



Noble Marine UK Musto Skiff National Championship 2024

14th – 16th June 2024

Filey Sailing Club

Organizing Authority: Filey Sailing Club
in conjunction with the UK Musto Skiff Class Association (UKMSCA)

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR or SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect except that an extra race may be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 2.4) on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2. Any other change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before flag D is displayed (SI 2.4) on the day it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. There will be a briefing at the club at 11:00am on Friday 14th June
Notices to competitors will be posted on the online notice board, on the following website:
[Entry for the 2024 Noble Marine UK Musto Skiff Nationals](#)

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 from the flag mast at the club house.
- 5.2. [DP] Boats shall not launch until flag D is displayed. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed.
- 5.3. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes AP in Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The race schedule will be as follows:

| Date: | Warning Signal: | No. of Races Scheduled: |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Friday 14th June | 12:55 | 3 |
| Saturday 15th June | 11:55 | 4 |
| Sunday 16th June | 10:25 | 3 |

- 3.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, at the discretion of the race officer, if conditions require.
- 3.3 No more than four races will be sailed on any day.
- 3.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag

will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.
3.5 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1. The class flag will be the Musto Skiff insignia

8. RACING AREA

8.1. Racing shall take place in Filey Bay.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The diagrams in Appendix A show the course, the course designations, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display

9.2.1. The approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9.2.2. The number of laps to be sailed as shown in Appendix A.

10. MARKS

10.1. Marks 1, 1a, 2p, 2s are orange inflatable pillars

10.2. The finish mark is a yellow pencil mark

11. THE START

11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on a Committee vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on a Committee vessel, or an orange pillar mark.

11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing, This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.1

12. CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1. Minor changes (100m or 5°) of the course during the race may be made without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on a Committee vessel and a yellow pencil mark.

13.2. The Race Committee may give a finishing place to any boat as follows:

13.2.1. When a race committee vessel displays flag W (Whiskey) 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

13.2.2. The finishing place given shall match the boats race position in the race at that time.

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

14.1. The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

| <u>Time limit</u> | <u>Finishing Window</u> | <u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u> | <u>Target time</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 60 Minutes | 20 Minutes | 20 minutes | 40 minutes |

14.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.2. The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes, this changes RRS 35.

14.3. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

15. PROTESTS, PENALTIES & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3. 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.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 15.6. Breaches of SI12, Safety Regulations, will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. Series scoring
 - (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from four to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score
 - (c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 16.3. Points will accrue to the registered helm and not the entered boat
- 16.4. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat may complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The first placed competitor overall will be awarded the first prize, and the first UK placed competitor (UK resident or UK passport holder) will be awarded the first-place trophy and the title of "UK National Champion". Additional prizes may be awarded depending on fleet size and categories. Depending on entries, categories may include: Youth (Under 25. on 01/01/2024), Master (45 or over on 01/01/2024), Grand Master (55 or over on 01/01/2024), and Legend (60 or over on 01/01/2024). A sailor only competes in their highest age category. The Organising Authority may alter prizes depending on category sizes and total number of entries at the time of the event.
- 17.2. The title "UK National Champion" will be awarded to the top placed UK resident or passport holder.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 18.2. Competitors shall sign on and off at the designated board, located adjacent to the clubhouse, prior to launching and after recovering from the water. The penalty for failing to comply with this SI will be points equal to 10% of the number of boats in that fleet added to the boat's series score without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. The penalty shall apply on each day the SI is infringed and will be rounded to one decimal place. For a first infringement only, competitors will be invited to make a £10 donation to the RNLI as an alternative penalty.
- 18.3. Competitors shall sign off within 30 minutes of the finish of the last race of the day.
- 18.4. [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Equipment may be inspected at any time in accordance with NoR 6.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION / RECORDING EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 22.1. Boats are allowed to carry video recording equipment attached to any part of the boat, provided this equipment is not remotely controlled.

23. RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1. 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."
- 23.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently 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 omission;
 - (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 and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer 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.
 - (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
 - (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.

24. MEDIA RIGHTS, CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- 24.1. By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 24.2. Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority.
- 24.3. Competitors may be asked to be interviewed during the regatta.

APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAM

Courses are indicative. Angles and distances are not to scale

| Windward/Leeward Course | |
|-------------------------|---|
| L2 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish |
| L3 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish |
| L4 | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2p – Finish |

