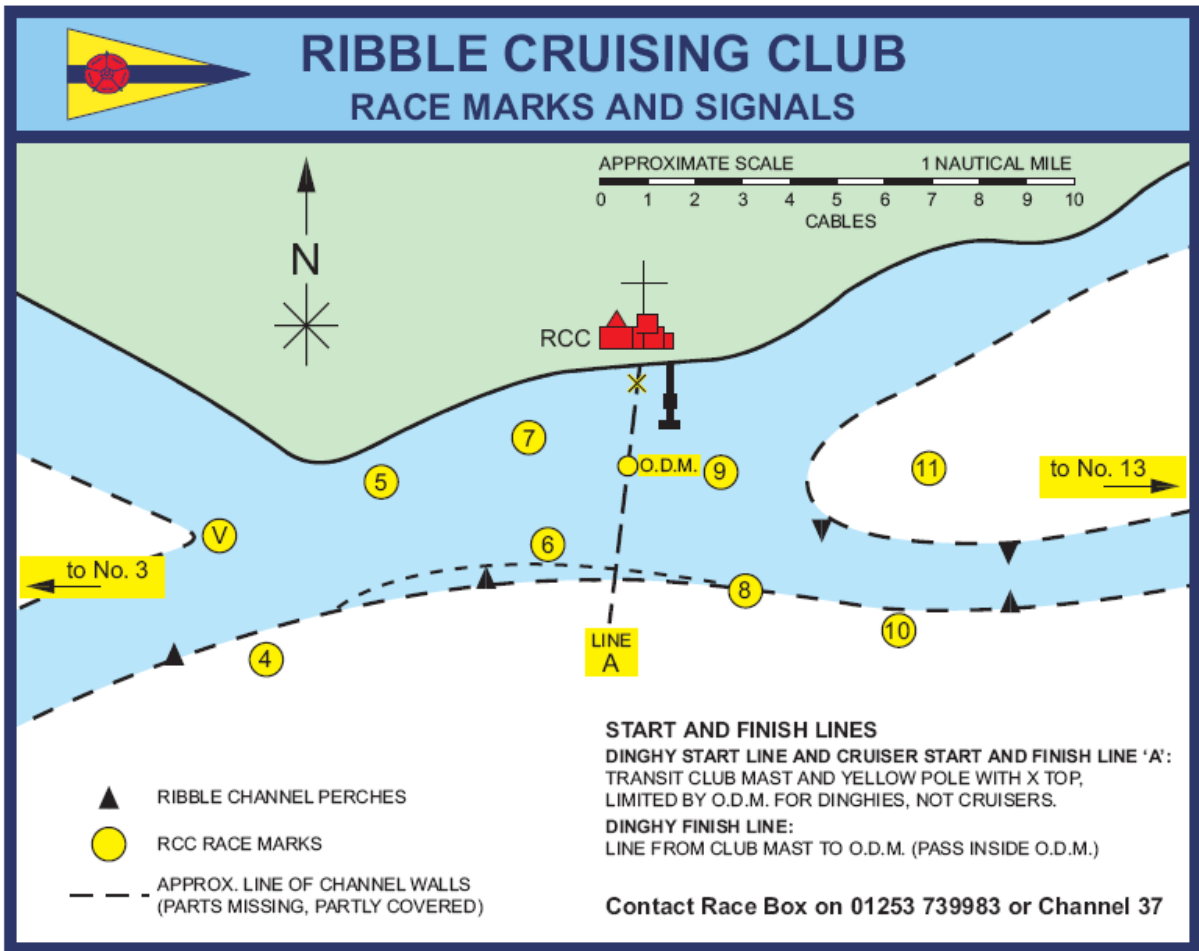
Competitors participate in this open event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the racing.

## **20 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance to the value of £3 million.

## **ADDENDUM A**

### **ILLUSTRATION OF THE RACE MARKS**



**End of Sailing Instructions**