

Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club

Solo Open Meeting, 27th September 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016*. Racing rules 35, A4 and A5 are changed as defined in Section 15. Rules 61.3 and 62.2 are changed as defined in Section 16. Rule 40 is changed as defined in Section 18.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the front window of the LLSC clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of racing.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the race control above the club house.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Date of racing: 27th September 2015

5.2 Number of races: There shall be 3 races scheduled.

5.3 The competitors' main briefing will take place at 10.20am.

5.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10.55am.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag for the fleet shall be the No. 1 Pennant.

7 RACING AREAS

The chart incorporated in appendix A shows the location of racing areas and the approximate position of the marks.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course for each race will be displayed on the committee boat and may not be altered after the warning signal (5 minutes) for the fleet. Marks shall be rounded in the order displayed. Red background to the number indicates marks to be rounded to Port, green background to the number indicates marks to be rounded to Starboard. The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.

The letter 'L' displayed at the end of the mark rounding sequence indicates that on completion of each lap all boats shall cross the start/finish line (the line is formed between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and the outer distance marker dan buoy showing an orange flag). Boats not crossing the start/finish line on any lap shall not be scored for that lap.

9 MARKS

The chart incorporated in this appendix shows the approximate location and numbering of the racing marks, the distances and angles shown are not to scale. In addition inflatable orange pillar

marks designated 'Y' and 'A' may be used in any location in the course.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as an obstruction:

10.1 The nature reserve beyond racing marks 3, 4, 5, and 6, which is marked with green buoys

10.2 In the proximity of fishermen's equipment (approx. 20 metres from shore)

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26 (5, 4, 1, 0 min).

11.2 The starting line will be formed between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and a dan buoy showing an orange flag.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

There will be no changes to the course after the race has started with the exception of the positioning of marks Y and A, which can be moved in accordance with RRS.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

Shortening course shall be indicated by 2 sound signals and displaying code flag "S" on the committee boat. Once the signal is sounded all boats shall complete the lap they are currently sailing.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be a line formed between the mast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and a dan buoy showing an orange flag.

15 TIME LIMITS

15.1 The time limit shall be 75 minutes for the first boat to finish. If one boat finishes within that limit then the time limit will be amended to 20 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat. Boats failing to finish within the amended time limit shall be scored in their observed positions on the course or last mark rounding position if recorded. This changes RRS 35 and A5. Boats finished in this way will be advised of the fact by a safety boat and should stop racing thereafter.

15.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Under the provision of the RYA racing charter, competitors can request an arbitration hearing.

16.2 Protest forms are available at the race control office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

16.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the protesting competitor has finished the session in which the incident occurred or 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. [The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.]

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a private area designated by the protest committee chairman.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Boats penalised under the RYA arbitration system will be given a 20% penalty and those penalised as a result of a full protest hearing will be disqualified.

17 SCORING

17.1 The low point scoring system Appendix A8.1 of the RRS will apply.

17.2 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series for the event.

17.3 If fewer than 2 boats approach the starting area the race shall be void in the series.

17.4 There will be one discard allowed if all three races are completed.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Personal Buoyancy must be worn at all times when on the water. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes Rule 40.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible by signing the declaration sheet onshore.

19 PRIZES

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

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 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.

APPENDIX A

