

FAREHAM SAILING AND MOTOR BOAT CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DINGHY RACING

20th March 2018

Version 2.

These Sailing Instructions supersede all previous Club Sailing Instructions.

1 RULES

Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules. For Handicap Racing, where conflict may arise, the Racing Rules of Sailing shall take precedence.

2 CONDITION OF ENTRY

2.1 General

2.1.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety whether afloat or ashore and nothing whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else reduces this responsibility.

2.1.2 It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself.

By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

2.1.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least Three million pounds.

2.1.4 Nothing done by the organisers reduces the responsibility of the boat nor will make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however it may have occurred as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event and include the organising authority, club and its officers, the race committee, the race officer and patrol boats.

2.1.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of her responsibilities.

Although reasonable efforts will be made to provide patrol boat cover, competitors are reminded that, particularly in extreme weather conditions, cover should not be relied upon, and in any event they can only be given such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances. This is particularly relevant in winter and spring sailing where the risk of hypothermia is at its highest.

2.2 Signing On

Taking part in the race signifies acceptance of these conditions.

3 SAFETY

3.1 Personal Flotation Device

All competitors shall carry an adequate Personal Flotation Device. When the "Y" flag is flown from the club mast they shall be worn. Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute an adequate Personal Flotation Device.

3.2 Patrol Craft

The race starting procedure shall not commence unless the safety boat with a minimum of 2 adults aboard is afloat. Any patrol craft is under the direction of the Race Officer and the decision to prioritise assistance to competitors above boats and equipment shall be final.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, or on a sheet appending these rules. The official notice board is normally the course board in or around the club starting mast area.

5 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Course

The course to be sailed will be displayed on the official notice board, along with a description of the marks to be used.

5.2 Change to Position of Marks During a Race

The race committee may move one or more of the course marks during a race. If possible, an official boat will indicate the new course to competitors, but no other signals will necessarily be made. This changes rule 33.

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6 STARTS

6.1 Class Flags

The Lugger class fleet flag will be "C".

The Handicap fleet flag will be "F".

6.2 The Start sequence will be:

Warning signal class flag 5 minutes before the starting signal "C" and or "F". Preparatory signal 4 minutes before the start Flag "P". 1 minute preparatory signal, preparatory Flag "P" removed. Starting class flag removed. AND/OR the starting lights 5,4,1 the last 30 seconds to the start the light will be flashing.

6.3 Starting Line - Club Line

The starting line is defined as the projection of a line through the club mast and the red and white transit pole on the pontoon. There are no limit marks.

6.4 Recalls

6.4.1 Individual Recall.

When at a boats starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line, the race committee shall promptly display flag "X" with one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions or for ten minutes which ever is the shorter.

6.4.2 General Recall.

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (display the First Substitute with two sounds). The warning signal for a new start for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed (one sound), and the starts for any succeeding classes shall follow the new start.

7 CONTACTS WITH MOORED BOATS

Any boat coming into contact with a moored boat whilst racing shall report the incident to the owner of the boat and to the Race Officer. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the race concerned.

8 FINISHING

8.2 Finishing Line – Club Line

The finishing line is defined as the projection of a line through the club mast and the red and white transit pole on the pontoon.

8.3 Shortening Course

Individual fleets may be shortened by displaying their flag.

When hoisting flag "S" on the clubhouse mast and making two sound signals. The leading boat will complete the course when it next crosses the finishing line from the direction of the last mark.

9 PROTESTS

Protests shall be presented to the Race Officer within 1 hour of the last boat completing the race.

10 DECLARATIONS

Declarations are not required. Boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Officer if possible.

11 SCORING

11.1 Handicap Racing

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme will be used. The Sailing Committee will set figures for boats without a published Portsmouth Number.

11.2 Adjustments to Handicaps

The Sailing Committee may, at its absolute discretion, adjust handicaps as it sees fit.

11.3 Scoring System.

A minimum of two boats constitutes a race. Any number of races constitutes a series.

11.4 Discards

For race series the number of discards for a series is half the number of races in the series rounded down less one. For example an 11 race series will have 5½ discards rounded down to 5 then less one to give four discards.