



## ROTHERHAM SAILING CLUB

### CLUB POINTS SERIES (HANDICAP RACING) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### General

- (a) The Club accepts no responsibility for any loss or injury to competitors or guests however caused.
- (b) No dogs may be brought on to the club premises except those on a lead, and only support dogs will be allowed inside the clubhouse.
- (c) All competitors must complete the required number of OOD duties in order to qualify for a series.
- (d) All competitors shall abide by all Rotherham Sailing Club Rules and byelaws.

#### 1. Rules

All series will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the bye-laws of RSC.

- a) All dinghies must have a Portsmouth number of 1030 (i.e. Laser 3000) or greater.
- b) All dinghies shall be no longer than 17 feet (5181mm) in length, unless otherwise permitted by the Sailing Committee.

#### 2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the clubhouse, competitors attention may be drawn to these by use of the tannoy.

#### 3. Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the scheduled warning signal of the race affected on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18.00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the OD box.
- 4.2 When flag AP (red & white stripe) is displayed ashore, with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "the race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than one minute after AP is lowered.
- 4.3 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members at all times when afloat and flag Y will not be flown. This changes Rule 40. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.

#### 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The schedule of series racing is described on the RSC club sailing permit card. Sunday racing constitutes the following:  
Frostbite series: Two races per day, three races when BST begins.  
Spring series: Three races per day.  
Summer series: Three races per day.  
Autumn series: Three races per day.  
Pie & Pea Series: One races per day.

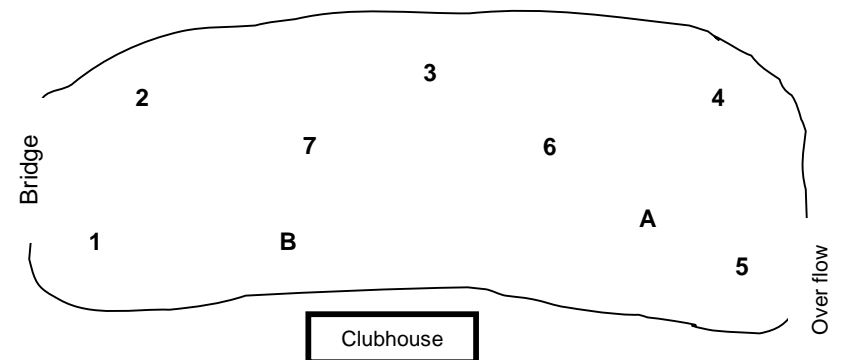
- 5.2 **Sunday Series:** The first race shall normally have a start time of 12:00 hours; the second race shall normally have a start time of 14:00, the third race shall be started at approximately 15:30 or at the discretion of the race committee of the day.
- 5.3 Competitors & OOD's are reminded that less confident or new sailors may need on the water assistance from time to time to allow them to compete at their own level.
- 5.4 **Sunday Series Trophy Days:** These have been allocated through out the year; dates are described on the RSC club sailing permit card. 1 discard will be applied based on 3 races being sailed. The second race will be a pursuit race (subject to the conditions of the day). Prizes will be allocated accordingly see SI 24.
- 5.5 **Thursday evening Pie & Pea Series:** The race shall normally have a start time of 19:25 hours and 1900 hours when light begins to fade (see RSC club sailing permit card for details).

#### 6. Class Flags

- 6.1 RRS 26 will be used. The Handicap Class flag is defined as being the Laser Class Flag for all handicap racing events (Red flag with white Laser insignia).
- 6.2 N/a
- 6.3 The warning signal shall be five minutes prior to the start time and the preparatory signal shall be four minutes prior to the start time. **(A courtesy sound signal may be made ten minutes prior to the start time to allow sufficient time for boats to leave the shore.)**
- 6.4 The breaking of the appropriate flag from the top of the yardarm denotes all times.

#### 7. Racing Area

- 7.1 The racing area and approximate location of marks are as stated on the map below.
- 7.2 Competitors are requested to keep clear of fisherman at all times.
- 7.3 The course configuration, the order of rounding marks and the number of rounds to be sailed will be shown on the official notice board not less than 15 minutes before the scheduled warning signal for the race concerned.
- 7.4 In the event of any discrepancy between the written order of mark roundings and the course diagram, it shall be the written order that will prevail, note the diagram is for general information only.



#### 8. Marks

- 8.1 Marks are red or blue cylinders with their numbers written on in white lettering. In addition,
- 8.2 Starting line limit marks may be used these will be a spherical coloured buoys.
- 8.3 Temporary starting or rounding marks may be used as necessary this will normally be a yellow inflatable mark or, as identified on the course board.

**9. The Start**

**Note all the following sequences and sound signals are described in the OOD box.**

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.2 The starting line will normally be either:
- i. A line through the orange triangle on the OD Box and a black and yellow pole on the bank. This line will have inner and outer limits marked.
  - ii. A line between two marks either, of which may be a committee boat.
  - iii. A line between a mark and a staff either on a committee boat or a shore station.
  - iv. For a committee boat start where there is an inner mark, any boat passing between the committee boat and the inner mark will be disqualified.
- 9.3 N/a
- 9.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes Rule A4.1.
- 9.5 Recalls and Starting penalties will be in accordance with Rule 29
- 9.6 General Recall: a new warning signal will be made one minute after Flag First Substitute is lowered. Otherwise, the Flag First Substitute will be lowered after one minute and the race will be restarted with a new warning signal at the end of the sequence. (Rule 29.3.)

**10. Change of position of the next mark**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original to a new position, or lay a new mark, **ensuring that all boats sail the same distance**. The change of position will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in its new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark, may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration.

**11. The Finish**

- 11.1 The finish line will be as stated on the course board and will be in approximately the same place as the start line, although the inner and outer limits may vary slightly.
- 11.2 **Shortening Course:** The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated on the course board, however the courses may be shortened at the discretion race committee of the day.
- 11.3 The race committee of the day will endeavour to finish all boats within the shortest possible time span. This should be carried out as the lead slow menagerie boat (1290 or greater topper, Mirror or Cadet) approaches the final mark of the course before the finish, approximately ½ a leg. Any boat that subsequently crosses the finish line after flag S has been hoisted shall then be finished.
- 11.4 **The decision when to shorten the race, is left entirely to the discretion of the race committee of the day.**

**12. Penalty System**

As provided in Rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken Rule 42. A verbal warning may be issued first however, a second infringement in the same race will result in a disqualification.

**13. Time Limits**

The time limit will be 1½ hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later will be scored Did Not Finish DNF (at the discretion of the OOD). This changes Rule 35.

**14. Protests**

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office and shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the last boat's finishing time.
- 14.2 Protests shall be accompanied by a deposit of £3.00 (returnable at the discretion of the protest committee)
- 14.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

**15. Scoring**

- 15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2 Three races are required to be completed, to constitute a series.
- 15.3 Classes of boats that can race as either single or double-handed or with different rig options, are not entitled to combine their results in any circumstance, and should be scored separately.
- 15.4 **Discards** for each series are to be set as: Half the No. of sailed races in a series plus 1 race (i.e. The Spring Series 9 Sundays x 3 races = 27 races (assuming all races sailed) half = 13.5 say 14 races plus 1 race = 15. Discards set at 15 races (Spring Series results calculated on 12 races).
- 15.5 Fleet series results shall be extracted from the general handicap results.
- 15.6 Boats retiring will receive points equal to the number of starters in the race plus 1.  
Boats scored DNF will receive points equal to the number of starters in the race plus 1.  
Boats disqualified will receive points equal to the number of starters in the race plus 4  
Boats not sailing shall receive points equal to the highest number of starters over the series plus 5.
- 15.7 **OOD Average series points** are to be awarded to each person carrying out an OOD duty. The responsibility for entering the appropriate code into the "Sailwave" software lies with the race committee of the day. It is intended that the award of average points to the OOD will compensate for any discrepancy between the number, and timing of the duties carried out. There is no maximum limit.
- 15.8 **Open meeting points;** Average series points may be claimed by any helm or crew-representing RSC at an open meeting regardless of weather this took place on a Saturday or Sunday. However in the instance that the Sunday race is sailed this will take precedent over any claim for average points. Open meeting average points claims are limited to 3 races per series only. The responsibility for entering the appropriate code into the "Sailwave" software for that Sunday lies with the claimant.

**16. Safety Regulations**

- 16.1 There is no requirement for a representative of each boat to sign a declaration form, if the boat wishes to retire they shall inform the race committee of their intention.

**17. Replacement of Equipment**

- 17.1 The correct sail number should be used unless prior permission is obtained from the Race Committee. Permission will only be granted in the case of a genuine emergency or at the discretion of the race committee.

**18. Not used**

**19. Not used**

**20. Not used**

**21. Not used**

**22. Not used**

- 23. Radio Communication**  
A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 24. Prizes**  
24.1 Prizes will be awarded normally at The Annual Dinner Dance & Prize Giving.  
24.2 Trophy days: Prizes will be awarded to a proportion of qualifiers on the day of the event, although not necessarily to the winning boats.
- 25. Disclaimer of Liability**  
Competitors participate in the races 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 regatta.
- 26. Insurance**  
Each participating boat shall hold adequate insurance and in particular hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £1 million. Each competitor shall sign the declaration situated on the club notice board regarding this cover before taking to the water.
- 27. Local Variations**  
27.1 Protective clothing  
Between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> April all competitors shall wear wetsuits and drysuits of approved types. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification without a hearing. This changes Rule 63.1.  
27.2 Keeping clear  
Boats shall give adequate clearance to fisherman.