

Sailing Instructions:-Spring Regatta 15th and 16th May 2010

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions of the RYA (except as supplemented and amended by these sailing instructions).
- 1.2 Racing Rule 26 is changed as described in section 8 The Start.
Racing Rule 40 is changed- Flag Y will not be flown Personal flotation devices are to be worn at all times see section 13

2.0 ENTRIES

2.1 Condition of Entry.

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 crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the series. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspections of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury 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. This condition does not override statutory rights.

- 2.2 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority.
- 2.3 Entries from persons under 18 years of age must be counter signed by a parent or guardian.
- 2.4 The event is open to all boats with a Portsmouth Number.

3.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated in the Club House.
- 3.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board, half an hour before the advertised start of the race or races concerned.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located on the Club balcony at the western end.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowering) means 'The race is postponed'. The warning signal will be made no less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND BRIEFING.

- 5.1 The event will be sailed over the weekend of 15th 16th May 2010. Three series races to be held each day, unless at the discretion of the OOD it is necessary to catch up with races postponed due to inclement weather in which case a notice containing details of the rearranged race(s) will be published on the official notice board by 17:00 on the Saturday 15th May.

5.2 Briefing will take place in the club house

Date	Briefing	First Start
Sat 15 th May	10:30	11:00
Sun 16 th May	10:00	10:30

5.3 Fleet Starts. There will be starts for fast medium and slow handicap fleets. Any class with in excess of six starters may request a separate series of races AWS. The granting or otherwise of this request will be at the discretion of the OOD. A maximum of a total of five starts for each race may be accommodated. Provisionally Fleets will be as follows.

Fleet	Warning	Start	Description
Fast	0	+ 6 mins	PN less than 1050
Medium	+ 3 mins	+ 9 mins	PN 1051 to 1164 inclusive
Slow	+ 6 mins	+ 12 mins	PN greater than 1164

5.4 The start time

Where given, the start time is the provisional start time for the Fast Handicap fleet other fleets will then start in accordance with the provisional sequence above

Saturday 15th May

Race 1 Start 1100

Short break for lunch

Race 2 Start approx 1300

Race 3 To be sailed back to back with race 2

Sunday 16th May

Race 4 Start 1030

Race 5 To be sailed back to back with Race 4

Short break for lunch

Race 6 Start approx 1400

5.5 **Competitors are required to sign on** before going afloat for each race or group of races when sailed back to back. If retiring from a race competitor are to indicate their retirement by signing off and indicating their retirement on the signing on sheet.

6.0 COURSES

6.1 Courses will be displayed ashore and on the committee boat.

6.2 The Slow handicap fleet may at the discretion of the OOD be set a different course from the other classes who will all sail the same course varying only in the number of laps sailed.

7.0 MARKS

The course marks will be yellow numbered cylindrical buoys or orange buoys

8.0 THE START

8.1 On arrival in the start area each competitor to sail past the committee boat on its starboard side to allow race officer to note sail number. Competitors retiring should take steps to inform the race officer of their retirement as soon as is practicable.

- 8.2 Races will be started from a Committee boat. The start line will be a line between the mast on the committee boat flying an orange flag and a distance mark similarly flying an orange flag.
- 8.3 Rule 26 is changed the starting sequence will be as follows. The warning signal (Class flag) will be displayed accompanied by a single sound signal three minutes later the preparatory signal will be displayed accompanied by a single sound signal, after a further two minutes a single sound signal will be made signifying one minute to the start after a further minute the warning signal and preparatory signal will be removed and a single sound signal made to signify the start. In practise with multiple starts the preparatory signal will be dipped and replaced.
- 8.4 Class warning Flags will be
Fast **Code flag F**, *PN less than 1050.*
Medium **Code Flag R**, *PN 1051 to 1164 inclusive*
Slow **Code flag V**, *PN greater than 1164*
- 8.5 Times are to be taken from the visual signals the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.
- 8.6 No boat shall start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.
- 8.7 Recall Procedures will be as rule 29 with penalties as rule 30. After a general recall all recalled classes will start in a single start for which the warning signal will be sounded approximately two minutes after the start of the last class in the sequence. This start will be started in accordance with rule 30.3 Black Flag. The warning signal for this start will be code **flag Q**
- 8.8 The starting procedure will be modified to take account of any additional class sailing as a fleet
- 8.9 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been displayed must keep clear of the starting area.

9.0 THE FINISH

THE START/FINISH LINE MUST BE CROSSED ON EVERY LAP. i.e each boat must sail between the committee boat and the distance mark..When the committee boat is on station for the finish a blue flag will be flown from its mast

10.0 PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Notice of intended protest SHALL be lodged with and acknowledged by the Race Officer at the end of the relevant race.
- 10.2 Protests shall be written on forms available after the race at the office and delivered back there within 30 minutes after the last boat comes ashore.
- 10.3 The Protest committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 10.4 Protest forms will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are party to a protest or named as witnesses.
- 10.5 A £5 donation to the RNLI will accompany all protest forms.

11.0 SCORING

- 11.1 The low points scoring system, Appendix A2, will apply. Ties broken will be broken by the procedure laid down in Appendix A8
- 11.2 The number of races to be discarded will be as follows-

Less than six races sailed 1
discard

Less than three races sailed no discards.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first competitor in each fleet to complete each race will be 2 hours. All boats finishing within 30 minutes of the first boat in their fleet will be scored. The remainder those outside the limit will be classed as DNF.

13.0 LOCAL VARIATIONS

WATER TEMPERATURE IS LOW; ALL PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID HYPOTHERMIA. ALL COMPETITORS MUST WEAR ADEQUATE PERSONAL BUOYANCY AND A WETSUIT OR DRY SUIT WHEN ON THE WATER.

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF AWSC STAFF AND SAFETY BOAT OFFICERS ARE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.

NO BOAT IS TO SAIL BEYOND THE LIMIT MARKS AT THE NORTH WESTERN END OF THE RESERVOIR.