



WSSYSA Regatta 2015
September 5th and 6th 2015
Organizing Authority: WSSYSA with Felpham Sailing Club (FSC)



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) will apply
- 1.3** The Exoneration Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available at this event.
- 1.4** Racing rules 40 and 61.1 will be changed as follows:

RRS 40 is changed so that competitors will wear an appropriately fitting Buoyancy Aid at all times whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed

RRS 61.1 is changed so that competitors wishing to protest must make such a protest on the water either to the protestee or to a safety or support vessel which shall relay this message to the Race Committee
- 1.5** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Notices To Competitors

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

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

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

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from a mast on the shore side of FSC
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 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

- 5.1** Dates of racing:
September 5th and 6th
- 5.2** Number of races:
All fleets shall sail six races; three on Saturday and three on Sunday

In order to expedite the programme, the Race Committee may advance races, but no more than four races shall be sailed on any one day.
- 5.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 10:55 on Saturday, September 5th, 11:25 on Sunday, September 6th
- 5.4** Subsequent races shall be sailed as soon as is practicable after the completion of the preceding race
- 5.5** 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.
- 5.6** On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be:

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

7. The Courses

- 7.1** The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses.
Racing shall be completed on an average lap basis.
- 7.2** Competitors will be advised of the course by display of a corresponding numeral pennant with their warning signal. This flag will be removed at the start of the race.

8. Marks

- 8.1** Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be orange cylindrical marks.

- 8.2 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow 'pencil' marks.

10. The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.
- 10.6 The start signal for the white fleet shall be the warning signal for purple, and the start signal for purple shall be the warning signal for yellow. In the event of a general recall this order will not change.

11. Change Of The Next Leg Of The Course

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12. The Finish

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to starboard and the centre of a finishing mark to port.
- 12.2 Racing will be run on an average lap basis. All competitors shall sail the course until ICF 'S' is displayed from the Committee Boat.

13. Time Limits And Target Times

- 13.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:
- Class; Time limit; Target time*
White; 45 minutes; 30 minutes
Purple; 55 minutes; 40 minutes
Yellow; 55 minutes; 40 minutes

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

- 13.2 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.

14. Protests and Requests For Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the registration desk. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 Breaches of instructions 11.3, 18, 23, 24, and 27 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.
- 14.5 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.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 The scoring system is as follows:
- 15.2 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 3 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
(c) When 6 races have been completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1 Check-Out and Check-In:
Boats shall be required to sign on and off the water through a tally system and a

sign-off sheet located by the official notice board

- 16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. Replacement of Crew or Equipment

- 17.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Organizing Authority.
- 17.2** 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.

18. Support Boats

- 18.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside the starting area from the preparatory signal of the first fleet to start until the start signal of the last.
- 18.2** When a competitor is seen by a Patrol Boat crew to be significantly astern of the bulk of the fleet, a Patrol Boat crew may offer advice to enable the competitor to overcome a manifest problem or improve their sailing performance at the time. However, when the boat may have gained an unfair advantage as a result of such help, the race or protest committee may protest her or a competitor may request redress.

19. Trash Disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20. 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.

21. Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

The first, second and third boats with the lowest accumulated series score after discard in the white, purple and yellow fleets.

The boat with the lowest accumulated series score after discard in any class which consists of at least five boats, excluding the Topper Class

The Team Trophy shall be awarded to the Team with the lowest score after its five highest placed boat's scores have been amalgamated

22. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are reminded of RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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. **The decision for a competitor to take part is the sole responsibility of their Team Manager.**

23. Insurance

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