



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for the Christmas Pursuit Race 18th December 2016

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 racing, each helmsman must enter his name, craft number and THE HANDICAP NUMBER (when applicable this will be the appropriate handicap for the hull/rig combination) approved and published by the Racing Committee, on the appropriate entry form on the Club signing-on desk.

2 **Notices to Competitors** will be posted adjacent to the signing-on sheets in the Wet Bar.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Alterations, amendments or additions to these instructions may be made by the day's 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** will be displayed from flagpole number 1 in front of the Club House on the shore side.

5 **Schedule of Race:** see Supplementary Sailing Instructions

6 **Class flags** will not be used: start sequences will be indicated using **numeral boards** displayed from the Committee Boat.

7 **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:** see Supplementary Sailing Instructions

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

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:** see Supplementary Sailing Instructions. The starting times are listed. Boats not shown may obtain their start time from the office or at the signing on point on the day.

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14. **The Finish:** see Supplementary Sailing Instructions

15. Penalty System

15.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply, except a penalty of one turn replaces the "Two-Turns" penalty.

15.2 Boats which fail to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with RRS 28 may be disqualified without protest or a hearing, 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 RRS 63.1

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17. Protests

- 17.1** The Race Committee shall be notified of the intent to protest as soon as practicable after the race has finished. Protests or requests for redress shall be written on the form available from the Secretariat and delivered to the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the finish.
- 17.2** No action by a Safety Boat when performing activities deemed necessary for safety reasons will constitute grounds for protest or redress.

18. Scoring

- 18.1** The races shall be sailed on the basis of Handicap Numbers approved by the Club Racing Committee.

19. Safety

- 19.1** It is a condition of racing that a Competitor shall comply with the instructions of Safety Boat 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.
- 19.2** Where the Safety Boat 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.
- 19.3** No action by a Safety Boat when performing activities deemed necessary for safety reasons will constitute grounds for redress.

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21. Measurement compliance

- 21.1** All boats racing must hold valid certificates of measurement with current buoyancy test endorsements if required by class rules.
- 21.2** Boat owners to whom this rule applies are required to comply with this instruction at all times. Failure to comply may result in exclusion from racing results
- 21.3** Racing Committee reserve the right to measure any boat, sails or gear at any time.
- 21.4** 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.