



WINTER SLOSHH - SEAFARERS SAILING CLUB Sunday 18th February 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES AND CONDUCT

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017- 2020.
- 1.2 The schedule is for two back-to-back, average lap time, handicap races.
- 1.3 The RYA Racing Charter applies to all Seafarers Sailing Club events (see Notice of Race).

2. COURSE AND SIGNALS

- 2.1 The course will be posted as early as possible on the day and communicated to competitors from the patrol boat(s) where possible together with details of the type and colour of the marks.
- 2.2 At Seafarers Sailing Club "Flags" are painted rigid boards which appear on the black frame on the signal tower (to the southeast - right as seen from the water - of the signal tower mast).
- 2.3 The class flag will be Flag (O).

3. THE START

- 3.1 The start line will be a transit from the white triangle on the signal tower mast and the orange arrow on the fence, extending outward as far as the Outer Distance Mark (ODM) which is a round pink inflatable laid mark. All competing boats shall cross the line on the club side of the ODM. This ODM need not be on the line.
- 3.2 The start sequence is 5, 4, 1, Go.
- 3.3 The first warning signal will not be before 12.30.

4. THE FINISH

- 4.1 A boat finishes when any part of her hull, or crew or equipment in normal position, crosses the finishing line from the course side. However, she has not finished if after crossing the finishing line she
 - a) takes a one-turn or two-turns penalty (RRS rule 44.2), or
 - b) corrects a 'Sailing the Course' error made at the line (RRS rule 28.2). This changes the Finish definition in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.
- 4.2 The finish line lies between the signal tower mast and the ODM. Finishing boats shall cross the finishing line on the shore side of the ODM from the direction of the last mark of the course.

5. RECALLS

- 5.1 If a boat or boats start prematurely, a second sound signal will be made and the class board(s) for that start will be left in position and board 'X' will be hung over the class board until all premature starters have returned or until the expiration of two minutes from the time of the start, whichever shall occur first. If sufficient premature starters are unable to be identified (or all

of the correctly starting boats cannot be identified) a General Recall will be signalled (with the 1st substitute board displayed and two sound signals).

6. TIME LIMITS

- 6.1 The duration of the race will be no more than 40 minutes (for the leading boat). The Race Officer will finish the race by signalling a shortened course. The Race Officer will record the finishing time and number of completed rounds for each boat as it next passes through the finishing line. Where no boat has completed a round after 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 6.2 The race will be ended no more than 20 minutes after the first boat finishes. This will be signalled by the removal of all signal boards and 3 hoots of the horn. Boats still racing will be given a place according to their time at their last completed lap.

7. PROTESTS

- 7.1 A helmsman intending to protest should inform the Race Officer and name the boat(s) protested, as soon as possible after coming ashore.
- 7.2 Protests shall be written on protest forms (available from the Signal Station) and should be completed as soon as possible and handed to the Race Officer no later than 90 minutes after the completion of the final race.
- 7.3 The protester and the protestee will be notified by the Sailing Committee or its representatives, of the place, time and date of the hearing, either directly or by means of a notice placed on the Club Notice Board. Should either party fail to attend without having given notice in writing to the Sailing Secretary, the protest will be heard in his absence.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1 A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when they may have broken rule 31 (Touching a Mark).

9. SAFETY

- 9.1 All competitors start or continue to race at their own risk. (RRS Rule 4: The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone).
- 9.2 Personal Buoyancy shall be worn at all times. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered to be acceptable personal buoyancy for the purpose of this Instruction. This Changes RRS Rule 1.2, and Rule 40.
- 9.3 Attention is drawn to RRS Rule 1 ('Helping Those in Danger: A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger'). In the absence of a nearby patrol boat, any boat in the vicinity of another boat that is observed to be in difficulty is to stand by that boat unless it is clear that no assistance is required. Redress maybe requested (RRS Rule 62.1c: giving help (except to herself or her crew) in compliance with rule 1.1).