



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rules 40, 41 and 61.1 will be changed as follows:
- RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear an appropriately fitting personal flotation device of at least PPE Classification 50 N at all times whilst afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- RRS 41 is changed so that 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. Any penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- RRS 61.1 is changed so that competitors wishing to protest shall also notify the Race Committee, or a safety or support vessel which will relay this message to the Race Committee.
- 1.3 The penalty for a breach of a rule, other than a rule of Parts 1 and 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or a rule in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions where a specific penalty is stated may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.4 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 in the clubhouse.

3. Changes To Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be signaled by displaying Flag L, accompanied by one sound signal.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club mast.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in the race signals definitions.
- 4.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, a fleet's class flag is displayed ashore no boat in that fleet shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

5. Schedule Of Races

- 5.1 Dates of racing: September 9th and 10th.
- 5.2 Six races are scheduled for all fleets; three on Saturday and three on Sunday.
- 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 12:40 on Saturday September 9th, 13:25 on Sunday September 10th.
- 5.4 Subsequent races will 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 signal 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 16:30.

6. Class Flags

Class flags will be:

Fleet	Class	Flag
White	Fast Handicap	Block White Flag
Purple	Slow Handicap	Block Purple Flag
Yellow	Topper	Block Yellow Flag
Green	Optimist	Block Green Flag

7. Racing Areas

Racing will be divided between two sailing areas, Crown and Anchor, which will be advised at the briefing.

8. The Courses

Courses will be an arrangement of moveable marks and outlined at the briefing on Saturday September 9th.

9. Marks

Marks of the course will be orange cylindrical marks. Any unique markings will be outlined at the briefing on Saturday September 9th.

10. The Start

- 10.1 (a) Races will be run sequentially. The start signal for the first fleet will be the warning signal for the second.
(b) On sailing area 'Crown', the starting order will be **White, Purple**. On sailing area 'Anchor' the starting order will be **Yellow, Green**.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat to starboard and the centre of a pin-end starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain outside an exclusion zone created by the Committee Boat, pin end and the final rounding mark of the course.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and 63.1.

11. Lap Roundings and the Finish

- 11.1 The lap/finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and the centre of a finishing mark as defined in the course diagram on the Official Notice Board.
- 11.2 The number of laps to be sailed shall be displayed on the committee boat.
- 11.3 For the **Yellow** and **Green** fleets, after the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may, at their discretion, score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 11.4 For the **White** and **Purple** fleets, when the Committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing will be scored on an average lap basis for all completed laps and shall immediately return to the starting area for the start of any subsequent races unless otherwise instructed by a safety boat. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12. Time Limits And Target Times

- 12.1 Target times are as follows:

Fleet	Class	Target Time	Time Limit
White	Fast Handicap	45 minutes	60 minutes
Purple	Slow Handicap	45 minutes	60 minutes
Yellow	Topper	45 minutes	60 minutes
Green	Optimist	35 minutes	50 minutes

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

- 12.2 The Time Limit defined in 12.1 is the Time Limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish. Other 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 unless scored by the race committee as defined in 11.3 or 11.4. This changes rules 35, A4, A5 and 63.1.

13. Exoneration Penalty, Protests and Requests for Redress

- 13.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty – a 20% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.
- 13.2 When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted: (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty. (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules
- 13.3 Protest forms are available from the registration desk or the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing for the day, whichever is later.
- 13.5 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.
- 13.6 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 10.4, 15 to 19 will not be grounds for 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.
- 13.7 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 61.2.

14. Scoring

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

15. Safety Regulations

- 15.1 **Check-Out and Check-In:**
All boats will be issued a Tally number at registration. The Helm of each boat shall be required to check out by collecting their tally from the board prior to launching, and to check back in by returning their tally to the board within 10 minutes of returning ashore. Further details of this system will be made available in the Team Manager's briefing.
- 15.2 An initial failure to comply with 15.1 will result in a scoring penalty of 15% without a hearing for the first race following the infringement. Any subsequent failure to comply with 15.1 will result in a scoring penalty of 30% without a hearing for the first race following each infringement. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 15.3 Team managers are required to inform the race committee by the time of the first start of the day of any entrants who are not competing.
- 15.4 It is the responsibility of team managers to inform the race committee by the time limit that any competitors who failed to check out have returned safely
- 15.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee, or a safety boat who will relay this to the race committee, as soon as possible.

16. Replacement or change of Crew or Equipment

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Organizing 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.
- 16.3 Any change to the configuration of a boat which results in a change of handicap or PY number shall be notified to the organizing authority and shall constitute a separate entry.

17. Support Boats

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, or abandonment.

18. Trash Disposal

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats when not racing.

19. 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.

20. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- (a) The first, second and third boats with the lowest accumulated series score after discard in all fleets.
- (b) The **"Team Trophy"** prize, scoring for which shall be calculated as follows: -
- Every boat will be allocated a number of "points" equal to their finishing position in the fleet divided by the total number of entries in that fleet.
 - For each club, the sum of their 5 lowest points scoring boats will constitute their overall points total.
 - The club with the lowest overall total will be the "WSSYSA Top Club". Other clubs will be scored in order of points total, with ties broken by comparing the lowest points scoring boat of each team, the team with the lowest scoring boat being the winning team. If necessary, the next boat will be compared until all 5 boats have been compared. In the event that ties cannot be broken by this method, the club's position will be recorded as an overall tie.

Additional prizes may also be awarded at the discretion of the organizing authority

21. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors are reminded of RRS 4, Decision to Race and the Risk Statement section of the regatta Notice of 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.**

22. 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.