

Sailing Instructions for Supernova Nationals 2009

Mayflower Sailing Club

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012. Where the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 ENTRIES

2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing the registration with the organizing authority. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

2.2 A valid certificate and evidence of membership of the class association shall be produced on arrival, if requested.

2.3 Distinguishing number: Sails must carry clear distinguishing numbers as required in the class rules. No boat will normally be permitted to use the sail number of another boat.

3 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Supernova Nationals entirely at their own risk. See RRS Fundamental Rule 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 championship.

4 RACE OFFICE

The Race Office will be at the race administration point for information and help.

5 REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the race administration point from 10.00 hrs to 11.30 hrs on Friday 3rd July 2009.

6 MEASUREMENT

Measurement of boats and equipment may take place at any point during the event at the discretion of the Class association.

7 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the sailing club.

8 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the advertised start time of the race or races concerned if possible.

9 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

9.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the sailing club.

9.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, competitors shall not launch but may launch after the AP is lowered.

10 SCHEDULE OF RACES

10.1 Date Races

3/7/09 1 - 3

4/7/09 4 - 7

5/7/09 8 - 10

The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on Friday is 12:55 for a 13:00 hrs start.

The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race for the following days is 10:55 for a 11:00 hrs start.

10.2 Following the completion of the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, there may be repeated short sound signals made ashore.

10.3 Races not completed as scheduled may be sailed at a later time if practicable.

10.4 Races may be re scheduled daily to ensure maximum number of races are achieved throughout the championship.

11 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be W.

12 RACING AREA

Racing will take place to the south of Plymouth Breakwater (weather permitting), otherwise to the north of the breakwater.

13 THE COURSES

13.1 Courses shall be reversed 'P' (The diagram Appendix "A" shows the course, including the approximate angle between legs.) or Windward/Leeward (Appendix "B")

13.2 All marks will be rounded to port

13.3 The course may be shortened in accordance with RRS Rule 32.

13.4 Boats must sail through the start/finish line on the up wind leg.

14 MARKS

14.1 Rounding/Passing marks will normally be orange inflatable cylinders.

14.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 16.1, will normally be yellow cylinder marks or if not available, a vessel flying International Code Flag "M".

15 THE START

15.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS Rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

15.2 The starting line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag and normally orange inflatable buoy.

15.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" this changes RRS rule A4

16 CHANGES OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

To change a position of the mark, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practical. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

17 THE FINISH LINE

The finishing line will be the same as the start line.

18 PENALTY SYSTEM

18.1 Scoring penalty RRS Rule 44.3 will not apply.

18.2 RRS Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe is required.

18.3 As provided in RRS Rule 67.0, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS rule 42.0

19 TIME LIMITS

19.1 Time limits and target times are as follows :

Time Limit Mark 1

Per race 80 Minutes 20 Minuets

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

19.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat that sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF. In order to facilitate the management of races, boats may be awarded positions by the Race Committee. This changes RRS Rules 35 and A4.1

20 PROTESTS AND REQUSTS

20.1 Protest forms are available at the race administration point. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

20.2 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 all protests by the race committee and protest committee. This changes RRS Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

20.3 Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The notice will include the location and the intended start time of the hearings.

20.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS Rule 61.1 (b).

20.5 On the second 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 66.0

21 SCORING

21.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

21.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

21.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of races scored. When from 6 to 9 races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score. When 10 or more races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

22 SAFETY REGULATIONS

22.1 Competitors shall wear lifejackets (closed cell foam) or other adequate personal buoyancy whilst afloat. Wet-suits and dry-suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This change RRS rule 40.0 and the preamble to part 4.

22.2 A boat that retires from a race will notify the race committee as soon as possible.

23 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 member to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

24 PRIZES

Prizes awarded by the Mayflower Sailing Club will be presented after completion of the series.

25 NAVIGATIONAL WARNING

25.1 Plymouth is a working port and commercial and naval shipping may enter or leave the port at any time. They will normally have a local pilot onboard who will be aware that racing is taking place. Nevertheless, such shipping is constrained by its draft and shall be given proper clearance by competing boats.

25.2 Competitors must promptly obey safety instructions given by the race committee which may be conveyed by any safety craft.

25.3 Failure to comply with SI 25 may result in disqualification without a hearing from the race concerned and in the case of a serious or non compliance, disqualification from the event. This changes RRS rule 67.