

2010 Club Racing For Dinghies & Open Keel Boats

Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the north wall of the clubhouse beside the canteen on the ground floor.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised warning signal of the first race affected.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag masts on the club race control box.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The racing schedule is published in the Club Yearbook.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The class flags are published in the Club Yearbook

7 RACING AREA

7.1 The racing area includes Hayling Bay and Chichester Harbour.

7.2 The intended area(s) for the day's racing will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes (60 minutes when the start will be in Hayling Bay) before the advertised warning signal of the race or races affected.

7.3 **Exclusion Zone:** When flag E is displayed before the warning signal boats shall not enter the zone defined by navigation marks East Head Spit and Snowhill and the East Head shore immediately to the south of these marks.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The course(s) for the day's racing will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes (60 minutes when the start will be in Hayling Bay) before the advertised warning signal of the race or races affected.

8.2 A course displayed in accordance with instruction 8.1 will be changed when a committee boat displays flag L with a sound, together with a new course on a board.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be inflated cylindrical buoys, fixed racing marks, or navigation marks. The colour of inflated buoys may be posted.

9.2 Starting marks for a committee boat start will be the committee boat and a boat or buoy with an orange flag.

9.3 Finishing marks for a committee boat finish will be the committee boat and a buoy with a blue flag.

9.4 When a club line is used for starting and/or finishing, the marks are described in instructions 10.2 and 11.2.

10 THE START

10.1 **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

10.2 **Club Starting Line:** The starting line will be between the mast on the club race box and one of the following starting marks:

- (a) North West Winner – East line.
- (b) North West Pilsey – North line.
- (c) Calvert – South line.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11 THE FINISH

11.1 **Committee Boat Finish:** The finishing line will be between staffs displaying blue flags on the finishing marks.

11.2 **Club Finish:** The finishing line will be between the mast on the club race box and North West Winner buoy; or as specified in the course instructions.

11.3 **Shortening Course from the Clubhouse:** The race committee may signal a shortened course from the club race box (display flag S with two sounds).

When Sandy is the next mark of the course, boats shall round Sandy as described in the course instructions, then finish as follows.

- (a) When Sandy is rounded to port the finishing line will be between the mast on the club race box and North West Winner.
- (b) When Sandy is rounded to starboard the finishing line will be between the mast on the club race box and North West Pilsey.

This changes rule 32.2.

12 TIME LIMITS

12.1 Time limits in minutes are as follows:

Races/ day	Time limit	Extension time
1	180	90
2 or more	120	60

12.2 Boats failing to finish within the extension time after the first boat sails the course and finishes, or that fail to finish before sunset, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

13 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 The exoneration penalty and the advisory hearing and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The exoneration penalty will be 20% of the number of boats that came to the starting area. See the official notice board for details.

13.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

13.4 Breaches of instructions 10.3 and 15 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

14 SCORING

14.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 The scoring system for club series is described in the Notice of Race.

14.3 If one boat comes to the starting area, it will constitute a race, and the race shall be scored. This changes rule 90.3 (a).

14.4 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.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 **Check-out and check-in.** The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors. It does not apply to competitors sailing in an RS Elite.

(a) Competitors shall check-out, before going afloat, by signing the form on the official notice board.

(b) Competitors shall check-in, immediately on returning to shore after racing, by signing the same form.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by Appendix G. Application to do so shall be approved by the race committee before the start of the days racing.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2million per event or the equivalent.