



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERIES 12th April to 30th Aug 2017

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the relevant Class Associations, except as any of these are changed by these instructions.
- 1.2 Before launching, each boat must enter the day's race by using the form on the Club signing-on desk. The helm's name, craft number and THE HANDICAP NUMBER for the hull/rig/crew combination being sailed, approved and published by the Club Racing Committee, shall be clearly identified. A boat not completing the sign on procedure and continuing to race will be scored DNF.

2 Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted adjacent to the signing-on sheets in the Wet Bar.
- 2.2 Special instructions for a particular class or start will be shown on their signing-on sheet.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Alterations, amendments or additions to these instructions may be made by the Race Committee at any time. Changes will be displayed adjacent to the signing-on desk, not later than 1 hour before any start affected.

4 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole number 1 (one) in front of the Club House on the shore side.

5 Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The order and composition of starts are as follows:

Start 1 - Fast club Handicap	994 and below
Start 2 – Slow Two-handed club Handicap	995 and above
Start 3 – Slow Single-handed club Handicap	995 and above
 - 5.2 Starts will be at **three-minute** intervals (see S.I.11 and Appendix 1). This changes RRS Rule 26 - Starting Races.
 - 5.3 For the first three and the final three races in the Series, the Warning Signal for the first start will be no earlier than 18h25.
 - 5.4 For all other races in the Series, the Warning Signal for the first start will be no earlier than 18h55.
- 6 **Class flags** will not be used: start sequences will be indicated using **numeral boards** displayed from the Committee Boat (see S.I.11. and Appendix 1).

7 Racing Area

The racing area may be indicated on the wall map above the signing-on desk in the wet bar or on the map on the west wall of the Coxswains' Shed.

8 Course and Course Instructions

- 8.1 Boats shall sail courses displayed by indicator boards on the Race Committee boat.
- 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 The Race Committee boat will be stationed upwind of the leeward mark. It will remain in this position for the duration of the race.

- 8.5** After starting (see S.I.11 below) boats shall sail the course as shown by the indicator boards (see S.I.8.2).
- 8.6** All boats must pass through the upwind gate formed by the committee boat and the starting mark on each and every lap. If a boat fails to pass through the gate, that lap will not count towards the race results (see S.I.14.2).
- 9 Marks**
- 9.1** The approximate position of Club marks is shown on the Club course card.
- 9.2** 'Special' marks as mentioned in S.I.8 will be either Dan buoys or plain yellow or orange inflatable marks.
- 9.3** The Race Committee may indicate the marks used 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**
- 11.1** For all starts, the starting line will be between the mast on the Committee boat flying an orange flag and a Dan buoy carrying an orange flag.
- 11.2** 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.
- 11.3** Races will be started by displaying numeral boards with classes starting at **3** minute intervals. This modifies RRS 26. Details of the start sequence and signals are shown in Appendix 1.
- 11.4** 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.
- 11.5** A boat starting later than **2** minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 11.6** 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.
- 11.7** A General Recall will be signalled by displaying the "First substitute" for a period of one minute.
- 11.8** A recalled start shall start 3 minutes after the last scheduled start of that race – this modifies RRS 29.2.
- 11.9** RRS 30.3 will apply to all recalled starts except that the Black flag shall not be displayed.
- 11.10** In the event of a General Recall on a previously recalled start the restart will be 3 minutes after the last (or recalled) start. This modifies RRS 29.2.
- 11.11** 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. This modifies the interpretation of Race Signal AP in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 12 spare**
- 13 The Finish**
- 13.1** After approximately 60 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 PY handicaps >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** Eachboat will be finished as it passes through the 'upwind gate' to complete the lap that it is sailing when the race is shortened.

- 13.4** The number of laps completed and the total elapsed time will be recorded for each boat and corrected on handicap using the agreed Club handicap number to calculate the overall result.
- 13.5** The finish line will be between the mast of the Committee boat flying an orange flag and the 'upwind gate' as described in SI8.6.
- 13.6** After finishing, boats shall keep clear of the finishing gate and of all boats that are continuing to race.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1** RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply, except that a penalty of **one turn** replaces the Two Turn penalty.
- 14.2** 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, except that boats that fail to pass through the upwind gate (see S.I.8.6) 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. This changes RRS63.1

15 Time limit

RRS 35 will not apply. A boat that has not finished within 30 minutes after the first boat in her class start will be scored DNF. The Race Committee may then lower all flags and make a sound signal.

16 Protests

- 16.1** The Race Committee shall be notified of the intent to protest as soon as practicable after the race has finished.
- 16.2** Protests or requests for redress shall be written on the form available from the Secretariat and delivered to the Race Committee within 60 minutes of the finishing time of the last boat in the protestor's class. The Protest Committee may waive the time limit in exceptional circumstances.
- 16.3** A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS31.1 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under rule RRS30.3 or a penalty under RRS Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.
- 16.4** When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted, (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.
- 16.5** A protest or a request for redress will in the first instance be dealt with by RYA Arbitration
- 16.6** If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that RRS64.1 will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS63.1.
- 16.7** When, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS66 will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may accept an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.
- 16.8** Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race. Only in exceptional circumstances will the protest/arbitration not be held on the day of the incident. The time, date and place of the protest hearing will be posted on the signing-on desk.
- 16.9** A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall mark 'RTD' against her sail number no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes that race.

- 16.10** No Boat needs to display a red flag while informing a protestee of the intention to protest. This modifies RRS 61.1 (a) 2.
- 16.11** No action by a Safety Boat when performing activities deemed necessary for safety reasons will constitute grounds for protest or redress.

17 Scoring

- 17.1** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that RRS A8.2 is replaced by the following:

If a tie cannot be broken by A8.1 (most number of firsts, seconds etc) then the tie shall be broken in favour of the best discard. If a tie still exists after the best discard is taken into consideration, then the second best discard (3rd, 4th etc) will be considered until the tie is broken.

- 17.2** The number of races to count in the club series shall be 1 + 30% of the number of races (ignoring fractions) available in that series. A minimum of one boat completing a race will ensure that race is available to count towards the series. RRS A9 shall apply.
- 17.3** Race Officers and duty crews may be awarded average points for one CRO/RIB duty performed during the series. The average will be calculated from the races sailed which resulted in a finish. The points for one race may be derived by:
- 17.3.1 use the formula of 1+30% of the available races to determine the number of races to count.
- 17.3.2 To determine the duty points, reduce the number of races to count by one and select the best results. The duty points awarded is the average of these best results. (For example, if seven races count, the duty points awarded will be the average of the best of six races. The series total points shall be the best six plus the duty points award.)
- 17.4** The handicap races shall be sailed on the basis of Handicap Numbers approved by the Club Racing Committee.

18 Safety

- 18.1** The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. RRS 4.
- 18.2** The provision of a race management team, RIBs and other officials and volunteers does not relieve the boat of their own responsibilities.
- 18.3** The provision of RIB cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- 18.4** It is a condition of racing that a Competitor shall comply with the instructions of RIB crews. Any action by these crews solely intended to ensure the safety of a competitor, such as recovering crew or separated components of the boat, is not "outside help" as defined in RRS 41 and is not subject to protest from another competitor. The competitor may continue to race.
- 18.5** Where the RIB crew renders assistance greater than that necessary solely for safety considerations, such as righting or re-orientating the boat, providing spares or effecting repairs, the crew may so advise the competitor who shall retire immediately.
- 18.6** No action by a RIB when performing activities deemed necessary for safety reasons will constitute grounds for redress.

19 Replacement of Crew / change of boat /change of Class

- 19.1** Only the helm named on the signing on sheet will be eligible to count points towards the series results.
- 19.2** If a different helm is nominated to complete a race in the same boat, they must record a separate entry on the signing on sheet.
- 19.3** Helms may change boats within the same class during a series and have their results included in that series provided they record this change on the signing on sheet.
- 19.4** In two person boats, the registered helm for a series may change crews without notifying the Race Committee.

19.5 Helms that change boats to any other Class during a series must sign on as a separate entry. When a Class of boat has different size rigs together with different handicaps, each rig will be recognised as a separate Class and require a separate entry.

20 Measurement compliance

20.1 All boats racing must hold valid certificates of measurement. This includes current buoyancy test endorsements if required by class rules. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from racing results

20.2 Sailing Committee reserve the right to measure any boat, sails or gear at any time.

20.3 Any helmsman intending to use sails differing in number from that of his boat must inform the Race Officer. Two boats of the same class may not use sails, other than spinnakers, with the same number without the Race Officer's prior approval. The Race Officer may treat as a non-starter any boat whose sail number is incomplete unless the helmsman can show that it was complete at the start of the race.

APPENDIX 1 - STARTING SIGNALS USING Numeral Boards

This system describes the starting procedure mentioned in SI 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, 2014

Display	Start							
	1		2		3		4	
	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)	Means	Time to Start (min)
0	Warning Signal	5						
1	Prep Signal	4						
2		3						
3		2	Warning Signal	5				
4	Minute signal	1	Prep Signal	4				
5	Start	0		3				
6				2	Warning Signal	5		
7			Minute signal	1	Prep Signal	4		
8			Start	0		3		
9						2		
10					Minute signal	1		
11					Start	0		
12								2
13								1
14							First Recalled Start	0

Start 1 – Fast Handicap

Time before starting signal	Visual signal numeral first displayed	Sound signal	means
5 minutes	0	one	Warning signal
4 minutes	1	one	Preparatory signal
1 minute	4	one	One minute
GO	5	one	start

Start 2 - Slow Two-handed Handicap

Time before starting signal	Visual signal numeral first displayed	Sound signal	means
5 minutes	3	one	Warning signal
4 minutes	4	one	Preparatory signal
1minute	7	one	One minute
GO	8	one	start

Start 3 - SlowSingle-handed Handicap

Time before starting signal	Visual signal numeral first displayed	Sound signal	means
5 minutes	6	one	Warning signal
4 minutes	7	one	Preparatory signal
1minute	10	one	One minute
GO	11	one	start