

**Snettisham Beach
Sailing Club**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
for Club Racing
(Issued 29/03/2017)**

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the RYA as published on the RYA Website and the individual class measurement rules except that.

- 1.1 Racing Rule 40 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES will be changed as follows:
Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes the rule in that the rule is always in force during racing and code flag Y need not be displayed to indicate this.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 44.3 Scoring Penalty will not apply

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located inside the rear downstairs entrance to the club

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed as follows:
- 4.1.1 For Committee Boat Starts, signals will be made from the main flagstaff in front of the club.

8 SEA RACING – COMMITTEE BOAT STARTS

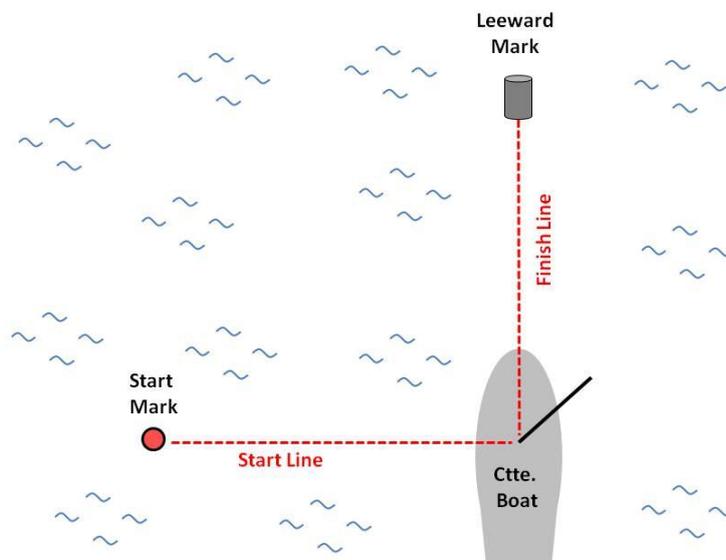
8.1 Course

8.1.1 For committee boat starts the order in which marks are to be passed will be displayed on boards displayed on the side of the committee boat and the side on which each mark is to be left will be indicated by a red (port) or green (starboard) flag displayed on the committee boat.

8.4 The Start

8.4.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made one minute before the starting signal.

8.4.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the starboard end and a small temporary spherical buoy at the Port End. The start line will be set to leeward of the leeward mark (the leeward mark at the start of the race) as per the following diagram.



8.4.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

8.4.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

8.5 Change to the next leg of the course

8.5.1 At the discretion of the Race Officer, if there is a significant change in conditions a race can be abandoned and either re-run immediately rescheduled (Cup Races Only) or cancelled. There will be no changes to the course during a race.

8.6 The Finish

8.6.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby mark of the course, the “leeward” mark as per the diagram in 8.4.2.

8.6.2 Boats that have finished should avoid the finishing line until all boats racing have finished or retired.

8.7 Target Race Duration and Shortening Course

8.7.1 The target duration is 45 minutes or for Junior races 30 minutes. Boats should continue racing until such time that the committee boat flies the shortened course flag.

8.7.2 Once the shortened course flag is flown, a boat should continue sailing the course and will finish the next time she passes through the finish line.

8.7.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

9 SEA RACING – BEACH LINE STARTS

9.1 Course

- 9.1.1 The Course will be marked on a board by the flagstaff at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- 9.1.2 If the Race Officer wishes to change the course once boats are afloat, he assumes responsibility for communicating the change to all competitors by either:
 - a) Communicating the change via a safety boat
 - b) Signalling Answering Pennant over H indicating "Races not started are postponed. Further signals ashore"

9.4 The Start

- 9.4.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made one minute before the starting signal.
- 9.4.2 The starting line will be between the beach flagstaff and a nearby buoy which will be indicated on the course board by the flagstaff.
- 9.4.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

9.5 Change of the next leg of the course

- 9.5.1 At the discretion of the Race Officer, if there is a significant change in conditions a race can be abandoned and either re-run immediately, rescheduled (Cup Races Only) or cancelled. There will be no changes to the course during a race.

9.6 The Finish

- 9.6.1 The finishing line will be between the beach flagstaff and a nearby buoy which will be indicated on the course board by the flagstaff .
- 9.6.2 Boats that have finished should avoid the finishing line until all boats racing have finished or retired.

9.7 Target Race Duration and Shortening Course

- 9.7.1 The target duration is 45 minutes or for Junior Races 30 minutes. Boats should continue racing until such time that the committee boat flies the shortened course flag.
- 9.7.2 Once the shortened course flag is flown, a boat should continue sailing the course and will finish the next time she passes through the finish line.
- 9.7.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

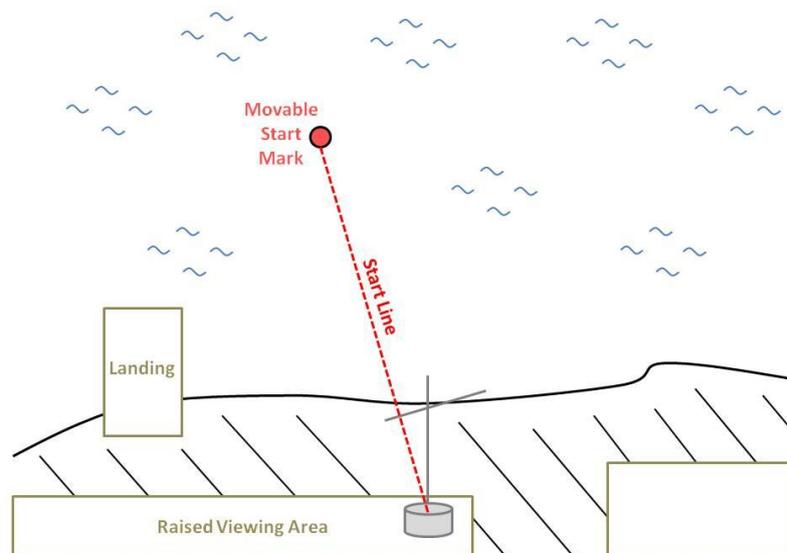
10 PIT RACING

10.1 Course

- 10.1.1 The Course and number of laps will be marked on a board near the Pit flagstaff at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- 10.1.2 If the Race Officer wishes to change the course once boats are afloat, he assumes responsibility for communicating the change to all competitors by communicating the change audibly whilst they are either afloat or ashore.

10.4 The Start

- 10.4.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made one minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.4.2 The starting line will be between the Pit flagstaff and a nearby movable buoy which will be indicated on the course board near the Pit flagstaff.



- 10.4.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

10.5 Change of the next leg of the course

- 10.5.1 At the discretion of the Race Officer, if there is a significant change in conditions a race can be abandoned and either re-run immediately or cancelled. There will be no changes to the course during a race.

10.6 The Finish

- 10.6.1 The finishing line will be between the pit flagstaff and a nearby buoy which will be indicated on the course board by the flagstaff
- 10.6.2 Boats that have finished should avoid the finishing line until all boats racing have finished or retired.

10.7 Target Race Duration

10.7.1 The target duration for races is 30 minutes.

10.7.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

11 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protest forms are available in the club house located inside the back downstairs entrance to the club. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 11.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 11.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the training room, beginning at the time posted.
- 11.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 11.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 11.3, have been penalised for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 11.6 Breaches of instructions 8.4.3, 9.4.3, 10.4.3, 16, 17.2, 21, 22 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 11.7 On the last scheduled day of racing in a series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 11.8 On the last scheduled day of racing in a series a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision
- 11.9 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following exceptions: A boat that did not finish or retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race.
- 12.2 Race results will be calculated based on average lap times
- 12.3 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.4
- (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 4 or 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 6 or 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - (d) When 8 or 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

- (e) When 10 or 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
 - (f) When over 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.
- 12.5 Sailors required to carry out duties will be awarded for each the average points for the series so long as:
- (a) The race(s) they are covering start.
 - (b) They start at least one race in the series.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 No Check-Out and Check-In is required for club racing.
- 13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

14 ELIGABILITY AND REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 14.1 Entry to series are on the basis of class of boat, format (radial/standard, singlehanded/double handed) and named helm
- 14.2 The named helm and crew shall be a paid up club members.
- 14.3 Substitution of helms will not be allowed but unlimited substitution of crews is allowed.
- 14.4 Entry to Junior races is limited to helms and crews who are under 16 on the 1st of January of that year.

15 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 15.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 15.2 Use of replica sails and equipment will be allowed for club racing.

16 ADVERTISING

Boats will not be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority for club racing.

17 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be the Henry Jacobs (white converted ships boat), the club safety ribs and the official pit rowing boat.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

- 18.1 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 retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.2 Support boats shall be marked with International Code Flag S over B.

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 PRIZES

Overall Prizes will be awarded as defined in the Annual Club Booklet. In addition, Series fleet prizes will be awarded where:

- The series is both open and a club series (Junior and Open events are excluded)
- An average of 3 or more boats of a particular class compete across the series (Duties should be included in the calculation)

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

26 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.