



## Bass Week Sailing Instructions 2016

### 1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions, or to the Sailing Programme, will be posted on the Official Notice Board, located in the clubhouse foyer, at least one hour prior to the race or races concerned.

### 3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole next to the clubhouse.

### 4. STARTING

- (i) Starting times will be as indicated in the Sailing Programme.
- (ii) Fleets will start at two minute intervals in the following order:

Fast Handicap

Flying Fifteen

RS200

Medium Handicap

Laser & Laser Radial (Handicap)

Enterprises

GP14

Graduate (First weekend only)

Slow Handicap

Mirror, Topper & Tera

- (iii) The warning signal for each fleet shall be broken out **four** minutes before that fleet's start.
- (iv) The preparatory signal shall be displayed **two** minutes before the first start and left flying until the last start. This changes RRS 26
- (v) The warning signals (Class Flags) for each fleet shall be:

Fast Handicap

Flying Fifteen

RS 200

Lasers & Laser Radial (handicap)

Medium Handicap

Enterprises

GP 14

International Code Numeral 7

Naval Numeral No 6

International Code Flag R

Laser Class Flag

International Code Flag J

International Code Flag E

International Code Flag A

Graduate (First weekend only)  
Slow Handicap  
Mirror, Topper & Tera

International Code Flag G  
International Code Flag H  
International Code Numeral 6

- (vi) Races will be started from the Committee Boat, stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. Starting signals shall be displayed from the mast of the Committee Boat.
- (vii) The starting line shall be formed by bringing the mast of the Committee Boat into line with an outer limit mark displaying International Code Flag Z.
- (viii) An inner limit mark displaying International Code Flag Y will be laid and yachts passing between it and the Committee Boat at any time will be liable to disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- (ix) RRS 30.1 will be in force at all starts. International Code Flag I will not be displayed. No signal will be made to indicate the beginning of the last minute before each start. This changes RRS 30.1.

#### 5. RECALLS

- (i) If a General Recall is signalled the First Substitute flag shall be displayed, accompanied by two sounds.
- (ii) The preparatory signal for a new start for the recalled fleet shall be displayed one minute after the First Substitute flag is removed (one sound). This changes RRS 29.2
- (iii) Starts for any succeeding fleets shall follow the new start at two minute intervals.

#### 6. INTERFERENCE WITH BOATS RACING

- (i) Yachts that have not started or are not about to start shall not interfere with yachts that have started or are about to start.
- (ii) Yachts in fleets that are not about to start must keep well clear of the start line until their preparatory signal.
- (iii) Yachts failing to comply with these requirements may be liable to disqualification from their race which is about to start. This adds to RRS 23.1

#### 7. COURSES

- (i) The course to be sailed shall be indicated on the course board attached to the gunwale of the Committee Boat, or the gunwale of a separate course boat, no later than four minutes before the start of a race.
- (ii) The marks of the course, the order in which they are to be rounded, their required side and the number of laps shall be shown on the course board.
- (iii) The numbers of marks to be rounded to port shall be indicated on a red background and the numbers to be rounded to starboard shall be indicated on a green background. The number of laps shall be indicated on a black background.
- (iv) Separate courses for different fleets may be indicated on the upper and lower sections of the course board.

#### 8. MOVING MARKS

- (i) Marks of the course may be moved before or during a race at the discretion of the Race Officer.

- (ii) The Race Officer shall attempt to indicate the new position of the mark before boats round the previous mark. This changes RRS 33.

9. SHORTENED COURSES

- (i) If the course is shortened International Code Flag 'S' shall be displayed, accompanied by two sounds.
- (ii) If the course is shortened for specific fleets, the Class Flags (warning signal flags) for those fleets to be shortened shall also be displayed.
- (iii) If the course is to be shortened for all fleets, no Class Flags shall be displayed. This adds to RRS 32.

10. FINISHING

The finishing line shall be either:

- (i) Between the mast of the Committee Boat or Course Boat displaying a blue flag, and the mark outside of which it is stationed.
- (ii) Between the black pole on the lake shore and Mark 'O'.

11. OBSTRUCTING THE FINISHING LINE

Boats that have finished must leave the finishing area without re-crossing the finishing line. When the finish line is between the black pole on the lake shore and Mark 'O', boats finishing from the north must leave Mark S to port; boats finishing from the south must leave Mark N to starboard. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

12. DEAD HEATING

Boats crossing the finishing line in a bunch so that their relative placing cannot be determined will be presumed to have dead-heated. This adds to RRS A3.

13. TIME LIMIT

- (I) The Race Officer may terminate a race, for any fleet, at any time after thirty minutes have elapsed from the finishing time of the leading yacht in that fleet.
- (II) All yachts in that fleet still racing will be scored as DNF.

14. SCORING

- (i) The low point scoring system defined in RRS Appendix A will apply.
- (ii) In series racing, once 3 races or more have been sailed, a yacht's worst score will be discarded.

15. PURSUIT RACING

- (i) There will be a specific briefing approximately 1 hour before the start of each pursuit race.
- (ii) Pursuit race start times shall be posted on the club notice board.
- (iii) If any yachts are on the course side of the starting line at their starting signal the race committee shall promptly display International Code Flag X accompanied by one sound. The flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, or for 1 minute after the recalled start. This changes RRS 29.1.
- (iv) If a General Recall is signalled (First Substitute flag displayed accompanied by two sounds) all Classes will be recalled and the complete starting sequence shall begin again.
- (v) The finish line shall be a moving line between flag staffs mounted on two power boats.

- (vi) The flag staff on the boat at the starboard end of the line shall display a green flag over a blue flag. The flag staff on the boat at the port end of the line shall display a red flag over a blue flag.
- (vii) Prior to the end of the race the moving line will be positioned just ahead of the leading yacht.
- (viii) Warning sound signals will be made at 5 minutes and at 1 minute before the end of the race.
- (ix) At the end of the race the power boat at each end of the finish line shall drop an orange inflatable mark
- (x) The finish line will then be moved back through the fleet, following the rhomb line between the marks of the course.
- (xi) All boats must pass through the moving finish line to have their finishing positions recorded.
- (xii) When all finishing positions have been recorded the orange inflatable marks will be lifted accompanied by one long continuous sound signal.
- (xiii) After passing through the moving finish line, all boats shall continue to sail the course until they reach and pass between the orange inflatable marks, or until the marks are lifted. Any boats failing to do so may be scored DNF, at the discretion of the race officer.

#### 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- (i) The Exoneration Penalty (and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration Procedures) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See Official Notice Board for details.
- (ii) Protest Forms are available from the Race Office, located in the clubhouse.
- (iii) Protests must be handed in to the Race Office within thirty minutes of the last boat finishing the last race prior to coming ashore.
- (iv) Details of the time and venue of hearings will be communicated using the club PA system.

#### 17. SAFETY

- (i) The safety of a yacht, her decision to race and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the yacht.
- (ii) A valid Certificate of Insurance of not less than £2,000,000 per event must be held by all yachts.
- (iii) All sailors must wear a Personal Flotation Device of at least CE50 Newtons, or equivalent, at all times. International Code Flag Y will not be flown. This changes RRS 40.

#### 18. MEASUREMENT

- (i) All yachts racing must hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate subject to inspection by the Sailing Committee upon request.
- (ii) A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- (iii) All yachts must be sailed in a configuration recognised by the appropriate Class Association and for which a valid Portsmouth Handicap Number is available.