

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### Tera Open Event 2015

#### Brightlingsea Sailing Club

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 When on the water competitors shall wear lifejackets or other adequate personal buoyancy. Wetsuits and drysuits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes RRS 40.

#### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 The Race Office will be in the main clubhouse. Official communications will be posted on the designated Official Race Notice Board by the Race Office.

#### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted not later than 60 minutes before the advertised warning time of the race or races concerned, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the designated flagpole which is a halyard on the Club Starting Hut.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 A maximum of 4 races will be sailed.
- 5.2 Intended schedule of Races:

Date	First Start	No Races
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:35	4

#### **6 CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1 The class flag will be
- |       |                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| Pro   | International code flag Numeral 1 |
| Sport | International code flag E         |

#### **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 The racing area will be in the Colne/Blackwater Estuary.

#### **8 THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The diagram in Annex A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 8.2 The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 'I' from the Committee Boat may be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.
- 8.3 The number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Rounding marks will be black or orange pyramid inflatable marks, approximately 1m high.
- 9.2 Starting marks will be a race committee boat at the starboard end, including any attached boats or buoys, and either a pink or white spherical buoy approximately 0.5-0.8m in diameter at the port end.
- 9.3 An Inner limit mark, if used, will be a white spherical buoy approximately 0.6m diameter.

## **10 LOCAL NAVIGATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 10.1 Competitors are reminded of their personal responsibilities for complying with International and National Regulations and Local by-laws governing marine navigation.
- 10.2 Abridged extract from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea, 1972:  
*"A boat shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. A boat shall not cross a narrow channel or fairway if such crossing impedes the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway. The latter vessel may use five short and rapid blasts of her sound signal if she is in doubt as to the intention of a crossing boat."*
- 10.3 Competitors are asked to note that the beach known as Second Beach which lies to the East of the estuary is a Nature Conservation area with landing restricted to an area designated between the two arrows.

## **11 THE START**

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat at the Starboard end and the Port end start mark.
- 11.2 An Inner Limit mark may be laid adjacent to the Race Committee boat, which will be a mark of the course. No competitor shall pass between the limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after warning signal.
- 11.3 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4. & A5

## **12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either lay a new mark of a different colour or move the original mark. In the case of a new mark they will remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If there is a subsequent change the "new" will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2 RRS 33 (a) (2) is modified in that the shape of the flag or board shall have no significance.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff flying a blue flag at the Starboard end of the line and a black spherical Port End Finish mark.
- 13.2 In recognition of the wide range of abilities expected to attend this meeting a "Grand Prix" finish will be implemented. Once the leading boat finishes, either the full course or a shortened course, all boats will finish in

accordance with SI13.1 irrespective of the number of laps they have completed. Finishing places will be awarded appropriately taking account of the number of laps completed.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall make a declaration to this effect at the same time as tallying (see SI 18.3).
- 14.3 RRS Appendix 'P' will apply. The Race Committee and specifically nominated Rescue Boat crews are designated observers for the Protest Committee in the application of RRS Appendix P.
- 14.4 As provided in RRS 67, the protest committee may, without a hearing, penalize a boat that has broken RRS 42.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat. If no boat has reached Mark 1 within 15 minutes of the start the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes that has sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The end of protest time is 30 minutes after the last boat that has raced reaches the shore. This time will be recorded by the race office.
- 16.3 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. This notice will include the time and place of the hearing.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4 that, have been penalised for breaking RRS 42 will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.6 Breaches of sailing instructions 10.1 – 10.3, 18, and 21 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these and the class rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing will 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 66.
- 16.8 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 62.

## **17 SCORING**

- 17.1 The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 17.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 17.3 Discards:

- a) When 3 or more races are completed then all race scores will count except her worst score.
- b) A boat's series score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores from those qualifying races

17.4 Points for the PRO and SPORT fleets shall be calculated separately.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1 **Boats shall 'tally out' before launching by removing a tally band from the tally board and 'tally in' by returning the tally band to the appropriate hook on the tally board as soon as practicable on returning ashore.** Failure to comply with this SI will result in a 5 point penalty in the race closest to the infringement, other boats will not be rescored. This penalty can be mitigated by payment of a £10 fee to the club which will be donated to the RNLI. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 18.2 The tally board will be located in the area at the head of the club launching ramp. Individual tally numbers will be issued at registration.
- 18.3 Retirements and penalties taken shall be declared on the declaration log sheet.
- 18.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Competitors must still comply with Sailing Instruction 18.1

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee. Requests shall be submitted to the race office in writing not less than 1 hour before the start or the first race of the day.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 20.2 All boats shall hold a valid measurement certificate where required by their Class Rules. Only certified sails shall be used.
- 20.3 The Race Committee or their instructed representative may weigh, measure or inspect a boat and/or her equipment before, during or after any race.
- 20.4 Under exceptional circumstances, the Race Committee may permit a boat to carry a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77 and Appendix 'G' or her class rules. Requests shall be submitted to the race office in writing not less than 1 hour before the start or the first race of the day.

## **21 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1 Except when acting in a direct and immediate safety capacity, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal of the first race until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this SI will be applied to the competing boat associated with the infringing support boat and a scoring penalty calculated using the formula in RRS 44.3 will be applied to the race sailed nearest in time to the incident.

## **22 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 22.1 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.

## **23 PRIZES**

23.1 Trophies and/or prizes will be given to the winner and to a number of other boats at the discretion of the organisers.

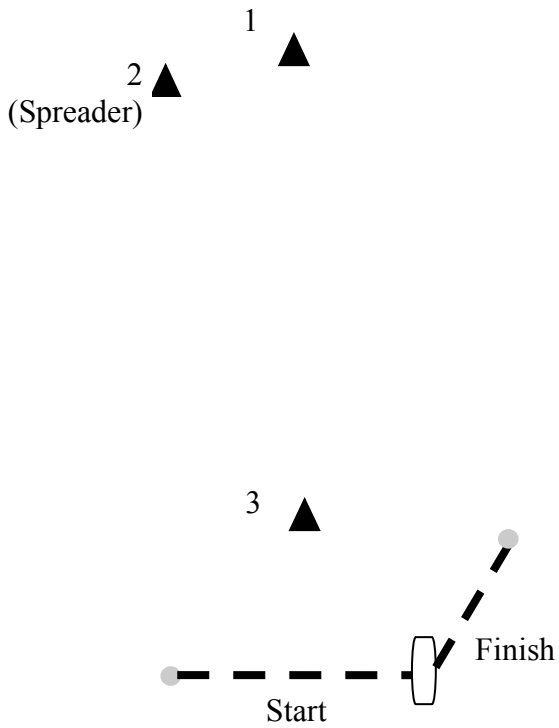
## **24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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 regatta.

## **25 INSURANCE**

25.1 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2 million (or its equivalent thereof in any currency).

**ANNEX A – Course**



Laps will consist of:

- Mark 1 port,
- Mark 2 port,
- Mark 3 port

Competitors will sail the number of laps displayed on the committee boat plus the final leg from Mark 3 to the finish.