

**WALDRINGFIELD SAILING CLUB**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPEN EVENTS**

**1 Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 ("RRS") as issued by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association, the rules of the classes racing, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions and by official notices posted in accordance with paragraph 4.

**2 Entries**

2.1 Eligible boats for this Event are listed on the Notice of Race. They may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority. Eligibility requirements for boats are a current measurement certificate complete with a current buoyancy endorsement where appropriate. Eligibility requirements for competitors are prescribed in the Notice of race and on the Entry Form.

2.2 All boats will be recognised afloat through their sail number, which shall be registered on the entry form. In no circumstances shall a boat be allowed to use the same sail number as another competing boat in the same class. Permission to change sail numbers during the meeting shall be obtained from the Race Officer.

- a) RRS rule 46 is amended. An entrant shall be the person in charge and shall be aboard his/her boat for all qualifying races.
- b) A crew may not be changed without the written permission of the Race Officer.

**3 Notices to Competitors**

Notices to Competitors shall be posted on the official race notice board located in the Clubhouse.

**4 Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted on the official notice board inside the Clubhouse not later than the time the relevant course is displayed.

**5 Signals Made Ashore and Afloat**

Signals can either be made ashore from the Crow's Nest or afloat from a committee boat.

**6 Safety**

RRS rule 40 is amended as follows: Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by **all** dinghy competitors when afloat. Wet suits and non-inflated inflation type buoyancy aids are NOT sufficient. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of junior members to ensure compliance with this rule. Failure to comply with this rule will result in immediate disqualification from the race.

**7 Schedule of Races**

Races are scheduled as per the Notice of Race. The Race Committee may re-schedule races in order to complete the six races (or less). However, the first race each day will not be before 11.00 on the Saturday, or 10.30 on the Sunday.

A minimum of two races are required to constitute a series.

**8 Class Flag**

As described in the Notice of Race

**9 The Course**

9.1 The Course shall either be displayed on the fixed course board outside the Clubhouse or on the mobile board located on the committee boat at the start line. Should any discrepancy occur between the written and drawn courses, the written version shall prevail. When the mobile course board is being used, the course displayed there will prevail.

9.2 Whilst afloat the race committee may alter a course from that previously displayed on the course board. Code flag R, together with a sound signal, shall mean that a new course has been set and is displayed from a course board on the committee boat.

**10 The Start**

10.1 Races shall be started in accordance with the Notice of Race and the RRS 26

10.2 The Club start/finish line is from the mast displaying an orange flag in front of the Crow's Nest in transit with two white posts with triangular top marks on the island.

10.3 A biased line may be used instead of the club line for starting races only, by substituting for the fixed transit posts on the island an outer limit mark displaying an orange flag forming a line with the Crow's Nest mast. This line shall be specified on the course board.

10.4 The start line/finish line may be established from a mast displaying an orange flag on a committee boat to an outer limit mark also displaying an orange flag or to an independent buoy. An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. If laid, an inner limit mark shall be a mark of the course and no boat may pass between it and the committee boat after its Warning Signal. After a boat has started, the inner and outer limit marks shall cease to be marks of the course unless otherwise indicated.

**11 Contact with moored boats**

11.1 For the purpose of this rule all moored boats shall be regarded as obstructions.

- a) A boat which is racing of which any part of its equipment makes contact with any part of a moored boat shall:
  - (i) execute one turn (one tack and a gybe in the same direction) when safe to do so and in any event before the next turning mark of the course, or
  - (ii) retire, or
  - (iii) protest if she was forced to make contact by a boat which should have kept clear.For the purposes of this Rule 11.1(a), the boat's equipment includes all its crew members.

- b) If contact occurred between any part of the racing boat and any part of the moored boat, the entrant shall cause an entry of the fact to be made on an Incident Report Form in the Clubhouse within one hour of the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day giving the following information:
- (i) the name, address, telephone number and sail number of the boat which was racing and made contact with a moored boat, and
  - (ii) some identification of the moored boat concerned, and
  - (iii) a note of the damage, if any.

For the avoidance of doubt, an incident where a collision only takes place between a crew of the racing boat who are fending off and a moored boat does not require completion of an Incident Report Form report to be made. However 11.1.a) still applies.

- c) Failure to complete an Incident Report Form when such a Form is required by Rule 11.1(b) will result in disqualification from that race.

## **12 The Finish**

The finishing line shall **either** be at the Club start/finish line as defined in 10.2 **or** at a Committee Boat line as defined in 10.4. The Committee Boat shall indicate it is on station at the finish line by flying a blue flag.

## **13 Time Limit**

RRS rule 35 is altered. The race duration time limit shall be 1.5 hours. All boats must finish within 30 minutes of the finishing time of the leading boat, otherwise they shall be scored "Did Not Finish". The Race Officer may extend these times at his/her discretion.

## **14 Signing In/Out and Declarations**

14.1 All competing helms shall before their preparatory signal, enter their boats sail number, own and crews name, on the Signing In / Out Declaration forms.

14.2 After racing the declaration form shall be signed **within 30 minutes** of the end of that race. In the event of "back to back" races, the form shall be signed for all races **within 30 minutes** of the end of the last race.

## **15 Protests**

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Entry Desk and delivered there within one hour of the last boat finishing that race. In the event of "back to back" races, the forms shall be delivered within one hour of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.

15.2 Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

## **16 Scoring**

The number of races required to count towards the series shall be as follows:-

Six races completed, five will count.

Five races completed, four will count.

Four or less races completed, all will count.

Two races are required to constitute a series