

WALDRINGFIELD SAILING CLUB – CADET AND RS200 U21 OPEN MEETING

29th -30th October 2022

EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

Racing will be governed by The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS as issues by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF); the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the International Cadet Class and the rules on the RS200 Class Association; the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Event Sailing Instructions (ESI). Racing will take place in accordance with the objectives, principles and practices of the RYA Racing Charter, with particular reference to fair & sportsmanlike conduct both on the water & ashore.

2. Safety

2.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times from the point of tallying out until they tally back in. This changes RRS 40, Signals (Flag Y). **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.

2.2. Tallies

2.2.1. Both Helm and Crew shall present themselves to the beachmaster who will be using a tick sheet to tally competitors out before they go afloat.

2.2.2. No boat shall go afloat unless both helm and crew have tallied out.

2.2.3. Immediately on coming ashore both helm & crew must present themselves to the beachmaster with the tally tick sheet and ensure they are recorded as tallied in.

2.2.4. If a competitor does not comply with 2.2.2 & 2.2.3, the Race Committee may report that fact to the Protest Committee under RRS 60.2 (c).

2.2.5. Another boat may not protest infringements of ESI 2.2 (Tallies) - Changes RRS 60.1(a).

2.3. The Race Committee may hold a boat ashore, or require a boat to go ashore at any time when afloat, whether racing or not, if it considers that

(a) the boat, her equipment, or the clothing of helm and/or crew, or

(b) the physical condition of the helm and/or crew is not adequate for the conditions.

Such boats will be scored DNC, DNS, DNF as appropriate.

2.4. Helms shall not be replaced.

2.5. Except by advanced written permission of the Race Committee: i) A crew may not be substituted. ii) A helm may only use one boat. In the event that permission to substitute a crew is given, where possible the substitute crew will be a crew from another boat not a helm.

2.6. Spinnakers need not carry sail numbers as required by RRS 77 and H1.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the Clubhouse and on the Waldringfield Cadets WhatsApp group

4. Changes to the Sailing instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board and on the Waldringfield Cadets WhatsApp Group not later than the time that the relevant course is displayed.

5. Signals

Signals can either be made ashore from the Crow's Nest or afloat from a Committee Boat.

6. Race Schedule

See notice of Race

7. Class Flags

Cadet - ICF "Y"

RS200 – WSC RS200 Flag

8. Racing Area

Racing will be on the River Deben. The likely race area will be indicated at the daily briefing.

9. Courses

9.1. The Course shall either be displayed on the fixed course board outside the Clubhouse or on the mobile board located on the committee boat at the start line. Should any discrepancy occur between the written and drawn courses, the written version shall prevail. When the mobile course board is being used, the course displayed there will prevail. Different courses may be used for RS200s and to Cadets.

9.2 Whilst afloat the race committee may alter a course from that previously displayed on the course board. Flag R, together with a sound signal, shall mean that a new course has been set and is displayed from a course board on the committee boat.

10. Marks

Either Fixed racing marks or Special racing marks or a combination of both shall be used to set the course

10.1 Fixed racing marks. 'Kirkton Creek' is a white spherical buoy. 'Galleons Hard', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'F', 'Tips' and 'Methersgate' are all spherical yellow buoys. The positions of these buoys are indicated on the club course board.

10.2 Special racing marks. These are portable spherical white buoys wearing an individual coloured flag (Red, Blue, White, Green, Pink and Black). They may be positioned anywhere in the race area. A tall cylindrical yellow mark will be used for the first mark of the course where possible.

10.3 The start line may also be used as part of the course. The club line shall be indicated as 'CL'. A committee boat start line shall be indicated as "LINE"

10.4 A tall orange inflatable training mark in the vicinity of a mark laid for the cadet course should be used as the relevant mark for the RS200s instead of the cadet course mark, to be rounded in the same direction as instructed.

11. The Start

11.1 Races shall be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26.

11.2 The Club start/finish line is from the mast displaying an orange flag in front of the Crow's Nest in transit with two white posts with triangular top marks on the island. Boats starting or finishing must do so on the channel side of the transit posts

11.3 A biased line may be used instead of the club line for starting races only, by substituting the fixed transit posts on the island with an outer limit mark displaying an orange flag forming a line with the Crow's Nest mast. This line shall be specified on the course board.

13. Scoring

13.1. The series will be scored using the low point system of the RRS Appendix A.

13.2. When four or more races are completed, one discard score shall be allowed.

14. Time limits

14.1. Boats that do not finish within 30 minutes of the finishing time of the first boat shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14.2. Where 20% or fewer of the boats that have started the race have not finished in a reasonable time of the finish of the first boat, the race officer may award a finishing position to those boats that are still racing. The race officer's decision is final and no application for redress can be made. This modifies RRS 35 & 62.

14.3 There is no time limit for the time of the first boat finishing.

15. Protests

15.1 Protests shall be notified to the designated Protest RIB (flying flag K) immediately after crossing the finishing line of the race in which the incident occurred, boats not finishing shall do likewise where practical or notify any member of the race or safety team. Protests shall subsequently be written on forms available at the Crow's Nest and delivered there within one hour of the last boat finishing that race. In the event of back to back races the forms shall be delivered within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race.

15.2 Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the end of the race (last race in the case of 'back to back' racing) to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

16. Declarations

The tally system will be used. Any competitor who retires during or after a race shall inform the Race Officer (or a Support/Rescue boat) accordingly.

17. Contact with moored boats

17.1 For the purpose of this rule all moored boats shall be regarded as obstructions. A boat which is racing, any part of whose equipment makes contact with any part of a moored boat, shall :

- (i) execute one turn (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) when it is 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 which should have kept clear.

For the purposes of this rule, the boat's equipment includes all its crew members.

17.2 If contact between any part of the racing boat and any part of the moored boat, the entrant shall make an entry of that fact in the "Incident Report Form" in the Clubhouse, giving the following information:

- i. the name, address, telephone number and sail number of the boat that made contact with a moored yacht, and
- (ii) some identification of the moored yacht concerned, and
- (iii) a note of the damage, if any.

The entry must be made within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. Failure to do so shall result in disqualification from that race.

18. Safety

A boat which receives outside assistance shall usually retire from that race and may be protested if it does not do so, save for in circumstances where a rescue boat gives assistance, without being requested to by the boat involved, on the grounds of safety. In such circumstances the boat involved need not retire and may not be protested for receiving assistance.