

- 1 RULES**
  - 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RSS), the prescriptions of the RYA and these sailing instructions.
  - 1.2 Rule 32 changed to allow the race to be shortened at the Committee Boat on station at the finish.
  - 1.3 Rule 35 changed to score boats finishing outside the time limit as DNF
  - 1.4 Rule 40 is changed so that personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.
  - 1.5 Appendix A 4.2 changed so that a boat that does not finish is scored the points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats starting the race.
- 2 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY, ELIGIBILITY**

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/ person in charge who must ensure that the boat and the crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers, who are the Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club and Race Committee shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races.
- 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front window of the LLSC clubhouse.
- 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted not less than 15 minutes before the start of the race affected
- 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag staff on the clubhouse. When flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes" in the meaning of race signal AP
- 6 SAIL NUMBERS**

A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number unless her class rules permit this, and then only if she first applies in writing to the Race Committee to do so and receives permission.
- 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**
  - 7.1 Date of racing: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2014
  - 7.2 Number of races: There are 3 races scheduled for the day
  - 7.3 The competitors briefing will take place on the day at 10.20am.
  - 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the day is 10.55am.
- 8 CLASS FLAGS & FLEETS**
  - 8.1 Class flag for the Youth fleet shall be the No. 1 Pennant; the class flag for the Handicap fleet shall be the No. 2 Pennant; the class flag for the Optimist fleet shall be the No. 3 Pennant.
- 8.2 In the event that there are less than three boats in a fleet, that fleet's start will be combined with another and the larger fleet's pennant will be applicable. The competitor's briefing will identify if this is to happen.
- 9 COURSE**
  - 9.1 The trapezoidal course to be sailed is shown in Appendix A and will be set in a suitable position on Pennington Flash.
  - 9.2 Mark A is an orange dumpy buoy. Mark Y is an orange pillar buoy, Marks 2 and 3 are training marks.
  - 9.3 All boats must sail through the start/finish line between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the Dan Buoy showing a orange flag on completion of each lap. Boats that do not sail through the gate will not be scored for that lap.
  - 9.4 The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 10 THE START**
  - 10.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26 (5,4,1,0 min).
  - 10.2 In the event of a general recall the recalled fleet will start after all other fleets.
  - 10.3 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the outer limit mark (A Dan Buoy Showing an Orange Flag).
  - 10.4 When a buoy is laid close to the committee boat, not necessarily on the line, no boat while racing shall pass between to the committee boat and this buoy. The water between the buoy and the committee boat is not an obstruction when approaching the line to start.
- 11 THE FINISH**

The Finish Line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the outer limit mark (a Dan Buoy showing an Orange Flag).
- 12 SHORTENED COURSE**
  - 12.1 The course may be shortened by the committee boat displaying IC Flag "S" together with two sound signals as the leading boat rounds the last mark of the course. Boats shall finish between the mast of the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the outer limit marker (Dan Buoy showing an Orange Flag)
  - 12.2 Alternatively the course may be shortened by stationing a boat on the required side of a rounding mark and displaying IC Flag "S" together with two sound signals.
- 13 OBSTRUCTIONS**

The following areas are designated as an obstruction:

  - 13.1 The nature reserve beyond club racing marks 3,4,5, and 6, which is marked with green buoys
  - 13.2 In the proximity of fishermen's equipment (approx. 20 metres from shore)
- 14 TIME LIMIT**

Rule 35 will not apply. A boat that has not finished within 30 minutes after the first boat in her fleet will be scored DNF. The Race Officer may at his discretion award a boat a finishing position.
- 15 DECLARATIONS**

A boat that does not finish or retires after finishing shall declare her sail number on the retirement sheet posted on the event notice board no later than 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the race (or the last race if races are sailed back-to-back).
- 16 PROTESTS**

Protest and requests for redress must be verbally notified to the Race Officer within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race (or the last race sailed if races are sailed back

to back) and the completed protest form handed in within 15 minutes of the verbal notification. This may be extended at the Race Officer's discretion.

The Race Committee may provide an arbitrator who on request will be prepared to meet the protestor and the protestee on the incident and the rule in question in the hope that the protestor and protestee can come to an agreement before it goes forward as a formal protest. This procedure in no way precludes or replaces the normal established protest procedure.

## 17 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system Appendix A will apply. A series will consist of at least one race. When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 18 PRIZES

As a minimum, prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet.

## 19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

## 20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the club racing entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, 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 racing.

## 21 PROPULSION – PROHIBITED ACTIONS

In accordance with rule 69, any boat breaking rule 42 may be penalised without a hearing.

## APPENDIX A

