

## **PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB – NOTICE OF RACE**

1. Pevensey Bay Sailing Club will be the Organising Authority for PBSC club racing during the season. A racing programme giving the details of the races, including dates and times, will be published and will be available on the club website before the season commences.
2. Events are governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
3. Racing will also be subject to the Club's Sailing Instructions.
4. Racing is open to all full club members and signed in guests. With the exception of class racing, the current RYA Portsmouth Number handicaps will be used. A boat with no PN will be assigned one by the Sailing Committee.
5. The racing programme identifies the start time for each race. Sailors intending to participate in a race shall complete the signing on sheet for that race.
6. The Club Standard Sailing Instructions change the following rule of the RRS:
  - a) Rule 40.1 applies at all times whilst afloat. (Personal buoyancy must be worn).
7. Full club members do not need to enter for a race or series in advance, but shall sign on before participating in each race. The act of signing on indicates that sailors agree:
  - a) to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Sailing Instructions, and the relevant parts of the club handbook, and that
  - b) their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2million against third party claims.
8. Sailors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their equipment is in compliance with their class rules. For classes such as ILCA that do not have measurement certificates, sailors who "sign on" for a race shall be deemed to be confirming that their boats conform to class rules. All other boats competing in club racing shall have a valid measurement certificate issued under their relevant class association procedures. Replica parts that give no advantage are permitted.
9. The Club Standard Sailing Instructions are published on the club website. Hard copies are available from the club office. It is strongly recommended that all members intending to race should obtain and read a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
10. Courses for racing will be indicated on the day of the race.
11. The penalties for breaking a rule of Part 2 of RRS (When boats meet) will apply.
12. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A. Sailors allocated to club duties during a series may claim average points for the race(s) they are unable to participate in. Average points will be calculated at the end of the series on the basis of all races in the series that the sailor sailed in, irrespective of whether or not these races are subsequently discarded.

### **13. Risk Statement**

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

### **14. Privacy Statement**

The personal information you provide to the organizing authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the events. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority’s privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING**

## **1. Rules**

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the appropriate classes except as changed in the Sailing Instructions and by these sailing instructions including changes made in compliance with rules 3 and 4.

## **2. Entries**

### **2.1 Conditions of Entry**

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions during the course of the race. The race organiser shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused to the owner, person in charge or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races.

### **2.2 Eligibility**

#### **2.2.1. Eligibility requirements for boats are that they have:**

A valid measurement certificate (where applicable for the class)

Third party insurance in the sum of not less than £2m, a declaration to this effect being signed on the membership form.

#### **2.2.2 Eligibility requirement for competitors is that they are fully paid up members of the club or their signed in guests..**

### **2.3 Race validity**

Three boats are required to run a race.

### **2.4 Safety regulations**

#### **2.4.1 The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors who should note their responsibilities as laid down in RRS part 1 and particularly rule 4 (decision to race).**

#### **2.4.2 RRS rule 40 is changed in that adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat.**

#### **2.4.3 If in the opinion of the Sailing Committee a boat's buoyancy equipment is not sufficient, the boat will not be allowed to take part in further races until efficiency is established.**

#### **2.4.4 A boat may be entered for a race by signing on. A declaration sheet for this purpose will be available in the Club House lobby. The boat number, class of boat, helmsman and crew must be entered legibly before the start of racing.**

#### **2.4.5 On returning ashore, the declaration sheet must be signed off to indicate that the crew are safely ashore. The crew of a boat retiring from a race must notify the race office as soon as possible and declare this by writing RTD on the declaration sheet. This sheet will be removed 30 minutes after the last boat finishes.**

**2.4.6** A boat will face possible disqualification through failure to comply with any part of section 2.4.

**2.4.7** Failure to comply with any part of section 2.4 shall not be grounds for protest from another boat. This changes RRS rule 60.1.

**2.5 Rule 41** is modified for Club racing. A boat in difficulty may receive outside assistance if requested provided that such help does not further her progress around the course.

### **3. Notice to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the race notice board on the ground floor of the club house in the entrance lobby.

### **4. Changes to sailing instructions.**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 30 minutes before the advertised start time of the race concerned.

### **5. Signals made ashore.**

**5.1** Flag signals will be displayed from the club house flag staff.

**5.2** Light signals will be displayed from the balcony.

### **6. Schedule of races.**

The schedule of races is given in the sailing programme. Any change to the schedule will be published on the main noticeboard and the website at least one week before taking effect.

### **7. Flags.**

For the starting sequence when using flags see Appendix B.

### **8. Racing area.**

**8.1** The sea area between the beach and the yellow buoys to the east of the club is for safe swimming. Boats should not enter this area except in an emergency.

**8.2** Courses shall be within an area no more than 2 nautical miles from the club house.

### **9. The course.**

**9.1** The course, order of rounding marks and either the number of rounds or proposed race duration shall be displayed on the course board in the porch of the club house no later than 20 minutes before the starting signal of the race or races concerned.

**9.2** In the event that a course needs to be reversed after competitors are on the water flags L over R shall be displayed with one sound signal.

**9.3** Where proposed race duration is indicated, the end of a race will be controlled by shortening course. When a shortened course is indicated, by either a flashing light signal or flag S, all boats shall finish next time they cross the finish line while having continued to finish the course.

## **10. Marks.**

The racing marks may be any of the club's buoys and are not defined.

## **11. Race control.**

Club racing will normally be controlled using light sequences instead of flags. The light sequences will be as defined in Appendix A. In the event that the lights are unavailable flags will be used. For more information on flags see Appendix B.

## **12. Race start**

**12.1** The starting sequence will follow the 5-4-1 minute signals.

**12.2** When race control is under lights, the sequence will be as in Appendix A.

**12.3** When race control is under flags, the flag sequence will be defined as in RRS rule 26. See also appendix B.

**12.4** For multiple starts the sequence of starts will be indicated on the notice board.

**12.5** The starting line is defined as a seaward extension of the line between the flagpole on the clubhouse and a transit pole on the beach surmounted by a diamond shape. The seaward limit is defined by a blue floating mark on or near the line. Boats must start inside the limit mark and pass inside it on each round. If an inner limit mark is present boats must start between the two marks.

The starting line from a Committee Boat is between a flagpole on the boat and a blue buoy. Boats must start inside the limit mark and pass inside it on each round.

**12.6** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

**12.7** A boat shall not start later than four minutes after her starting signal.

## **13. Race finish**

**13.1** When a shortened course is indicated either by a flashing light or flag S, all boats will finish when they cross the finish line after completing the lap they are on.

**13.2** The finish line will be between the club house flag pole and the limit mark or the committee boat and the limit mark. Boats that have finished should stay clear and not recross the finishing line in either direction unless correcting an error.

## **14. Penalty systems**

**14.1** Rule 44 applies.

**14.2** For the catamarans RRS rule 42.2 is amended such that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.

## 15. Time limits

RRS rule 35 is changed such that the time limit for the first boat shall be 90 minutes unless prescribed otherwise. Furthermore, in the first of two back-to-back races, boats failing to finish within twenty minutes of the first boat may be scored DNF (did not finish) to enable the second of two back-to-back to be started without undue delay.

## 16. Protests

- 16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered to the race officer within one hour of the time of the last boat's finish.
- 16.2 The protest committee will be formed from at least three members of the club. The chairman of the protest committee must be a member of the sailing committee or their nominee.
- 16.3 The decision of the protest committee will be notified to the parties concerned and will be posted on the club noticeboard.
- 16.4 Arbitration in accordance with Appendix T may take place before a protest hearing if a suitable arbitrator is available.

## 17. Scoring system

- 17.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A except as follow:
- 17.2 For a short series (short series being 6 scheduled races or less), the number of races to count shall be one less than the number of races completed, except when 3 or fewer races are completed in which case they will all count.
- 17.3 For a long series, (7 scheduled races or more) the number of races to count shall be one half of the number of races completed (rounded up) plus one.
- 17.4 Points scoring for unplaced and penalty points will be as follows:
  - DNC** - (Did Not Compete) - A boat that is entered in the series but does not come to the starting area for a race - **number of boats competing in that race + 2**
  - DNS** - (Did Not Start) - A boat that is entered in the series but comes to the starting area for a race but does not start - **number of boats competing in that race + 1**
  - DNF** - (Did Not Finish) - A boat that is entered in the series but comes to the starting area for a race, starts but does not finish the race - **number of boats competing in that race + 1**

## 18. Personal communications

While racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes the use of mobile phones.

## 19. Feedback

This club implements the RYA racing charter and thereby encourages constructive feedback to help improve the racing we provide. Please discuss any issues with a flag officer or official in the race management box. Equally, honesty in sailing application and respect for all other members is expected and is key to fair and enjoyable racing.

## Appendix A

### RACE SIGNALS WHEN USING LIGHTS

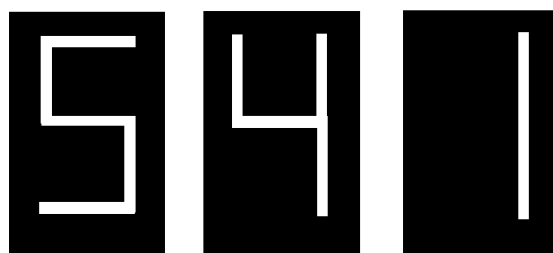
At 5 minutes to the start display reads '5'

Lights displayed on the edge of the balcony

At 4 minutes to the start display reads '5 4'

At 1 minute to the start display reads '5 4 1'

At the start all lights go off



For individual recall display reads 1



For general recall display reads 1 1



For shorten course display shows 1 1 1



For Postponement display shows 1, 1, alternating.

# Appendix B

## RACE SIGNALS WHEN USING FLAGS

IN THE EVENT OF A POWER OR COMPUTER FAILURE  
THE FOLLOWING FLAGS WILL BE USED

