WALDRINGFIELD SAILING CLUB "WSC"

The Organising Authority is WSC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RACING 2017

General

1. WSC has adopted and applies the RYA Racing Charter.
2. WSC reserves the right to refuse entries, cancel any race, and determine all other questions that may arise. Their decision shall be final.
3. All racing shall be held under the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 -2020 ("RRS") as issued by the International Sailing Federation ("ISAF") together with RYA Prescriptions and Class Rules except as amended by these Sailing Instructions. The expression "Class Rules" includes (in addition to any national Class Rules) any Rules approved by both the relevant Waldringfield Class at a general meeting of that Class, and the Sailing Committee.
4. Multi-hulled boats are not acceptable for any Club race.
5. An Entrant in a race shall be a Member of WSC (other than Suspended or Associate) or have paid the agreed fee for entry to a race or series of races.
6. A "novice" helm is a helm that has not previously won any sailing race as a helm at any club.
7. The act of recovering a crew member from the water or a boat from a capsize by another boat (racing or not) will not be penalised under RRS 41.
8. **Safety**. RRS 40 is modified as follows: Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by **all** dinghy competitors when afloat. Wet suits and non-inflated inflation type buoyancy aids are not sufficient. As a minimum, keelboats shall carry adequate personal buoyancy for the number of crew aboard. **It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of junior members to ensure compliance with this rule.** Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the race.
9. **Notices to Competitors** shall be posted on the Fixed Course Board outside the clubhouse.
10. **Changes to Sailing Instructions**. A change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than the time the relevant Course is displayed.
11. **Signals**.
    a) Signals made ashore will be made from the Crow's Nest.
    b) Signals made afloat will be made on the Committee Boat or from a boat designated by the Race Officer to Finish a Race or to alter the Course.
12. **Schedule of races**. Races shall be started as indicated in the current Sailing Programme.
13. **Courses**.
    a) The Course shall be displayed on the Fixed Course Board outside the Clubhouse, or on a Committee Boat at the Start Line. The written version shall prevail should any discrepancy occur between the written and drawn Courses. When the Committee Boat on the Start line displays a Course, that Course shall prevail.
    b) Code Flag R together with a sound signal means that boats should come to the Committee Boat or Clubhouse where a new Course will be displayed.
    APPENDIX A to these Local Rules defines the interpretation of letters, numbers, symbols, and colours used on the Committee Boat Course Board.
14. **Starts**.
    a) Wednesday Evening Series will use the standard procedure detailed in RRS 26.
    b) For Saturday Series races, RRS 26 is modified. Races shall be started as follows: -

Warning/Preparatory Signal	Class Flag and Flag P* displayed,	1 sound	3 min before Start
One minute Signal	Flag P* removed	1 sound	1 min before Start
Start Signal	Class flag removed	1 sound	Start

    *N.B. Flag P may be substituted by Flag I (RRS 30.1), Flag Z (RRS 30.2), Flag U (RRS 30.3), Flags Z and I together, or Black flag (RRS 30.4).

    c). For all Races and Series, RRS 29.2 is altered. In the event of a General Recall(s), the Class(es) shall be started after the last scheduled Start, in order of their recalls. The recalled Class Warning Signal shall be displayed at the Starting Signal of the last scheduled Class Start.
    d). With the exception of Pursuit and Handicap Races, two boats of a Class must be in the 'Starting Area' at their Preparatory Signal to constitute a Race.
    e) Trophy Races. Due to the varied parameters and constraints of trophy races, the Starting arrangement will be advised on the day. (See also WSC Trophy Race Sailing Instructions and Other Details).
15. **Start / Finish lines**.
    a) The Club Start/Finish line is from the mast displaying an orange flag at the Crow's Nest, in transit with two white posts with triangular top-marks on the island. If that Line is used for Starting, Finishing or as part of the Course, it must be crossed or passed through on the channel side of the Fixed Transit Posts on the island.
    b) For a Crow's Nest Start only. Instead of the Club Line, a Biased Line may be used. The outer limit of which will be a Mark displaying an orange flag. The Start Line will be between this Outer Limit Mark and the Crow's Nest mast displaying an orange flag. This Line shall be specified on the Course Board.
    c) The Start/Finish line may be established from the mast of a Committee Boat displaying an orange flag either to an Outer Limit Mark also displaying an orange flag, or to a Mark of the Course.
    d) An Inner Limit Mark may be laid for the Start or the Finish of a race, adjacent to the Committee boat. If laid, this mark will be a Mark of the Course. No boat may pass between it and the Committee Boat after the first Warning Signal. This does not constitute an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18, 19 and 20.

e) A Committee Boat shall indicate it is on station at the Finish Line by flying a blue flag.

16. **Race Entry/Declarations**.
All Competitors shall ensure their name and sail number are entered on the appropriate Class Declaration Forms provided before racing and the Entrant shall sign their intention to race. The Declaration Forms shall be signed, using the abbreviations listed in RRS Appendix A11, within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. This time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Race Officer. Failure to sign the Declaration Form correctly within the Time Limit shall result the Entrant's disqualification without hearing.

17. **Time Limits**. RRS 35 applies and is supplemented by the following:
In any race confined to the river any boat failing to finish within 2 hours of the Start shall be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF). Boats shall finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in their Class; otherwise they will be scored DNF. These time limits may be extended at the discretion of the Race Officer.

18. **Scoring**.
a) The Low Point System (RRS Appendix A4) shall apply. All scores shall be as detailed in RRS Appendix A4.1 with the following amendments;
b) Discards. The number of races completed in a Series and the number of scoring races required to be completed shall be as stated in the current Sailing Programme.
c) For club racing series where there is a gap of greater than 1 day between programmed races, Appendix A9 applies.
d) Two races must be completed to constitute a Series.
e) An Entrant who cannot race because he or she is on duty in a Support Boat, in the Crow's Nest or in the Galley shall be entitled to claim average points for the race or races in question, but must do so by entering on the Declaration Form the duty performed, his/her name and the words "average points".
For the purposes of this rule "average points" means points equal to the average, to the nearest tenth of a point (round 0.05 upwards), of the best of the races to count in that series less the number of races being claimed on that day.
f) The Entrant for a series shall be the helm and the boat, he/she shall helm the boat for all qualifying races (subject to class rules).
g) With the approval of the relevant Class Captain, an Entrant may substitute another boat of the same Class for one or more races in a series. It is the Entrant's responsibility to notify the Results Secretary that they wish such race results to be allocated to the originally entered sail number.

19. **Protests**.
a) Informal Hearing. APPENDIX B to these Local Rules sets out the arrangements for an Informal Protest Hearing. The RYA Protest Advisory Procedure shall not be used. Formal Protests made under RRS shall be written on forms available from the Crow's Nest and delivered there within one hour after the last boat Finishes (or the last boat in the last race in the case of ''back to back'' races). Protest Hearings will be arranged by the King Crow or an Officer of the Club; the Protestor and Protestee, along with their Witnesses, shall make themselves available as required.

20. **Contact with moored boa**ts.
For the purpose of this rule all moored boats shall be regarded as obstructions.
a) A boat which is racing any part of whose equipment makes contact with any part of a moored boat shall:
i) Execute a 360 degree turn when safe to do so and in any event before the next Turning Mark of the Course, or
ii) Retire, or
iii) Protest if she was forced to make contact by a boat that should have kept clear.
b) If contact occurred between any part of the racing boat and the moored boat, the Entrant shall cause an entry of the fact to be made on an *Incident Report Form* in the Clubhouse within one hour of the Finish of the last boat in the last race of the day giving the following information:
i) The name, address, telephone number and sail number of the boat which was racing and made contact with a moored boat, and
ii) Some identification of the moored boat concerned, and
iii) A note of the damage, if any.
c) An incident where a collision, between any part of a racing boat and a moored boat is avoided by fending off by the crew, does not require completion of an *Incident Report Form* to be made.
d) Failure to complete an *Incident Report Form* when such a report is required by Rule 20 b) will result in disqualification from that race.

21. **Risk Statement**
Rule 4 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 involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
g) Their boat is adequately insured with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

APPENDIX A

Designation of Numbers, Letters, Symbols and Colours used on the Committee Boat Course Board

A BLACK NUMERAL on a WHITE background shall indicate the number of laps to be sailed.

A WHITE LETTER 'L' on a BLACK background shall indicate that the club line is a Mark of the Course.

A WHITE NUMERAL on a RED or GREEN background shall correspond with Navigation Marks

A WHITE LETTER on a RED or GREEN background shall correspond with established Club Marks whose position is marked on the Fixed Course Board.

''START GATE'' on a black tile, indicates that a line as indicated in Rule 15. (c), (Start/Finish lines), will be part of the Course.

COLOURED FLAG SYMBOLS on a RED or GREEN background shall correspond with Special Marks having the same coloured flag.

A RED background indicates that the Mark shall be left to port and a GREEN background indicates that the Mark shall be left to starboard.

Additional symbols or words or other information may be added to the mobile Course Board to interpret the Course correctly.

APPENDIX B

Informal Protest Hearings (Rule 19(a))

The parties to the Protest shall first agree to an Informal Hearing and shall notify the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the Finish of the race or, if back-to-back races follow, within 30 minutes of the Finish of the last race before coming ashore.

The informal procedure shall be conducted verbally, not using RYA Protest Forms.

The procedure shall follow the general principles of a formal Racing Rules of Sailing protest.

Evidence will be required that

a) The Protestor hailed "Protest" immediately and,

b) The Protest was lodged within the time limit

One Adjudicator (selected from a nominated panel) shall act as the Informal Protest Committee.

The parties shall be present throughout the hearing.

Each party shall present their evidence verbally, with the aid of models or diagrams as necessary. Evidence shall be open to cross-examination by the other party and the Adjudicator. The Adjudicator shall determine the order in which evidence is given.

Evidence may be supported by witnesses at the discretion of the Adjudicator. Witnesses shall appear only during the presentation of their own evidence, and during cross-examination. Witnesses may not ask questions; only make statements of evidence.

At the conclusion of the presentation of evidence and cross-examination, the Adjudicator shall ensure that each party has been given adequate opportunity to present their case.

The Adjudicator may then either;

a) Announce the decision verbally without adjournment, or

b) Adjourn the hearing in order to consider the decision, or

c) Refer the protest to a Formal Protest Committee.

If adjourned, the decision shall be announced at a resumed hearing, or by posting a written notice on the Results Board.

Either party to the protest may appeal for a formal Protest Committee hearing if he or she disagrees with the decision of the Adjudicator.

APPENDIX C

Class Rules

Laser and Radial Classes allow replica sails for all Club racing.