

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - DINGHY

1.0 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, the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, Chichester Harbour Bye Laws, and the appropriate class rules. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of the Race these sailing instructions shall prevail.

1.2 The organising club, identified according to the programme Race Officer, will be either Emsworth Sailing Club (ESC) or Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club (ESSC), and will affect the course notification and start line.

2.0 LIABILITY

2.1 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, every owner / competitor warrants the suitability of his boat for the race or races.

3.0 SAFETY

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

3.2 It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

3.3 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2m.

3.4 Nothing done by the organisers will reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it 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, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beachmasters.

3.5 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of the boat set out in this paragraph.

3.6 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

3.7 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.

4.0 CONDITION OF ENTRY

4.1 Race entries may be made on an Entry Form posted at their respective clubs

4.2 A valid Entry will:

(a) advise the sail number of the boat to be raced which is an Eligible Boat

(b) name the Helmsman and the crew if applicable and

(c) be made (and any required entry fee is paid) at least 40 minutes before the scheduled start time of any race that has a Committee Boat start or by the warning flag for any other race.

4.3 An Eligible Boat:

(a) is of a class, not excluded by the Notice of Race, which is listed under "Centre-Board" in the current RYA Portsmouth Number List and is helmed by an Eligible Competitor.

4.4 An Eligible Competitor is a member or temporary member of ESSC or ESC not excluded by the Notice of Race who if under the age of 18 on the 1st January of the current year is named on a list, which each respective club maintains of persons covered by a valid Junior Declaration.

5.0 NOTICE BOARD & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

5.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on either clubs dinghy notice board.

6.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

7.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES / WARNING SIGNALS / SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 The first start sequence shall be at the times published in the respective sailing programmes, with the second start sequence after a 5-minute interval.

7.2 At least 6 boats must be entered for a Committee Boat start or 3 boats for any other race otherwise racing will be cancelled.

7.3 Signals made ashore will be made from the ESC Bridge or from the ESSC Millpond Race Hut.

8.0 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is within Chichester Harbour, and will use the Federation, local Club marks and where designated navigation marks.

9.0 MARKS

9.1 Marks shall be round yellow inflatable buoys or the appropriate navigation mark, each marked with their name.

10.0 THE COURSE

10.1 The course will be indicated on a board at the organising club before the warning signal.

10.2 Some races will have specific Sailing Instructions and courses, and they will supersede these SI's.

11.0 THE STARTING & FINISHING LINES

11.1 The Starting Lines depend on the organising club:-

CLUBLINE is an extension of a line from the ESC Club Flagstaff to a triangle-headed pole on the eastern side of the terrace. The IDM is a small buoy laid south of the terrace near the line and the ODM is a triangle-headed pole further south near the line. No boat shall pass between the buoy and the terrace after the preparatory signal for the first (or only) race in the starting sequence.

STREAMLINE is the extension of a line from the ESC Flagstaff to the IDM, a triangle-headed pole on Fisherman's Walk. Boats shall be between that pole and a yellow buoy with red horizontal stripe marked ODM further east. ESSC LINE is the Eastwards extension of a line between two transit poles with triangular top marks in front of the ESSC Millpond Race Hut. Beacon Point buoy is used as the outer distance mark, however is not necessarily on the line and boats must pass it to the West. The finishing line will be in a Northerly direction.

COMMITTEE LINE is from a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored boat and:

- a) for the start - a specially laid outer distance mark. There may be an inner distance mark.
- b) for the finish - a mark specified in the Course Specification or, if the Patrol / Committee Boat displays flag S, a nearby mark of the course. Such a mark may be a rounding, passing or finishing mark.

11.2 If the designated course names a Line to be crossed between the Start and the Finish and Flag S is hoisted, that signal means "Finish the race at the Line named in the course which the leading boat is next required to cross after the signal is made".

11.3 If the course is shortened other than at the one of the designated finishing lines, a Patrol / Committee Boat will position itself at a mark of the course, with flag 'S' hoisted, a sound signal may be made. The race will finish between the buoy and the flag on the Patrol / Committee Boat in the direction from the last mark.

11.4 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

12.0 MARK BOATS

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

13.0 CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

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

14.0 SHORTENED COURSE

14.1 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.

15.0 DECLARATIONS (Signing ashore)

15.1 Competitors are required to sign a declaration 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. DNS (did not start), DNF (did not finish), RET (retired) should be added if appropriate.

16.0 TIME LIMITS

16.1 A race will be abandoned if no boat has finished within a Time Limit of 2 hours 30 minutes after the start when there is a single race or within a Time Limit of 1 hour 30 minutes after the start when there are consecutive races.

16.2 A boat will be scored DNF if she has not finished within a Time Span of 1 hour after the first boat finished for a race with a 2 hour 30 minute Time Limit or within a Time Span of 45 minutes after the first boat finished for a race with a 1 hour 30 minute Time Limit.

17.0 PROTESTS & RETIREMENTS

17.1 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.

17.2 Protests shall be written on RYA Protest 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.

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

18.0 SCORING SYSTEM

18.1 RRS A3, A4, A4.1 using the Low Point System A5, A6, A7, A9, A10 and A11 will

apply except that scores will be assigned to the Helm / boat combination in all cases, not to the helmsman. RRS A4.2 will not apply. (e.g. Only one helm and boat combination shall count towards a particular race series. If a competitor sails more than one class of boat in any particular race series, points awarded to one helm and boat combination cannot be added to points gained with a different class of boat. The best set of results will count, except in the case of a tie where rule 12.3 will apply.)

18.2 The results of races will be recorded in a Notice headed Race Sheet and shall be regarded as provisional until checked by a person other than the Race Officer acting for the Sailing Committees.

18.3 Races will be numbered as scheduled. Races not sailed or abandoned will be so recorded on the Race Sheet.

19.0 SERIES RESULTS

19.1 RRS A.1 is altered to read: The number of races scheduled will be as indicated in the Club Programmes or a separate notice.

19.2 Unless a Notice states otherwise, final positions in an event comprising two or more races in which the same boats may compete (a Series) will be based upon the sums of the best race place points of each Helm / Boat combination (who may have sailed more than one boat) for a certain number of races sailed in the Series. That number will be calculated as follows:

(a) For a Series of less than 20 races sailed - one more than a third (to the nearest whole number) of those races.

(b) For a Series of 20 or more races sailed - three more than a fifth (to the nearest whole number) of those races.

19.3 Ties in a Series will be broken as follows:

(a) following RRS A8.1, the word 'Helmsman' or 'Helmsmen' being substituted for 'boat' or 'boats'

(b) when a tie still remains it will be broken in favour of the Helmsman with one excluded score exists, the next best excluded score, and so on until the tie is resolved or all the excluded scores have been used up. (c) when a tie still remains RRS A8.3 will be followed.

19.4 RRS A.2 and A8.2 will not apply.

19.5 Any Overall trophy or prize for a group of separate events (single races or Series) each of which has its own trophies or prizes will be awarded on the basis of each Helm / Boat combinations best final position place points (1 for a first, 2 for a second etc) for a certain number of all the events sailed in the group. That number will be calculated as one more than a third (fractions being raised to the nearest whole number) of those events.

19.6 Ties for an Overall trophy covered by SI 19.5 will be resolved by the procedure specified in SI 19.3, but with places referring to final positions in the separate events, except that if the procedure described in SI 19.3(b) fails to break the tie, the procedure described in RRS A8.1 will be applied across all the individual races of all the discarded events in the group which were open to all the tied Helmsmen; if a tie still remains, the procedure described in RRS A8.1 will be applied across all the individual races of all the events in the group which were open to all the tied Helmsmen.

20.0 PRIZES

20.1 Unless a Notice states otherwise, only Eligible Competitors who are ESC members are eligible for ESC prizes and trophies awarded for single races. For joint series races, all Eligible Competitors are eligible for prizes, but only ESC members are eligible for ESC trophies. This rule is also applicable to ESSC members, prizes and trophies.

20.2 If the winner of an event or series for which a 'particular club only'

trophy is awarded is not that particular club's member, the results for the award of the trophy will be recalculated excluding all boats not helmed by the other club's members; if such a class (according to SI 20.7) does not achieve the minimum turnout specified in SI 20.5 and SI 20.6 the trophy will not be awarded.

20.3 The basis upon which prizes will be awarded for any event or series will be promulgated in a separate notice.

20.4 Whenever the Helmsman of a two man boat wins a prize so will the person who has been that Helmsman's sole or most frequent crew throughout all the races (a) in the Series to which the prize relates and (b) for which that Helmsman's place points score corresponds to one of the individual scores the sum of which determines the Helmsman's final position.

20.5 If three or more boats with valid entries of the same class according to SI 20.7 are sailing in the starting area when their starting signal is made in a handicap race, they are also deemed to be competing in a Class Race for that Class in which they will score as the only boats racing.

20.6 Class awards will be based solely on results in Class Races. A prize or trophy for success in Class races of a particular Class which form part of a group of handicap races open to that Class will be awarded only if the number sailed of those Class Races as a percentage of the number sailed of those handicap races is at least:

- (a) 100%-for a Series of only two handicap races sailed
- (b) 50% -for a Series of three or more handicap races sailed (c)
25% -for a season's award not restricted to ESC members (d)
20% -for a season's award restricted to ESC members

20.7 If a Notice about a handicap race or races announces a prize or trophy for a special category of boat such as a group of recognised classes (e.g. single-handers) or boats with a specified category of persons aboard (e.g. juniors or ESC members only or boats with an abnormal number of persons aboard (e.g. 3 instead of 2)), those awards will be made only in accordance with SI 20.5 and 20.6, such boats constituting a separate class.

20.8 For success solely on the same one day event no competitor will be awarded more than one prize.