

GURNARD SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CLUB RACING 2010

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1 RULES

1.1 RACING

Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race, these sailing instructions (SIs) and the appropriate class rules. In the event of conflict these sailing instructions will prevail.

1.2 All races are deemed to be Category 'C' under RRS 79.

1.3 Classes with varieties of sail options will be given the lowest PY number for that class. Any helm wishing to use a smaller or training sail and relevant handicap must inform the race box by the beginning of the first race in the series and the same sail then used for the complete series.

2 CONDITIONS

2.1 GENERAL

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or competitor racing the boat. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way reduces the complete responsibility of the owner or competitor for his boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor, his skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, it is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Competitors should note that Gurnard Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of sailing 2009-2012) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

2.2 INSURANCE

All boats are required to have third party insurance, without restriction, for £2,000,000.

2.3 MEASUREMENT OR RATING CERTIFICATE.

All boats must comply with class measurement and buoyancy rules.

2.4 DISTINGUISHING MARKS

Under exceptional circumstances, the race officer may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77.

2.5 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

All boats are to keep clear of commercial shipping.

2.6 CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

No boat shall be sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for others.

2.7 LAND TO THE WEST OF BEAULIEU RIVER ENTRANCE

Competitors are advised that the land to the west of Beaulieu river entrance going west to Montague Beach House is a designated nature reserve and landing is forbidden. To land in this area renders trespassers liable to prosecution and a fine of £1000.

3 SAFETY

3.1 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing a personal flotation device suitable for the conditions. Wetsuits/drysuits, sailboard or trapeze harnesses do not constitute adequate personal flotation devices. The race officers will disqualify a boat that does not comply with this instruction without a protest.

3.2 EQUIPMENT

All boats must carry a painter at least 4.m (13ft) long and should carry a paddle.

4 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the official notice board. The official notice board is located on the north east corner of the clubhouse. Notices will also be copied to the notice board in the changing room entrance and to Gurnard Marsh, via the Dart Class representative, when practicable.

4.2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board one hour before the starting time of the first race and will be indicated by flying International Code Flag “L”, above the appropriate numeral pennant for the number of the latest amendment, from the club flagstaff.

5 STARTS

5.1 START TIMES

The start times and the starting order for the classes will be displayed on the official notice board. When a race has been postponed or needs to be re-sailed information will be displayed on the official notice board.

5.2 RANKING AS A STARTER

A boat that is on the water after her preparatory signal and in the area of the start shall count as a starter.

A BOAT NOT AFLOAT BY HER PREPARATORY SIGNAL SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A NON STARTER. All boats must keep well clear of the start line when another class is starting.

A Boat starting later than ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4

5.3 STARTING PROCEDURE

RRS 26 is varied in that races shall be started using the 10—5—Go sequence. (Warning Signal at ten minutes to start with class flag. Preparatory signal at five minutes to start with ‘P’ Flag or Black Flag (see SI 5.5.2). The class flag will be lowered at the start.)

5.4 GENERAL RECALLS

5.4.1 RRS 29.2 is modified in that any class recalled will be relegated to the end of the starting sequence. A recalled class should keep well clear of the starting area until after the start of the last class in the published order and then await a new WARNING signal.

5.4.2 Subsequent class starts will continue in the set order. The starting signal of the recalled class will still be the PREPARATORY signal of the subsequent class.

5.5 STARTING PENALTIES

5.5.1 Competitors’ attention is drawn to RRS 30 STARTING PENALTIES. In particular, after a general recall for a class RRS 30.3 may apply to any or all subsequent starts for that class.

5.5.2 A Black flag will be broken as the preparatory signal and lowered one minute before the start, without a sound signal, to denote when RRS 30.3 is in effect.

6 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 COURSE AREA

The course area will be the Western Solent.

6.2 START LINE

6.2.1 The starting line will be a fixed transit between a black and white board on the clubhouse and an orange pole fixed to the sea wall.

6.2.2 The outer distance mark, which is not necessarily on the starting line, will be a spherical buoy.

6.3 THE COURSE

6.3.1 The course to be sailed will consist of fixed Solent marks and specially laid racing marks which have been allocated code letters, numbers and symbols as listed on a separate card available from the race box or bar.

6.3.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by displaying the appropriate letters and symbols in a frame on the clubhouse after the preparatory signal for the class. The colour will indicate which way the marks are to be left and the course will be read from left to right, top row to bottom row.

White letter on a green background—leave to starboard

Red letter on a white background—leave to port.

6.3.3 If a board with ONE or TWO triangles is shown in the course then the sequence displayed before the triangles should be sailed TWO or THREE times respectively before proceeding to any marks shown after the triangles.

6.3.4 RRS 28.1 is varied in that all marks in all courses will be rounding marks with the exception of the Western Outer Limit Buoy (●) which may be a passing mark.

6.4 NUMBER OF ROUNDS

6.4.1 The number of rounds to be sailed will be indicated by the number of dots shown in the last frame of the course board.

6.4.2 If no board with dots is shown in the last frame of the course board, the course should be sailed as shown.

6.4.3 To complete a round, a boat must pass through the imaginary line between the black and white board on the clubhouse and the Western Outer Limit Buoy (●) at the appropriate stage of the course. A subsequent round starts the moment a boat passes through this line.

6.5 FINISHING

6.5.1 FINISHING LINE

The finishing line, which is NOT the same as the starting line, is defined as the imaginary line between the black and white board on the clubhouse and the Western Outer Limit Buoy marked with a ●.

6.5.2 KEEPING CLEAR AFTER FINISHING

A boat once finished must keep clear of the finishing line and boats finishing.

7 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The Two Turns Penalty (two turns in the same direction to include two tacks and two gybes), RRS 44.2 will apply to all monohulls, but is amended to a One Turn Penalty (to include one tack and one gybe) for catamarans in all races.

8 TIME LIMIT.

8.1 RRS 35 is varied in that the time limit for boats

- (i) in handicap classes, will be 30 minutes, on CORRECTED time, after the finishing time of the first boat in the class,
- (ii) in all other classes, will be 30 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat in the class.

8.2 At any stage that the course demands that boats should pass through the imaginary line between the black and white board on the clubhouse and the Western Outer Limit Buoy (●), (whether at the end of a round or not) the times of all boats will be recorded as they cross this line. If the first boat takes more than two hours to complete the course or shortened course, but has, at the appropriate stage of the course, passed through this line within two hours of the race starting, the latest time of passing through the line that is less than two hours after the start will be taken as her finishing time. The result of the race will be determined by the time, corrected if necessary, of boats as they pass through this line at this stage of the course.

Time limits as in 8.1 will apply.

8.3 If, after two hours from the start, no boat has finished the course or the shortened course, or passed through the imaginary line defined in SI 8.2 at any appropriate stage of the course, the race will be abandoned and will not be resailed.

9 PROTESTS

9.1 RRS 61.2 and 61.3 are varied in that protests must be written on RYA protest forms and along with a £5 deposit must be submitted to the race officer within one hour of the end of the race. This time limit will only be extended in special circumstances.

9.2 It is the duty of both the protester and the protestee to ascertain from the race committee the time and place of the hearing and to produce their witnesses at this time.

10 DECLARATIONS and RETIREMENTS

Declarations are not required. However, skippers of boats that retire, or, for any other reason, do not finish are required to indicate this to the race box as soon as possible or by informing any safety boat on the water before coming ashore.

11 SCORING SYSTEMS

11.1 The low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

11.2 SERIES SCORING

11.2.1 If, for any reason, a race is abandoned without a start and is not re-sailed, the number of races in that Series (see Sailing Calendar) and the number of discards, where appropriate, will be reduced accordingly.

12 DISCARDS

In a Series of 4 or 5 races, one discard will be allowed. In Series of 6 or 7 races, two discards will be allowed. In Series of 8 or more races, 3 discards will be allowed. Otherwise there will be no discards.

13 RESULTS

Provisional results (subject to any protest procedures) will be published as soon as possible and displayed on the Results Board located inside the clubhouse.