

Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club Sailing Instructions Man of Kent Open Meeting 2010

Organising Authority: Hythe & Saltwood Club.

National Authority: Royal Yachting Association.

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012. Competitors should note that Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in compliance with the charter.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Sloop at Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club.

3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the warning signal of the race it affects.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast situated in front of the race box.

4.2

Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 20 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.

4.3

Launch Control: When, before a race, a fleet's class flag is displayed ashore no boat in that fleet shall launch until their class flag is removed. The boat may rig and approach the beach while their class flag is displayed ashore.

5 Racing Schedule

Total number of races planned on Sun 19th September 2010: 3.

| Date | Briefing | Warning Signal of First Race |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sun 19th September 2010 | 10:00 | 10:55 |

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be:

All classes International Numeral pennant 1

7. RACE AREA

7.1. Races are held in the Hythe Bay.

8. COURSES

8.1. Committee Boat Starts

8.1.1. At the end of each round, boats must pass through a gate between the Committee Boat and the finish outer distance mark.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks that may be used during races will be notified at the briefing.

9.3. Additional marks may be defined in Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

10. AREA OF OBSTRUCTION – Hythe Ranges

10.1. For the purposes of RR 19 & RR 20 and SI 1.6 & 1.8.4 an area of obstruction shall extend 100 metres from the outfall buoy in front of the ranges.

11. THE START

11.3.2. Other Committee Boat Start Lines

The line is formed between the Committee Boat mast and an outer distance mark. The position of the Committee boat will be the subject of a notice to Competitors.

12. CHANGING THE COURSE TO FINISH

12.1. If Flag “F” is displayed at or near a mark of the course, boats shall round or pass the mark on the correct side and sail directly to the Finish.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. The Finish Line will be the same as the start line.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1. Declarations when signing off

When signing off a boat that has taken a penalty under RR31 (Touching a Mark) or RR44.1 (Taking a Penalty) or has infringed RR41 (Outside Help) shall when signing off declare the penalty and/or indicate that they have retired from the race.

14.2. Alternative Penalties

14.2.1. The RYA Racing Best Practices – Rules Disputes Version 2009/2 or subsequent up dates shall apply as modified in SI 14.2.2, SI 14.2.3 and SI 14.2.4.

14.2.2. Exoneration Penalty

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2, or rule 31 or 41 (subject to SI14.4) or 42, May after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RR44.3(c) except the minimum penalty is 2 places and maximum 5 places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF. The penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a DSQ under RR30.3 or Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RR2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RR69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach; in these circumstances her penalty is to retire

14.3. Safety Rules

Boats that infringe any of the safety rules may be disqualified. Failure to sign off as required in SI18.9 may result in a disqualification without a hearing. This changes RR63.1.

14.5. Class Rules

An infringement of class rules which is deemed by the Sailing Committee to provide a speed advantage will on the first occasion result in a disqualification from the last race sailed unless the owner has previously advised the club of the modification in writing. For other infringements of class rules a warning may be issued with a time limit to comply with the rule. Subsequent infringements of Class rules by the same person/boat may result in the disqualification of the person/boat from the event/series.

15. TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

15.1. The time limit for all races for the purposes of RR35 is 60 minutes except where any Supplementary Sailing Instruction for a specific race or series increases or decreases this time limit.

15.2. Races may be shortened at the absolute discretion of the Race Officer. This is an

addition to RR 32.1

15.3. The target time for the leading boat in a Class to complete a race is 60 minutes depending upon weather conditions.

Failure to meet the target time shall not be cause for redress.

15.4. Any boat that has not finished 20 minutes after the first boat in her Fleet has finished, shall, if she is still racing, be treated as a finisher. This varies RR35. The Race Officer may then

15.4.1. allow the boat further time to finish the current lap if she in sight of the finish and is likely to finish within a short time.

15.4.2. use the previous lap time and notify the boat or

15.4.3. estimate the finishing position and notify the boat.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1. Protests shall be written on the official form available from the Race Officer or the Sailing Office and must be lodged with the Race Officer as soon as possible after the finish of the race concerned, and in any event within one hour of the last boat of her class finishing in the last race of the day. See also SI14.2

16.2. Notification of parties to a hearing, as required by RR 63.2 will be by posting the time and place of the hearing on the Notice Board in the Club foyer. Protests will be heard as soon as possible after the race.

17. SCORING

17.1. Handicap Races

17.1.1. The Handicap System to be used for a Race or Series will be published as a Notice to Competitors. If there is no notice the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme shall apply.

17.1.2. If the RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme is used, boats will be ranked according to their corrected time as set out in the current edition of RYA YR2.

17.1.3. Portsmouth Numbers (PN) for each class will be those published in the current edition of RYA YR2, adjusted as necessary for variations from base trim for each class or as directed by the Sailing Committee. The Sailing Committee may allocate a Trial Number or Club Number for boats that do not have a Primary or Secondary Yardstick.

17.1.4. A list of Portsmouth Numbers applied will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17.1.5. Any variation to the normal base trim of the boat must be noted on the entry form and/or the Race Officer informed.

17.3. Series Scoring

All races to count

17.4. Changing Crew During a Series

If a boat sails with different trims in a series, the lower PN will be used to score all races.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1. Competitors are responsible for ensuring that their boat and crew are prepared for the conditions that they may face whilst afloat and being aware that the weather and sea state can quickly change. These changes can be due to the development of sea breezes and/or changes in direction of the tide as well as changes in the weather.

18.2. Competitors are responsible for complying with their class rules with regard to safety matters.

18.3. A representative of each boat shall on each race day sign-on before racing using the sign on sheets outside the Race Box.

18.4. Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.

18.5. All competitors shall wear wetsuits or dry suits whilst afloat.

18.6. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 1 "Helping Those in Danger." Boats (racing or otherwise) should stand by a capsized or disabled boat unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress may be requested. (RR 62.1)

18.7. When the race committee considers that a boat or competitor is in difficulty it may instruct the boat or competitor to accept outside help, retire or sail ashore.

18.8. Any boat that starts but does not finish a race should endeavour to notify the Race Officer (in person or via a safety boat) before leaving the race area.

18.9. A representative of each boat shall sign off **within 15 minutes** of returning ashore.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Any equipment may be replaced so long as the boat continues to comply with Class rules.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1. Any helm, boat or crew finishing in a top 3 position may be subjected to random measurement checks at the discretion of the Sailing Committee.

21. ADVERTISING

21.1. ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code applies and permits each individual Competitor, with the agreement of the person in charge, to display Advertising on clothing and personal equipment without restriction and permits the person in charge to display advertising on hulls, spars and sails without restriction except on the spaces reserved by Appendix G of the Racing Rules and under ISAF Regulations 20.5 & 20.9.

21.2. HSSC does not require any competitor to display advertising during 'Club' events but reserves the right to do so at 'Open' Events.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1. No trash may be thrown overboard

25. PRIZES

25.1. A list of Trophies and prizes for each event will be published as a Notice to Competitors.

25.2. Prize giving for open events will be held as soon as possible after the last race

26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

26.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RR 4 (Decision to Race).

26.2. The Hythe & Saltwood Sailing Club, its members and those assisting in the race organization will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after any race.

27. INSURANCE

27.1. Every entrant shall have adequate cover (minimum of £2,000,000) against third party liability.