

Worcestershire Youth Regatta

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Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club

Organised with Worcestershire Youth Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 Racing shall be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Class Rules, except as any are altered by these Sailing Instructions (SI).

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 Competitors shall enter and pay the entry fee before the first race in which they sail.

2.2 All competitors shall be members of Worcestershire Youth Sailing Association for the duration of the meeting and shall comply with WYSA Rules and Code of Conduct.

2.3 All boats shall carry third party insurance for at least £3,000,000.

2.4 Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors whilst afloat or on jetties or near the water. Flag Y will not be flown. Life jackets without permanent buoyancy shall be suitably inflated. Wet or dry suits are not adequate personal buoyancy. This changes Rule 40.

2.5 All boats shall display a sail number.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 The official notice board will be in the Club House

3.2 Notices, stating start times and sequences, class flags, and any information written or posted on the official notice board shall count as part of these Sailing Instructions (SI).

3.3 Signals made ashore shall be made from the Race Hut mast.

3.4 Flag L flying from the Race hut mast shall indicate an amendment to these SIs, which shall be posted as a Notice at least 30 minutes before the first race to which it applies.

3.5 When an indefinite postponement is made, the postponed race will start not less than 10 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This time will be increased to ensure that all sailors who launch promptly when released can get to the start area in time.

3.6 There will be a briefing for competitors, approximately 30 minutes before the first race.

3.7 Boats shall not launch or leave the pontoon until instructed by the Beachmaster.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 The intention is to sail three races.

5. COURSES

5.1 The courses will be displayed on the course board at the briefing.

6. MARKS

6.1 Unless otherwise specified on the course board, marks will be numbered yellow and red buoys. The approximate positions of all marks used will be shown on the course board. Boats should keep clear of fishing lines and tackle and other river users.

7. THE START

7.1 The starting line shall be between the mast on the Race Hut (or Clubhouse), and the marker post on the opposite bank.

7.2 The starting sequence and flags will be detailed at the briefing.

7.3 The Starting sequence for each start will be 5, 4, 1, Start in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for the first start will be 5 minutes prior to the starting signal. The warning signal for each succeeding start shall be made with the starting signal of the preceding start.

7.4 A series of rapid sound signals may be made prior to the warning signal to call attention to the imminent start of a sequence. These signals will not be accompanied by a flag or other visual signal.

7.5 The sail numbers of boats disqualified under RRS 30.3 (Black Flag) may be verbally told or displayed on the committee boat and may be repeated at the windward mark. Once notified, boats disqualified under this rule shall leave the race area immediately and not interfere with boats which are still racing. The Race officer may communicate disqualifications to competitors verbally. Any boat which does not adhere to this rule will be disqualified and the result shall not be discarded (DNE).

7.6 When not racing, all shall keep clear of boats which are racing and those which are in their start sequence. In particular, all boats waiting to start shall wait in the area indicated by the safety fleet. After finishing all boats must keep well clear of the course whilst returning to their start area or proceeding ashore.

8. PENALTIES

8.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty – a 30% scoring penalty (SCP) calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire. When a Post-Race Penalty is accepted:

- . Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.

- . The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finishing line shall be between the mast on the Race Hut (or Clubhouse) and the marker post on the opposite bank.

9.2 In order to ensure that the race schedule can be completed, boats towards the back of the fleet may be finished on the course by a boat flying Flag W. The competitor will be informed verbally that they have finished. In the event of this happening the results of the boats finished will be back corrected to the nearest whole lap.

10. TIME LIMIT

10.1 The time limit shall be 40 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes Rule 35. If any boats are finished under SI 9.3 (“W” Finish) no boats shall be disqualified under this rule.

11. DECLARATIONS

11.1 Within 25 minutes of the last boat finishing in each race, or if races are sailed “back-to-back” the last race before coming ashore, competitors who do not start;

fail to finish; retire after finishing or have made a one- or two-turn penalty shall mark the sheet accordingly (DNS, DNF, RAF, RTD, PEN are acceptable).

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Boats intending to Protest are requested to inform the Race Officer, in the timing hut or the Committee Boat, immediately after finishing or the Race Officer in the club house.

12.2 Protests shall be written on forms available in the Club Office, and shall be delivered to the Race Office within 35 minutes of the time of the last boat's finish. Where competitors from different fleets are involved in the protest, the time shall be measured from the finish of the last boat in any of the fleets involved. Where races are sailed "back-to-back" the time shall be measured from the finish of the last boat of the last race before coming ashore.

12.3 Advisory Hearing - When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may request an advisory hearing and notify any boat involved in the incident. An adviser will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and, provided all parties are willing to attend, will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts a Post-Race Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire, but is not required to do so.

12.4 RYA Arbitration - When a protest is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

Z.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be that member of the protest committee) will call an Arbitration Hearing. When it is the arbitrator's opinion that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Post Race Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty and, if accepted, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing rule 63.1. Z.3

When there is not agreement to use RYA Arbitration or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Post-Race Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing at which the arbitrator may be a

member of the protest committee. Rules 66 and 70 (reopening and appeal, respectively) do not apply to an arbitration since this is not a protest committee decision or procedure. A boat may still accept a Post-Race Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.

13. SCORING

13.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with the 'Low Points System' in Rule A4.

13.2 If 3 or more races are sailed, the number of races to count will be the number of races sailed minus one; otherwise all races will count.

13.3 When boats in a race are tied at the finishing line, they will be awarded points for the place for which they tied. Boats in subsequent places will be scored as if the tied boats had not tied. This changes Rule A7.