

## West Riding Sailing Club Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules and these sailing instructions.

### 2. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

#### 2.1 General

The safety of a vessel and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the vessel. West Riding Sailing Club, its officers and members will not be responsible for any losses or damage or injury to any person or their property howsoever caused. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/competitor.

#### 2.2 Reception

Competitors shall report to the Competition Secretary in the Clubhouse on arrival to confirm their entry, otherwise the competitor will be deemed not to have entered.

#### 2.3 Certificates

On entering, all competitors shall be required to declare that they have a valid Class Measurement Certificate (where appropriate) and Insurance Policy. Where required (eg Area Championships) these documents together with membership card of the appropriate Association SHALL BE PRODUCED. The sailing committee reserve the right to measure any boat during the meeting and to disqualify it, if it does not meet Class requirements. Where class rules require sailors to be members of their respective class association in order to race then that class rule will apply.

#### 2.4 Insurance

All competitors shall hold a valid Insurance Policy for their boats covering third party claims of not less than £2,000,000 for the duration of the event.

### 3. SAFETY

3.1 Personal buoyancy shall be worn whilst afloat. Wet/Dry suits are not acceptable substitutes for personal buoyancy. The race officer or his officials may refuse to allow afloat any boat, which in his opinion has buoyancy which is inadequately secured or inflated.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

#### 4.1 Notice Board

Official Communications, including any change to the Sailing Instructions, may be posted on the official notice board next to the course board or at another location specified by the OOD.

#### 4.2 Signals Made Ashore

Signals Made Ashore will be displayed from the main mast.

#### 4.3 Class Flags Will be:-

CLASS	FLAG
Handicap	I.C. "R"
Laser	Red Square with Laser Symbol.
Solo	I.C. "No. 1"
Raceboard	I.C. "D"
(I.C. being the International Code)	

#### 4.4 Race Signals

Race signals, unless otherwise stated, are as those defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

#### 4.5 Courses

The marks are distinctive buoys positioned approximately as shown on the course board. The course to be sailed may be indicated on the course board, and unless specifically mentioned in the course instructions, only marks indicated as beginning or ending a leg shall be considered as marks of the course.

#### 4.6 Changing the Course

Once afloat, the race committee may change the course. Flag "L" will be displayed and the new course displayed on the side of the committee boat. Flag "L" will be removed 1 minute before the first warning signal.

### 5. STARTING

#### 5.1 Starting System

Races may be started in accordance with Rule 26. When there is more than one fleet racing the starting order and the interval between starts may be posted on the Official Notice Board

#### 5.2 Starting Line

This shall consist of either:-

- a line between a Mark and the Mast of the Committee Boat,
- a line between a Mark and a Point on the Shore Station,
- a line between the masts of two Committee Boats.

The angle of the start line may be adjusted up to 3 minutes before a starting signal. This changes Rule 27.2. When there are prior classes starting, a boat that manoeuvres in the vicinity of the starting line before its preparatory signal may be disqualified.

#### 5.3 Individual recalls

When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1 (Round-an-End-Rule), the race committee shall promptly display flag X with one sound. The flag may be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but not later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any starting signal, whichever ever is earlier.

#### 5.4 General Recalls

When at the starting signal the race committee is unable to identify boats that are on the course side of the starting line or to which rule 30 applies, or there has been an error in the starting procedure, the race committee may signal a general recall (Flag: 1st Substitute with two sounds). When there is more than one fleet racing, following a General Recall (Unless otherwise stated by the race officer) the class concerned may restart after the last programmed start.

When more than one fleet is racing and the fleet recalled is the last fleet, the warning signal for a new start for the recalled class may be made one minute after the 1st Substitute is removed (one sound).

### 6. MOVING A MARK

The race Committee may move the position of a mark before the leading boat has begun that leg. This changes Rule 33.

### 7. FINISHING

#### 7.1 Finishing Line

This is to be formed either:-

- between a point on the Shore Station and a Designated Mark,
- between the Committee boat Mast and a Mark,
- between the Masts of two Committee Boats.

The finishing line may be altered under Rule 32. In addition if flag "S" is displayed from the

main mast the finish may be between the Shore Station and the Designated Finishing Mark. Note the "Shore Station" will normally be the Committee Box but may be any other place designated by the Race Committee.

One of the marks of the course, within easy sight of the Shore Station, may be used for Lap Counting Purposes. All competing yachts must pass between this mark and the Shore Station on each lap and in the required direction only. This mark may also be the Designated Mark for Starting or Finishing.

#### 8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit under Rule 35 may be two hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit will be scored did not finish.

#### 9. DECLARATION

The helmsman of every competing yacht who can properly do so, may sign the declaration board within 30 minutes of the end of the race to certify that they have complied with the rules and properly completed the course. All helmsmen who retire must write "retired" on the declaration board.

#### 10. SAIL NUMBERS

Rule 77 applies unless a waiver has been obtained in writing from the organiser.

#### 11. PROTESTS

The time limit under Rule 61.3 is ½ hour after the last boat finishes.

#### 12. SCORING

The Low point scoring system Rule A4 will apply. The number of races scheduled and the number of races to count will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

#### 13. INFRINGEMENTS

The 720° turn alternative penalty system, as provided in Rule 44 to apply.

#### 14. PROPULSION

A protest committee may penalize without a hearing a boat that has broken rule 42, provided that a member of the committee or its designated observer has seen the incident, and a disqualification under this rule shall not be excluded from the boat's series score. A boat so penalized shall be informed by notification in the race results.

#### 15. DATES AND TIMES OF RACES

See preliminary notices.

#### 16. HANDICAP RACING

When handicap racing is being used, the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick scheme as set out in the current YR2 will be used. Portsmouth numbers will be those published in the current YR2. Boats without Portsmouth numbers published in the current YR2 will be allocated an estimated Trial Number.

#### 17. BEHAVIOUR OF COMPETITORS

In welcoming visiting competitors and supporters West Riding Sailing Club expects an appropriate standard of behaviour from all and has the power to totally exclude anyone at the Club Officers discretion.

#### 18. CASUAL SAILORS

There is to be NO casual sailing without the permission of the race organisers.

#### 19. FISHERMEN

Competitors and Casual sailors are asked to keep clear of fishermen on the shore.