LEIGH AND LOWTON SAILING CLUB
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
NWJTT 27th October 2018

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), 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.
1.6 Rule 41 is amended to allow outside assistance to less experienced sailors by the coach boat.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to sailing instructions will be posted not less than 15 minutes before the start of the race affected

4 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

5 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.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Date of racing: 27th October 2018
6.2 Number of races: There are 3 races scheduled for the day
6.3 The competitors’ briefing will take place on the day at approximately 10.20am.
6.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on the day is 10.55am.

7 CLASS FLAGS & FLEETS

7.1 The 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. This shall also be the sequence of the fleet starts.
7.2 In the event that there are less than four boats in a fleet, that fleet’s start will be combined with another and the larger fleet’s pennant will be applicable. The competitors’ briefing will identify if this is to happen.

8 COURSE

8.1 The trapezoidal course to be sailed is shown in Appendix A and will be set in a suitable position on Pennington Flash.
8.2 Mark A and Mark Y are large orange pillar buoys, Marks 2 and 3 are training marks.
8.3 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 an orange flag on completion of each lap. Boats that do not sail through the gate will not be scored for that lap.
8.4 The number of laps to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started according to RRS 26 (5,4,1,0 min).
9.2 In the event of a general recall the recalled fleet will start after all other fleets.
9.3 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).
9.4 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.

10 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).

11 SHORTENED COURSE

11.1 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)
11.2 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.
11.3 Once the signal is sounded all boats shall complete the lap they are currently sailing.

12 OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as an obstruction:
12.1 The nature reserve beyond club racing marks 3, 4, 5, and 6, which is marked with green buoys
12.2 In the proximity of fishermen’s equipment (approx. 20 metres from shore)

13 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.

14 DECLARATIONS

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

15 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.

16 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.

17 PRIZES

As a minimum, prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each fleet unless there are less than 4 boats within the fleet.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent**.**

19 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

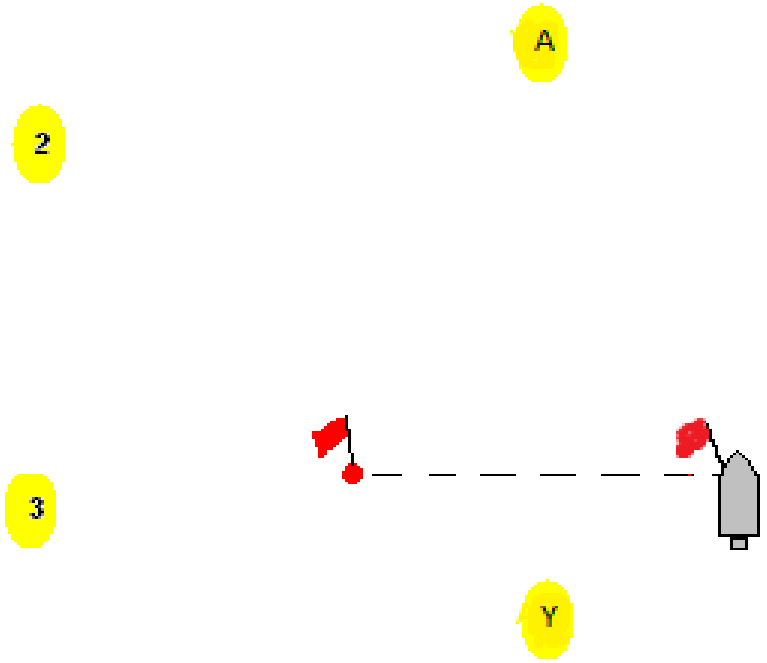
e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

20 PROPULSION – PROHIBITED ACTIONS

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

21 Rule 41 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Coach and Safety boat crews will aim to provide coaching and assistance to less experienced sailors.

APPENDIX A