



WSSYSA Regatta 2014  
September 13th and 14th 2014  
Organising Authority: WSSYSA  
Cobnor Activities Centre, Chidham, Chichester, PO18 8TE  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**



## 1. Rules

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- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures (Chichester Harbour Federation Version) will be available at this event.
- 1.3. Racing rules 40 and 61.1 will be changed as follows:
- 1.4. RRS 40 will apply at all times whilst afloat but flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.5. RRS 61.1 is changed so that competitors wishing to protest must make such a protest on the water and **shall inform a safety or support vessel** which shall relay this message to the Race Committee

## 2. Notices to Competitors

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- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the registration desk

## 3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

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- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## 4. Signals Made Ashore

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- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Centre mast and communicated by the official notice board.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. All boats shall remain on shore until signalled to launch by the Beach Master

## 5. Schedule Of Races

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- 5.1. Dates of racing: September 13th and 14th
- 5.2. Number of races:
  - 5.2.1. All fleets shall sail five races; three on Saturday and two on Sunday
  - 5.2.2. No more than four races will be sailed on any one day.
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 11:55 on Saturday, September 13th, 12:25 on Sunday, September 14th
- 5.4. Classes will start sequentially; the start for white fleet shall be the five minute for purple and so on. In the event of a general recall the order of starts shall not change.
- 5.5. Subsequent races will be sailed as soon as is practicable after the completion of the preceding race
- 5.6. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 5.7. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

## 6. Class Flags

### 6.1. Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
White	Block white flag
Purple	Block purple flag
Yellow	Block yellow flag

## 7. Racing Areas

### 7.1. Attachment 1 shows the location of racing areas.

## 8. The Courses

### 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses. Racing shall be completed on an average lap basis.

## 9. Marks

### 9.1. Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be black tetrahedron marks.

### 9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be yellow 'pole' marks.

## 10. The Start

### 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and an end mark. An inner mark may be laid but will not necessarily lie on the starting line.

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

### 10.3. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

## 11. The Finish

### 11.1. For white and yellow fleets the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag the Committee Boat to starboard and a finishing mark to port. For the purple fleet, the finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to port and a finishing mark to starboard.

### 11.2. A blue flag shall not be displayed to indicate that the committee boat is on station at the finish. This changes race signals Blue flag.

## 12. Time Limits And Target Times

Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class; Time limit; Target time

White; 50 minutes; 40 minutes

Purple; 60 minutes; 40 minutes

Yellow; 50 minutes; 40 minutes

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

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.

## 13. Protests and Requests For Redress

### 13.1. Protest forms are available from the registration desk. Protests and requests for redress for reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

### 13.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

### 13.3. 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 protest room, the location of which will be detailed on the official notice board.

### 13.4. Breaches of instructions 10.2 and 16 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.

### 13.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **14. Scoring**

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The scoring system is as follows:

- 14.1. 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 14.3. When from 3 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **15. Safety Regulations**

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- 15.1. Check-Out and Check-In:
- 15.2. Boats shall be required to sign on and off the water through a tally system and a sign-on sign-off sheet located by the official notice board
- 15.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **16. Replacement of Crew or Equipment**

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- 16.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Organising Authority.
- 16.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be permitted so long as the Race Committee is informed of any changes to sail numbers and this designation remains unique.

## **17. Support Boats**

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- 17.1. 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. Trash Disposal**

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- 18.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **19. Radio Communication**

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- 19.1. 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.

## **20. Prizes**

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Prizes will be given as follows:

- 20.1. The first, second and third boats with the lowest accumulated series score after discard in the white, purple and yellow fleets.
- 20.2. The boat with the lowest accumulated series score after discard in any class which consists of at least ten boats, excluding the Topper Class
- 20.3. Further prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority