



EMSWORTH SLIPPER SAILING CLUB

The Quay Mill, South Street, Emsworth, Hants PO10 7EG

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

for

Topper Open Meeting

Sunday 7th JUNE 2009

1st Start, 1000

Sign on from 0815

Briefing 0915

High Water 1211, Height 4.4m

***Sponsored by
Harbour Chandlers, Sailing Solutions
and Raymarine***

Honorary Membership is extended to
all competitors and their families for the day.

Refreshments will be provided for all
competitors after racing at the clubhouse.

Commodore: James Mant

Race Officer: Dave Cockerill

Event Organiser: Paul Mothersele

RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of the Race, these sailing instructions and the appropriate class rules. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of the Race these sailing instructions shall prevail.

2.0 ENTRIES

2.1 Entries will be accepted at the clubhouse or at a launch/cruiser in the vicinity of the committee boat.

3.0 NOTICEBOARD & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ESSC dinghy notice board

4.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of racing.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES/ WARNING SIGNALS

The schedule of races for 7th June 2009, the starting times and warning signals are:

Start	Class	Pennant
1000 Race No. 1	Topper	Numeral 1

Thereafter, subject to the Race Officer being satisfied with the position of the racing marks, the warning signal for subsequent races will be made shortly after the last competitor in the previous race has finished.

5.2 Up to 6 races will be sailed.

At least 3 boats must be entered otherwise racing will be cancelled.

6.0 RACING AREA

Courses will be laid in the vicinity of Sweare Deep as indicated on the chart attached to these instructions. Alternatively courses may be laid to the west in area A or to the south in area B, dependent upon wind conditions.

7.0 MARKS

7.1 Marks shall be orange inflatable buoys, each marked with a letter.

8.0 THE COURSE

8.1 The course and the number of rounds will be indicated on a board on the committee boat before the warning signal.

8.2 COURSE A – Round marks in order ABCD (x no. of rounds) Finish Line
COURSE B – Round marks in order ABCBCD (x no. of rounds) Finish Line
COURSE C – Round marks in order ABD (x no. of rounds) Finish Line.

8.3 The direction in which marks shall be rounded shall be indicated by:

RED FLAG all marks to PORT
GREEN FLAG all marks to STARBOARD.

9.0 THE STARTING LINE

- 9.1 The Starting Line lies between a mast on the committee boat bearing the ESSC Club Burgee (Green Pennant with White Slipper) and an orange flag and an outer distance mark with an orange flag. An inner distance mark may also be laid.
A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.

10.0 THE FINISHING LINE

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat flying a blue flag and an outer distance mark flying an orange flag.

11.0 MARK BOATS

- 11.1 There will be no "mark boats", however, where possible, patrol boats will be stationed close to some marks.

12.0 CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 12.1 No adjustments to the course will be made for wind shifts after a race has started.

13.0 SHORTENED COURSE (*amending RR32.2*)

- 13.1 A patrol boat will position itself at a mark of the course, with flag 'S'. A sound signal may be made. Competitors shall round that mark in the designated direction and proceed directly to the finish line, crossing the line in the direction from the last mark.

14.0 DECLARATIONS & TALLY BANDS (*Signing ashore*)

- 14.1 Competitors are required to sign a declaration and return their tally bands immediately on coming ashore and in any event no later than 30 minutes on reaching the club. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from all races.

15.0 TIME LIMITS (*amending RR35*)

- 15.1 The time limit will be 50 minutes for the first boat to finish each race. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored "Did Not Finish".

16.0 PROTESTS & RETIREMENTS

- 16.1 Retirements shall be reported to the Committee or patrol boat at the first opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a competitor being given points for a non-starter. Competitors must inform a patrol or committee boat if they intend leaving the course area before racing has finished.

- 16.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Club House and lodged as soon as possible and in any event within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore.

- 16.3 Protest Hearings will take place as soon as possible after the protest has been lodged.

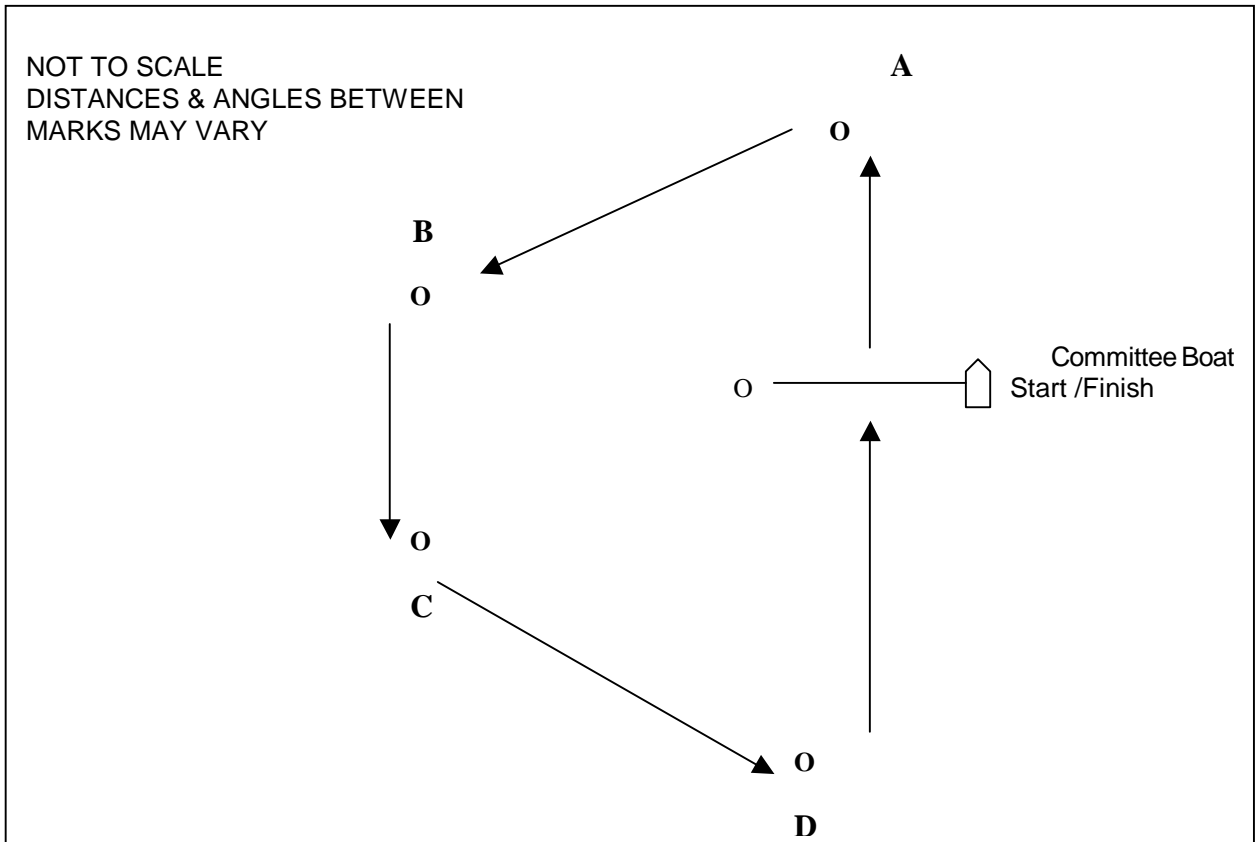
17.0 SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1 The low point scoring system, rule A2, will apply. Up to 6 races are scheduled. If three or less races are held, all results are to count. If four or more races take place, the worst result is to be discarded.

18.0 PRIZES

- 18.1 Individual prizes will be awarded to at least the first three places overall.

COURSE CONFIGURATION



RACE AREAS

