

## Supernova National Championships

13 to 15 July 2007

Mayflower Sailing Club, Plymouth

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Supernova Class Rules and rules as prescribed in these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The Supernova Class Rules referred to in these Sailing Instructions are the rules in effect at the date of the event.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Club House at Mayflower Sailing Club.

#### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09.00 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.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Mayflower Sailing Club flagpole.
- 4.2 When the postponement flag is displayed ashore, no signal shall be made on the committee vessel in respect of any start until at least 30 minutes has elapsed from the lowering of the postponement flag ashore.

#### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 The schedule of races is as follows

Day	Races
Friday 13 July	Warning signal for Race 1 no earlier than 12.55, followed by Race 2 as soon as possible
Saturday 14 July	Warning signal for Race 3 at 10.55, followed by Races 4 & 5 as soon as possible
Sunday 15 July	Warning signal for Race 6 at 10.25, followed by Race 7 as soon as possible.

5.2 When more than one race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, there may be repeated short sound signals made.

5.3 On the last day of the Championships no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flag will be the Supernova Class Flag.

## **7. RACING AREAS**

Racing will normally take place in Plymouth Sound to the North of Plymouth Breakwater.

## **8. THE COURSES**

8.1 The diagrams in the Appendix show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. They do not show the angles between legs. The aim will be for races to be nominally 60 minute duration (lead boat) where 2 races per day and 50 minutes duration where 3 per day.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the committee vessel will display the Course Number to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3 & 4 will normally be orange inflatable buoys.

9.2 New marks, as provided in Instruction 11, will normally be yellow inflatable buoys.

9.3 The port end starting mark will normally be a small orange inflatable buoy.

9.4 The port end finishing mark will normally be the same as the start mark.

## **10. THE START**

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

10.2 Races will use line starts.

10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start". This changes RRS rule A4.1.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the existing mark or the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable if necessary. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position.
- 11.2 The signal will be the display of flag C with repetitive sounds and either
- (a) the new compass bearing or
  - (b) a green triangular flag or board for a change to starboard or a red rectangular flag or board for a change to port.
- 11.3 Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will normally be replaced by an original mark. The above changes RRS rule 33.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the port-end finishing mark.
- 12.2 If the Committee Vessel displays Flag S with two sound signals while in the position in which she was placed at the start of the race, the signal shall mean "*Finish the race at the end of the current round by crossing the finishing line described in the Sailing Instructions*". This changes RRS rule 25 and Race Signals.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS rule 31.2 or RRS rule 44.1 or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 13.2 As provided in RRS rule 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalise a boat that has broken RRS rule 42.

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit shall be 2 hours.
- 14.2 Failure of the first boat to complete the race with 2 hours shall not be grounds for redress.
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored "Did Not Finish" unless 14.4 applies. This changes RRS rules 35 and A4.1.

- 14.4 The Race Committee may, in its absolute discretion, allocate a finishing position to any boat that appears to be unlikely to finish in the time limit, or to facilitate the management of the racing. A request for redress in respect of any decision by the race committee under this sailing instruction will not be considered by the Protest Committee. This changes RRS rules 60 and 62.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Club House beginning at the time specified in the Notice referred to in 15.4.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 For the purpose of RRS rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Supernova Class Association.
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 13.1, 17, 18 or 20 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last day of the championship a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes RRS rule 66.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1 The scoring system is the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A, as varied below.
- 16.2 This varies the low point score of Appendix A by including the discarded race(s) as stated below.

*Where there is a tie on total points between two or more boats, each boat's scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the best score(s). If a tie still remains the discarded race(s) shall be counted. Where the tie still*

*remains, then the tie shall be broken by counting the score in the last race. Any remaining tie shall be broken by counting the score in the next to last race etc. until broken.*

- 16.3 At least three races are required to be completed to constitute a National Championship.
- 16.4 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.  
(b) When either five, six or seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.1 Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate buoyancy at all times when afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.
- 17.2 A tally system will not be used. Competitors are asked to "Buddy" up with another competitor and inform the Beach Master as soon as they have any concern about their buddy.
- 17.3 Competitors must obey instructions from Safety Craft at all times.
- 17.4 **Plymouth is a Naval and Commercial Port and vessels over 20m have right of way. Competitors must not impede the safe navigation of Commercial or Naval vessels.**
- 17.5 Failure to comply with SI 17.3 or 17.4 may result in disqualification without a hearing and, in serious circumstances, disqualification from the event. This changes RRS rule 63.1

## **18. REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITORS OR EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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 in accordance with the Notice of Race. The organisers will decide any matters regarding eligibility for trophies.

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

**23. INSURANCE**

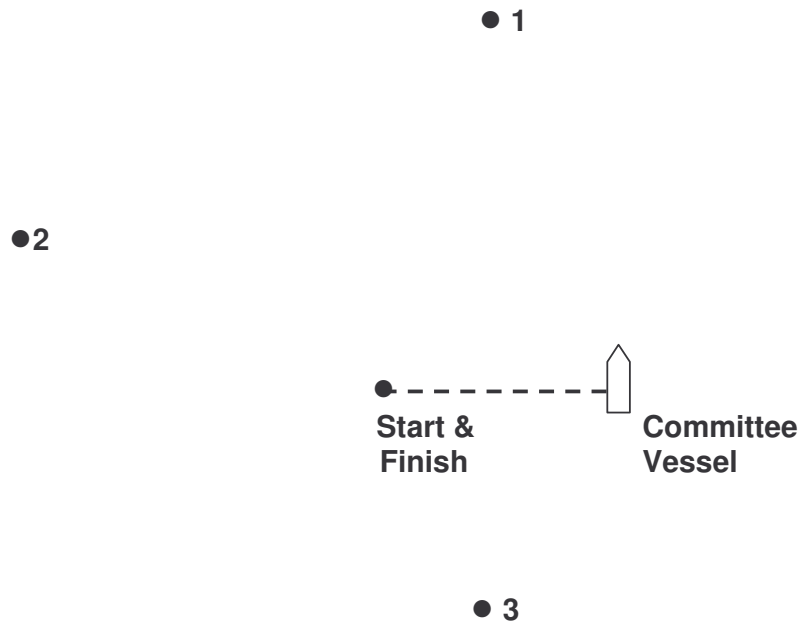
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

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**APPENDIX****COURSE 1****Triangle-sausage course**

All marks are to be taken to port.

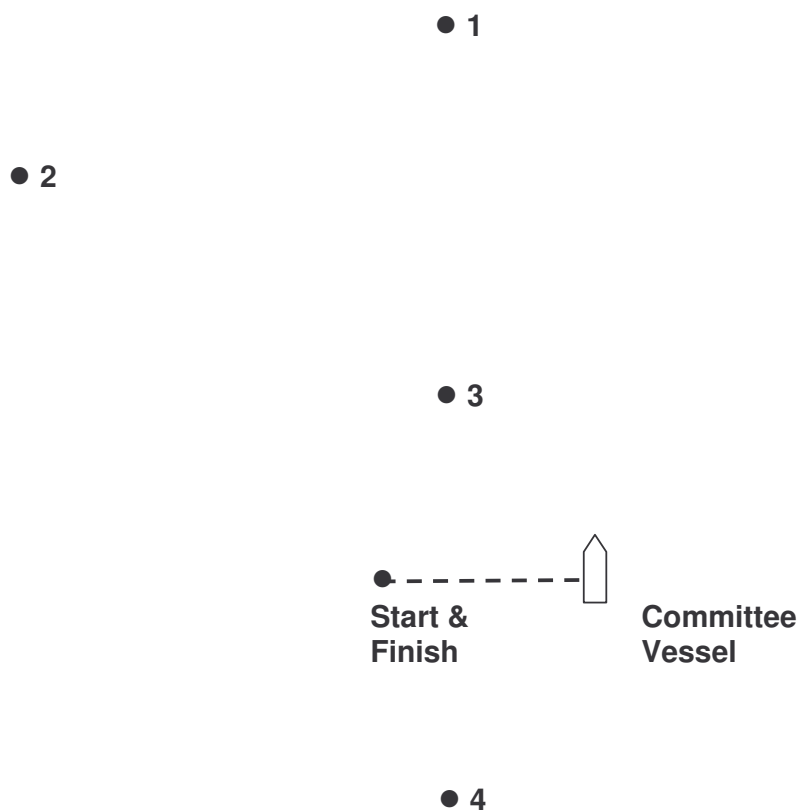
<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Subsequent odd rounds</b>	<b>Subsequent even rounds</b>
Start 1, 2, 3	1, 3	1, 2, 3	1, 3



**COURSE 2****P-course**

Marks 1, 2 & 4 are to be taken to port. Mark 3 is to be taken to starboard.

Round 1	Subsequent Rounds
Start 1, 2, 3, 4	1, 2, 3, 4



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