

BOSHAM SAILING CLUB

OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - COBNOR

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COMPETITORS' ATTENTION ARE PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO SAILING INSTRUCTION 2.

BASIC PRINCIPLE

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of Rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty which may be to retire.

1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), these Sailing Instructions (SIs), the notice of race and any addenda thereto. The Bosham Sailing Club (BSC) Open Meeting Course Diagram, Buoy Chart and Racing Mark list form an integral part of these SIs and are available from the BSC office and website and at the registration desk. Notices of Race and any addenda will be displayed on the BSC official notice board and BSC website.
- 1.2 The last sentence of the preamble to Race Signals is changed to "When a visual signal is displayed over or adjacent to a class flag, the signal applies only to that class".
- 1.3 When permitted by RRS 87, a boat that wishes to use a sail with a sail number not complying with RRS 77 shall, before racing, submit a request in writing to the entries desk.

2. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk: see RRS 4, (Decision to Race).

- 2.2 The safety of a yacht participating in the event and of her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor participating who must ensure that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the event.
- 2.3 Neither the establishment of any sailing instructions nor any inspection of the yacht in any way limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor for his or her crew, his or her yacht and the management thereof.
- 2.4 BSC shall not be liable (whether in contract, tort or howsoever otherwise) for any loss, damage, death or personal injury (other than death or personal injury arising from the negligence of BSC) to the owner/competitor, his or her crew nor any damage caused to other yachts whether participating or not, as a result of their taking part in the event.
- 2.5 Every owner/competitor participating in the event:
- 2.5.1 warrants the suitability of his or her yacht for the event:
- 2.5.2 warrants that he or she has in place valid and current insurance against third party claims providing cover of at least £2,000,000 against any one claim or series of claims:
- 2.5.3 undertakes to indemnify BSC against any claim that may be brought against it arising out of his or her negligence or default whilst participating in the event; and
- 2.5.4 accepts that the provision of patrol boats by BSC does not relieve him or her of his or her responsibilities.
- 2.6 An entry in a regatta or series is defined as a helm in a specific class of boat. In two-handed boats a change of crew from one race to another is acceptable.

3. SAFETY INCLUDING SIGNING ON/ OFF AND RETIREMENT

- 3.1 Helping those in danger: Competitors shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

3.2 Personal Flotation:

An adequate personal flotation device shall be worn at all times when afloat by cadets and persons under 18 years of age.

An adequate personal flotation device shall be worn at all times by all competitors when flag Y is displayed in accordance with RRS 40. Flag Y may be repeated ashore. This SI changes the preamble to part 4 of the RRS and RRS 40.

3.3 Signing on:

3.3.1 All competitors must sign on before the start of each race (or before the first race if back-to-back races are held). Competitors must sign on upon the appropriate forms provided at Cobnor. **These forms must be completed legibly.**

3.4 Signing off:

3.4.1 Competitors must sign-off (on the appropriate forms provided at Cobnor) within 30 minutes after the finish of the last boat in each race (or after the final race if back-to-back races are held).

3.4.2 If a competitor sails only in part of a back-to-back series, he must sign off within 30 minutes after the last boat finishing the last race in which he or she competed.

3.5 Retirement

A boat that retires from a race shall notify either the race officer or a BSC patrol boat equipped with a radio as soon as is practicable and preferably before landing. The competitor must note the retirement on the signing-off sheet within the time limits specified in SI 3.4.1 (Signing off).

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the notice board at the Cobnor race hut.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Changes to SIs made prior to 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time of a race will be posted in accordance with SI 4. Competitors are advised to ascertain what changes have been made to the SIs before going afloat.
- 5.2 Changes made less than 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the race will be displayed on a board on the committee boat.

6. SIGNALS MADE FROM ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made from ashore will be flown from the BSC flagstaff at the Cobnor race hut.
- 6.2 If the start is to be from a committee boat and the postponement signal AP over H is flown from the flagstaff at the Cobnor race hut and/or the committee boat, any boats which have not commenced their race shall remain ashore or wait off the beach at Cobnor until the signal is lowered when they may sail to the committee boat start line unless further postponement signals are made. This amends RRS 27.3.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The schedule of races is as shown in notice of race or as amended by notice in accordance with SI 5.

8. CLASS WARNING FLAGS

The class warning flag is as shown in notice of race or as amended by notice in accordance with SI 5.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be within Chichester Harbour and Hayling Bay

10. THE COURSE (See also SI 11)

- 10.1 The method of designating the course shall be as per SI 10.3 or 0.

10.2 The committee boat may be placed at either end of the start and finishing Lines.

10.3 Courses using the BSC Open Meeting Course Diagram Sheet:

The course to be sailed including the finishing line will be displayed by a single letter displayed on the side of the committee boat at the starting line. This letter will correspond to the relevant course shown on the BSC Open Meeting Course Diagram Sheet. If a race consists of 2 or more laps of a complete course then the number of laps to be sailed will be signalled by a numeral displayed adjacent to the course letter.

10.4 Special Courses:

The race officer may vary SI 10.3 in accordance with SI 5.1. The Course to be sailed, including the finishing line, will be displayed on the side of the committee boat at the starting line by a series of letters or symbols as listed in the BSC Buoy Chart.

10.5 Lead Boat:

The race officer may provide a lead boat to assist the fleet to identify the marks of the course and will notify competitors accordingly in accordance with SI 4.

11. MARKS OF THE COURSE (INCLUDING AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS) (see also SI 10)

11.1 **The marks of the course** shall be Harbour Federation marks permanently laid, and/or BSC inflatable moveable buoys, and/or navigation buoys and/or beacons all as shown on the Open Meeting Course Diagram, Buoy Chart and Racing Mark list.

11.2 **BSC committee boats** will display a Bosham Sailing Club Burgee.

11.3 **Rounding and Passing Marks:** For the purpose of RRS 28 all marks are rounding marks except gate marks and for those marks referred to in a course

as marks to be passed and which include those listed in SIs 11.4.

11.4 Marks for all Courses (Specific Navigation Beacons which guard hazards):

Boats on whatever course they are sailing shall only pass on the channel side of the THORNEY CHANNEL PORT AND STARBOARD BEACONS commonly known as the "GOALPOSTS" marking the end of the piles at the entrance to the Thorney Channel so as not to sail over the sunken piles.

Each beacon and the piles extending inshore from it rank as an obstruction.

12. THE START

12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 Committee Boat Start Line

12.2.1 The Committee Boat is a starting mark which shall display the BSC burgee and an orange flag and includes any buoy, object or boat attached to it for the duration of the starting period.

12.2.2 The starting line shall be between an orange vertical pole or, in its absence, the mast of the committee boat flying the orange flag and the outer distance mark (ODM) which is a yellow inflatable mark. A yellow inner distance mark may be laid near the committee boat and boats approaching the line to start shall pass between this mark and the ODM

13. THE FINISH

13.1 Committee boat finishing line

The committee boat is a finishing mark which shall display the BSC burgee and a blue flag and includes any buoy, object or boat attached to it. The committee boat finishing line will be between an orange vertical pole or, in its absence, the mast of the committee boat displaying the blue flag and the ODM or the last mark of the course or, for a shortened course, the adjacent

mark of the course.

13.2 Finishing procedure

13.2.1 After one boat has finished, a boat still racing in that race will be scored for the race when she next crosses the finishing line. Her place at the finishing line will be adjusted for the number of laps completed.

13.2.2 After one or more boats have finished a race, a race committee boat displaying flag Q may motor from the finishing area in the reverse direction of the course recording boats still racing in order of increasing distance to sail to the finishing line. The first boat recorded will be placed one more than the last boat to finish before recording began. Each subsequent boat recorded will be placed one more than the previous boat.

14. TIME LIMITS FOR RACES

The time limit, if any, shall be in accordance with the Notice of Race.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

15.1 The protest time limit for protests defined in the first sentence of RRS 61.3 (Protest Time Limit) shall be one hour after the finish of the last boat in the race (or the last race of a back-to-back series).

15.2 The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

16. SCORING

16.1 Unless otherwise specified in the notice of race or displayed in accordance with SI 4 scoring shall be as per the low point system for regattas as set out in RRS Appendix A.

17. RESULTS

Results will be posted on the notice board at the Cobnor Race Hut.

18. CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE NOTICE OF RACE AND THE SIs

If there is any conflict between the notice of race and an SI, the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

19. JETSAM AND RUBBISH

19.1 Boats shall not discharge any kind of jetsam or rubbish into the water but may deposit them on support and official boats. All items in competitors' boats must be secured to prevent discharge in the event of a capsize.

Boats who fail to comply with SI 19.1 shall accept a penalty determined by the protest committee without a hearing which may be disqualification or a points penalty. This changes RRS 63.1.

20. COACHING

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Only BSC patrol boats and coaches nominated by the race committee are permitted in the race areas. Infringement of this SI by a support boat associated with a competitor (or competitors) may result in the disqualification of the competitor(s) concerned by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRSA5.