



**Supplementary SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING**  
**Spring afternoon series Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

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**5. Schedule of Races:**

**5.1** Starts will be at **two**-minute intervals (see S.S.I.11 and Appendix 2a). This changes RRS Rule 26 - Starting Races. The order, composition and start times are:

	Start numeral	classes	Afternoon series	
			Warning Signal, p.m. first race	Warning Signal, p.m. second race
<b>Start 1</b>	<b>3</b>	Fast Handicap 1000 and below	13:57	Back-to-back with the first p.m. race
<b>Start 2</b>	<b>5</b>	Slow <b>Two-handed</b> Handicap 1001 and above	13:59	
<b>Start 3</b>	<b>7</b>	Slow <b>Single-handed</b> Handicap 1001 and above	14:01	

**5.2** Race Officers may reduce the number of starts when warranted by weather and or the number of entries.

5.2.1 A change to using one start shall be indicated by the display of one Club pennant together with the orange flag. All boats will start on the display of numeral board **3**.

**8. Course and Course Instructions**

**8.1** The Race Committee boat will be stationed upwind of the leeward mark. It will remain in this position for the duration of the race.

**8.2** Indicator boards will show the initial letters of course marks. 'Special' or temporary course marks are shown as a white disc. The background colour of the boards indicates whether marks are to be left to port (red) or starboard (green).

**8.3** On all courses, the Windward Mark shall be left to port.

**8.4** Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with RRS28 may be disqualified without protest or a hearing.

**8.5** Boats shall sail the course displayed on the committee boat - see appendix 3.

**8.5.1** Different courses may be used to cater for the differing boat speeds. In which case the RO will display:

**8.5.1.1** PM start 1 will use the course displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat.

**8.5.1.2** PM starts 2 & 3 will use the course displayed on the port side of the committee boat.

**8.6** The windward mark for start 1 may be either a fixed Club mark or a pillar buoy.

**8.7** The windward mark for start 2 and start 3 may be substituted by a Dan buoy flying a yellow flag.

**8.8** Boats must pass through the upwind gate formed by the committee boat and the finishing mark on each and every lap. Boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate will not be disqualified but will be credited only with the number of laps they have sailed correctly. The Race Committee shall record the finishing time or place as appropriate as well as noting the disqualification. Boats may apply for redress if they believe an error has been made. This changes RRS63.1

**9. Marks**

**9.1** The approximate position of Club marks is shown on the Club course card.

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- 9.2** 'Special' marks as mentioned in S.S.I. 8 will be either Dan buoys or plain yellow or orange inflatable marks, EXCEPT for marks to be rounded exclusively by boats sailing windward-leeward courses, which will be distinguished by a chequered band or flag.
- 9.3** When start 1 has a different course to starts 2 and 3 using special marks, start 1 will use inflatable marks and starts 2 and 3 will use Dan buoys.
- 9.4** The Race Committee may identify any fixed marks to be rounded in club racing by means of pink flags.

**10. Areas that are obstructions**

- 10.1** The prohibited area at the west end of the water, whose boundary is a line of buoys forming its eastern boundary.
- 10.2** Any boat actively fishing and an area extending 20 metres in any direction from it.
- 10.3** A safety boat in close attendance to a small craft or competitor in difficulty.

**11. The start: For all starts**

- a. The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and an orange Dan buoy carrying an orange flag.
- b. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- c. Races will be started by displaying numeral boards with classes starting at 2 minute intervals. This modifies RRS 26. Details of the start sequence and signals are shown in Appendix 2a.
- d. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose warning signal has been made.
- e. A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- f. Individual recalls will be signalled by displaying Flag X in accordance with RRS 29.1, except that the flag shall be removed no later than one minute after the starting signal.
- g. A General Recall will be signalled by displaying the "First substitute" for a period of one minute.
- h. A recalled start shall start 2 minutes after the last scheduled start of that race – this modifies RRS 29.2.
- i. RRS 30.3 will apply to all recalled starts except that the Black flag shall not be displayed.
- j. In the event of a General Recall on a previously recalled start the restart will be 2 minutes after the last (or recalled) start. This modifies RRS 29.2.
- k. In the event of a postponement after the Preparatory Signal by displaying pennant AP, the numeral board is removed for re-use. The sequence will be restarted one minute after the removal of AP by re-displaying the numeral board and resuming the one minute sequence. This modifies the interpretation of Race Signal AP in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

**12 Spare**

**13 The Finish**

- 13.1** After approximately 45 minutes (or at the Race Officer's discretion) Flag 'S' plus two sound signals will signify that the race is to be finished.
- 13.2** The Race Officer **MAY** finish selected fleets, while requiring the others to continue racing. In these circumstances, two sound signals will be made and Flag 'S' will be displayed with the numeral flags corresponding to the numbers of the fleets to be finished or, in the case of boats with a Club handicap >1199, Flag 'S' will be displayed over Flag 'T'. When the remaining fleets are required to finish, two further sound signals will be made and the numeral flags will be lowered.
- 13.3** Each boat will be finished as it passes through the 'gate' to complete the lap that it is sailing when the race is shortened.



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- 13.4** In handicap fleets, the number of laps completed and the total elapsed time will be recorded, and averaged by lap, for each boat and corrected on handicap using the agreed Club handicap number to calculate the overall result
- 13.5** After finishing, boats shall keep clear of both finishing gates and of all boats that are continuing to race.

**APPENDIX 1 - spare**

**APPENDIX 2a - STARTING SIGNALS USING Numeral Boards**

This system describes the starting procedure mentioned in S.S.I. 11.

Numbers displayed on boards on the committee boat shall be changed with a sound signal every minute beginning with the numeral **0**. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

**Start Sequences**

Display								
	1		2		3		4	
	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)
<b>0</b>	Warning Signal	3						
<b>1</b>	Prep Signal	2						
<b>2</b>	Minute signal	1	Warning Signal	3				
<b>3</b>	Start	0	Prep Signal	2				
<b>4</b>			Minute signal	1	Warning Signal	3		
<b>5</b>			Start	0	Prep Signal	2		
<b>6</b>					Minute signal	1		
<b>7</b>					Start	0		2
<b>8</b>								1
<b>9</b>							First Recalled	0



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#### Appendix 3

##### SUMMARY OF COURSES TO BE SAILED

When only one course is displayed, all boats will race the same course.

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PM start 1 will use the course displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat.  
PM starts 2 & 3 will use the course displayed on the port side of the committee boat.

START	COURSE
Fast Handicap 1000 and below	Use course on STARBOARD side of Committee Boat
Slow <b>Two-handed</b> Handicap 1001 and above	Use course on PORT side of Committee boat
Slow <b>Single-handed</b> Handicap 1001 and above	Use course on PORT side of Committee boat