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# Sailing Instructions

for

# Open Meetings

2009

## 1) Definitions

Words in italics are either defined under this heading or in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The *course board* is the blackboard situated in the garage.

The *official club notice board* is situated in the club foyer.

Instructions containing *shall* are deemed to be mandatory.

The *club main mast* is situated immediately in front of the RO box.

Under rule 86.1(b) in the definition of *Zone* the distance is changed to two (2) hull lengths

## 2) Rules.

*Racing* will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, the prescription of the RYA and class rules except as any of these are amended by these Sailing Instructions. The RRS will be changed as follows.

RRS Number	Alteration
40.1	Flag Y will not be flown
27.1	Course defined on the course board
A4/A5	2 minute late start =DNS
86.1(b)	Zone is defined as 2 hull lengths

## 3) Entries.

**3.1)** Entrants and authorised guests will be granted temporary membership of WOSC upon payment of entry fee for the period of the event and shall comply with any Club Rules and bylaws.

**3.2)** All helmsmen *shall* complete the signing on form situated in the garage under the *course board* before the commencement of racing.

**3.3)** Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times by any person in or on any type of craft racing or otherwise. Competitors failing to comply with this rule will be subject to disqualification without a hearing. Self-inflating buoyancy aids are not permitted. Wetsuits and drysuits DO NOT constitute personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be flown.

This changes rule 40.1.

## 4) Notices to Competitors.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the *official club notice board*.

## 5) Alterations to the Sailing Instructions.

Any alterations to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official club notice board at least 30 minutes before the affected races.

## 6) Signals made Ashore.

**6.1)** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the *club main mast*.

**6.2)** Postponed races will be indicated with flag AP with two sound signals.

**6.3)** The warning signal will be made not less than 1 minute after AP is lowered.

## 7) Schedule of Races.

The schedule of races will be displayed on the *official club notice board*. The published start times indicate the earliest permissible time.

## 8) Class Flags

Class flags will be defined on the *course board* as required.

## 9) Racing Area.

**9.1)** The *racing* area is shown in illustration A.

**9.2)** A boat *shall* not sail into either of the swimming areas as defined in illustration A or make contact with any of the area buoys. This area *shall* be treated as an obstruction. A protest committee may disqualify any boat contravening this rule.

## 10) Courses.

**10.1)** The course will be displayed on the club *course board* at least 10 minutes before *racing* commences. It will be described both pictorially and listed by mark. The list *shall* take precedent. This amends rule 27.1.

**10.2)** The *marks*, may be a mixture of the fixed *marks* and any movable *marks* the Race Officer (RO) deems necessary in order to provide a reasonable course.

## 11) The Start.

**11.1)** *Racing shall* commence using rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the relevant starting signal.

**11.2)** The start line may be either between the club main mast and a *mark*, or a mast on the committee boat and a *mark*. An inner distance mark may be used.

**11.3)** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

**11.4)** A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be Scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This alters rules A4 and A5.

**11.5)** Where an inner distance *mark* is laid in conjunction with the committee boat, a boat *shall* not pass between it and the committee boat after her preparatory signal, treating the area as an obstruction.

## 12) The Finish.

**12.1)** The finishing line may be any of the following.

A line between the club main mast and the post with a triangle on the far Eastern shore.

A line between the club main mast and any *mark* of the course.

A line between the committee boat mast and any *mark* of the course.

**12.2)** Only helmsmen retiring are required to sign a declaration on the signing on sheet after racing.

**12.3)** At the discretion of the RO a boat may be finished having completed less laps than the lead boat. Any boat finished in this manner can't be placed ahead of boats that did complete the course, unless the race is defined as an average lap race in either the *racing programme* or special sailing instructions.

**12.4)** For races which are designated as 'average lap' the 'about to finish' Flag shall be Flag 'S' accompanied by 2 sound signals which *shall* be flown as the leading boat of the race (or if more than one race is in progress any race) passes the last mark of the round, and she shall finish as she then crosses the line. All subsequent boats crossing the line shall then be finished.

## 13) Protests.

Protest forms are available from the Race Officer's box.

Protests *shall* be delivered there within 1/2 hour of the last boat's finish in the relevant race, (or the last race if the races are sailed back to back).

## 14) Disclaimer of Liability.

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

## 15) Boats and Competitors in Difficulties

When the Race Committee or the Safety Boat Operative considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulties it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

## 16) Insurance.

Each participating boat *shall* be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £1,000,000:00.