

## **Girton Sailing Club - Open Meeting Sailing Instructions**

**Revised March 2015**

- 1.0 RULES
- 1.1 Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing 20013/2016 (RRS), these Sailing Instructions and the appropriate Class Rules.
- 2.0 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY
- 2.1 GENERAL - The safety of the yacht and her insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete responsibility of the owner for the crew, the yacht and the management thereof. Upon payment of the prescribed entrance fee participants will be given temporary membership of the club and be covered by the Girton SC Ltd's Public Liability insurances during the event.
- 2.2 MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATE – A valid measurement certificate must be available for inspection on request during the meeting. The Organising Authority reserve the right to carry out safety and measurement checks at any time at their discretion.
- 2.3 INSURANCE – All yachts shall declare a valid certificate of insurance against third party risks providing the minimum cover of £3,000,000 in the declaration of insurance which must be signed by all competitors before they go afloat.
- 2.4 ENTRIES – For a yacht to be eligible to race the relevant entry form shall be completed and the appropriate fee paid.
- 2.5 DISTINGUISHING NUMBERS – All yachts shall compete under their registered numbers. Under exceptional circumstances a yacht shall be permitted to carry numbers or letters in contravention with her Class Rules providing she has permission from the Race Officer.
- 3.0 PERSONAL BUOYANCY – Personal buoyancy in the form of a life jacket or buoyancy aid shall be worn at all times when on the water.
- 4.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS – Notices to competitors will be posted on the Racing Noticeboard in the clubhouse or may be issued when registering. International Flag L flown from the race box mast shall signal the posting of any additional notices not generally notified at registration or at the race briefings. All changes to these sailing instructions shall be valid for subsequent races in the series unless notified to the contrary.
- 5.0 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS.
- 5.1 Course instructions will be displayed on the shore under the race box or on the committee boat before the start of each race.
- 5.2 Course marks are in the approximate positions displayed on the course map. These positions are only a rough guide and may be moved to provide a good racing course. Additional marks either for starting, finishing and /or to provide marks of the course may also be specified.
- 5.3 The committee boat, when on station may display International Flag Q, or any other flag designated by the Race Officer at race briefings.
- 6.0 START TIMES – The start time of all races will be notified by the Race Officer on the notice board under the race box.
- 7.0 STARTING
- 7.1 STARTING LINE – The starting line is defined as the line between the mainmast of the committee boat and the outer distance mark (ODM).
- 7.2 The Race Officer will notify the starting procedure. This will normally be signals 5,4,1 minutes and at the start.
- 7.3 ROUND THE ENDS – At the discretion of the Race Officer a one-minute "round the ends rule" may be applied. Flying International Flag I as the preparatory signal will signal this. Flag I will be lowered one minute before the start and a sound signal made to indicate that the rule is in operation.
- 7.4 BLACK FLAG – At the discretion of the Race Officer a one-minute "black flag rule" may be applied. Flying a black flag from the committee boat as the preparatory signal will signal this. The black flag will be lowered one minute before the start and a sound signal made to indicate the rule is in operation. Any boat in the triangle formed by the windward mark, the ODM and the committee boat within the last minute before the start will be disqualified.
- 7.5 INDIVIDUAL RECALL – Individual recalls will be in accordance with the RRS.
- 7.6 GENERAL RECALL – General recall will be in accordance with the RRS.
- 8.0 FINISHING LINE – The finish line will be between a mark of the course and the committee boat, or as specified by the Race Officer in the race briefing (the 'transit' line to windward is the default club race finishing line at Girton SC and may be specified).
- 9.0 TIME LIMITS – The time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes. When the first yacht finishes within this time limit, a further period of 30 minutes will be allowed for subsequent finishers. If no yacht finishes within the limit the race will be abandoned.
- 10.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES – The 720-degree turns alternative penalty provided in the RRS shall apply.
- 11.0 PROTESTS
- 11.1 VISIBLE INDICATION – The protesting crew shall make an audible indication of protest at the time of the incident.
- 11.2 TIME LIMIT – The written protest required by the RRS shall be submitted on a RYA Protest Form available from the Race Officer. The protest shall be delivered to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the time the last yacht finishes the race.

- 12.0 SCORING SYSTEM – Scoring and tiebreaks shall be in accordance with the RRS Appendix A. The number of races to count shall be as follows:
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| 5 races sailed | 4 to count |
| 4 races sailed | 3 to count |
| 3 races sailed | 2 to count |
| 2 races sailed | 2 to count |
| 1 race sailed  | 1 to count |
- 13.0 THE ZONE
- 13.1 Girton SC Sailing Sub-Committee, according to the provisions of rule 86.1 (b) hereby give notice that the zone, as defined in the RRS 2013-2016, will continue as two boat lengths for all competitions at Girton SC.

Girton Sailing Club Sailing Committee 2015

