



CONTENDER OPEN MEETING

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority:

Highcliffe Sailing Club (HSC)

Venue: Sea Vixen Mundeford Quay

Highcliffe Christchurch Dorset

BH23 4AB

27th - 28th April 2024

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (2021 -2024) ("RRS").
- 1.2. RRS 42 is changed per ICA Class RRS22 and RRS Appendix P 5 as follows;
 - a) When the wind speed exceeds 10 knots across the course, the race committee may signal that except on a beat to windward, pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag O before or with the warning signal.
 - b) If the wind speed exceeds 10 knots after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag O with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules. This applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.
 - c) If the wind speed becomes less than 10 knots across the course after flag O was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a rounding mark to signal that RRS42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.
- 1.3. RRS40 is changed. Competitors shall wear appropriate personal flotation devices approved by their national authority for this use, except briefly while adjusting or changing clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the entrance area of Highcliffe Sailing Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted no 2 hours before the race start time on the day it takes effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the southwestern end of the HSC Clubhouse. These signals may be replicated by a mast adjacent to the launching area.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the RRS Race Signal AP.
- 4.3. When flag D is displayed ashore competitors are requested not to leave the beach, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. 6 Races are proposed (3 races per day)
- 5.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal shall be displayed after 1430 hours.
- 5.3. After a race, subsequent races are scheduled to start as soon as is practical.
- 5.4. Saturday 27th April — The warning signal for the 1st race shall be 1 pm with races 2 and 3 to follow as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race.
- 5.5. Sunday, 28th April - The warning signal for the 4th race shall be 11 am with races 5 and 6 to follow as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race..

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag shall be the Contender Class insignia (flag C).

7. RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area will be within Christchurch Bay.

8. COURSES

8.1. The diagram in Appendix A shows the course, the marks in order and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left, not to scale.

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee may display the approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1.

9. MARKS

9.1. Original marks 1, 2 and 3 will be Orange cylindrical bouys

9.2. Alternative marks will be Orange cylindrical (*to be confirmed*)

9.3. The start mark will be a dan buoy flying an Orange flag

9.4. The finish mark will be a dan buoy flying a Blue flag.

10. THE START

10.1. The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag and a dan buoy flying an orange flag at the port end

10.2. A boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark or move the finishing line, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. Shorten Course

12.1. If the race committee signals shortened course (with S flag and 2 sounds)

a. At rounding marks 1 or 2, the finishing line shall be between the mark and a staff displaying flag S

b. At rounding mark 3, boats shall, after rounding the mark, sail directly to the finishing line between the finish mark and the committee boat.

This changes RRS 32.2

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an blue flag and a dan buoy flying a blue flag.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. If no boat rounds Mark 1 within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.2. If no boat has sailed the course and finished within 120 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14.3. Boats that have not finished 30 minutes after the first boat has sailed the course and finished will be scored DNF without a hearing.

14.4. This section, 14, changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

15. PROTESTS, PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. The Protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the finish of the last boat in the last race of the day. The Protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the Regatta Office in the HSC Clubhouse.
- 15.3. Protests shall be delivered to the protest committee representative at the Regatta Office prior to the time limit.
- 15.4. A list of protests and requests for redress received, the hearing schedule, and the location of the hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board not later than 30 minutes after the expiration of the protest time limit. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 63.2.
- 15.5. Notices of protests by the race committee or the international jury will be posted on the Official Notice Board. This posting constitutes the notice required by RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6. On the last day of racing, a request to reopen a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or, no later than thirty minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 15.7. On the last day of racing, requests for redress shall be delivered within the protest time limit or within 30 minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Six races are scheduled. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. If fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When 4 to 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS4, 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.

22. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £1,500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A

Course

1-2-3, 1-3, 1-2-3, Finish. All marks left to port.

Where the course is shortened at Mark 3 the finish shall be between the finish mark and the committee boat after rounding the mark.

