

Marine Parade Sheerness Kent ME12 2BE 15th & 16th July 2023

Organising Authority: The Isle of Sheppey Sailing Club (IOSSC)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Version 1 - 03/05/23

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the following:
- 1.1.1 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.1.2 The Class Rules and Guidelines.
- 1.1.3 This Notice of Race.
- 1.1.4 The Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 In the event of conflicts among the above documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 The notation '[NP]' in a rule means it shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 64.2.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the board adjacent to club bar in the main hall.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff above the race tower.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Briefing: Saturday 15th July at 1045 in the main hall.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1155 on Saturday 15th July.
- 6.3 Races 2 and 3 will be sailed back to back after race 1.



- 6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race 4 is 1025 on Sunday 16th July.
- 6.5 Races 5 and 6 will be sailed back to back after race 4.
- 6.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed at least five minutes and may be accompanied by a sound signal, before a warning signal is made.
- 6.6 No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the last day.
- 6.7 A maximum of 4 races will be permitted on any race day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The Class flags will be as follows: Numeral 1 (or class flag if supplied and will be confirmed at briefing).

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be confirmed at the briefing. Either directly to the North of the club and to the west of Cheyney Rock, or to the East of Cheyney Rock.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagram(s) in APPENDIX A shows the course(s)
- 9.2 Courses may be shortened.
- 9.4 Legs of the course may be changed after the preparatory signal.
- 9.5 The Race Committee may give an approximate compass course to the windward mark.
- 9.6 The use of a spreader mark (1a) is at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be promulgated at the briefing.

10 MARKS

10.1 The course will be defined by inflatable marks in APPENDIX A.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 Competitors must not proceed north of Medway Secondary Channel identified by Yellow Special Marks.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying orange flag on the committee boat and an orange flag on the starting mark.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE



13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a blue flag on a dan buoy.
- 14.2 When a race committee vessel displays flag W with two sounds, boats that have not yet finished may be given a finishing place anywhere on the racecourse, at a nearby mark or not.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, applies and the penalty will be 20% of the score for DNF.

16 TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit will be 30 minutes.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF)

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office.
- 17.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at on the third floor above the main hall.
- 17.4 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5[(a)][(b)][(c)].

18 SCORING

- 18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify 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, notice of race and/or sailing instructions.



21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 boats as a minimum and may include additional places.

22 RISK STATEMENT

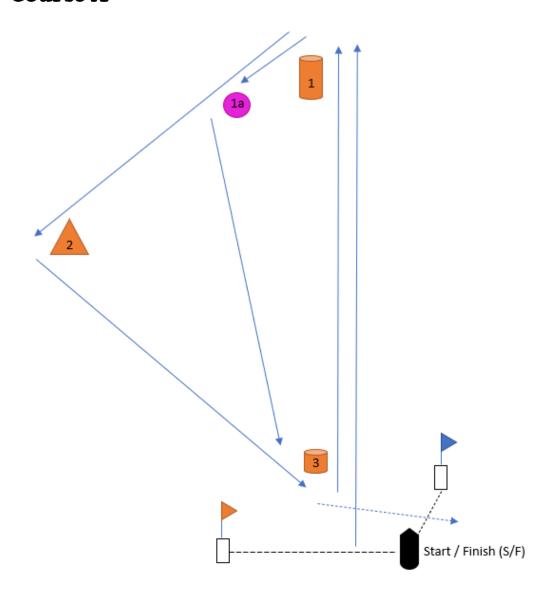
22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough water, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

22.2 COVID Statement - By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.



APPENDIX A

Course A



Triangle, Sausage, Triangle (AT)

Lap 1: Start, 1, 1a, 2, 3,

Lap 2: 1, 1a, 3,

Lap 3: 1, 1a, 2, 3, Finish

Sausage, Triangle, Sausage (AS)

Lap 1: Start, 1, 1a, 3,

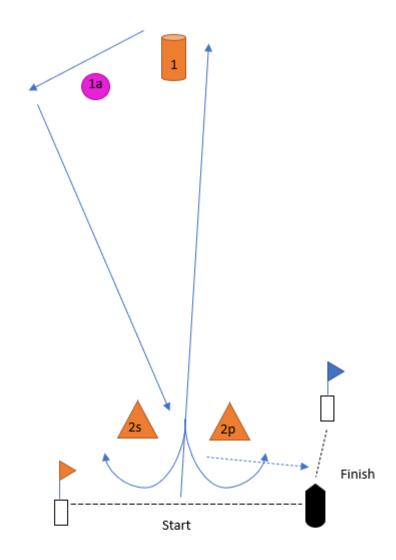
Lap 2: 1, 1a, 2, 3,

Lap 3: 1, 1a, 3, Finish

Note: The use of a spreader mark (1a) maybe removed for smaller fleets at the discretion of the Race Committee.



Course B



Windward/Leeward

Lap 1: Start, 1, 1a, 2s or 2p Lap 2: 1, 1a, 2s or 2p, Lap 3: 1, 1a, 2p, Finish

Note: The use of a spreader mark (1a) maybe removed for smaller fleets at the discretion of the Race Committee.

