



2021 Club Youth Racing & Youth Firecracker Open Winter Series

for
Optimist, RS Tera Sport, RS Tera Pro, Topper, Laser 4.7 & RS Feva
Classes

Hayling Island Sailing Club, Hampshire, UK
Organizing Authority: Hayling Island Sailing Club

NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors should note that Hayling Island SC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at: www.rya.org.uk/racing/racing-rules/pages/hub.aspx
- 1.3 The exoneration penalty and the advisory hearing and RYA arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.
- 1.4 RRS 41, *Outside Help*, is changed so that less experienced sailors who would benefit from encouragement may receive coaching on the water by designated coaches
- 1.5 The notation [DP] in a rule of the NoR and SI means that the penalty for breaching the rule is at the discretion of the protest committee, and may be less than disqualification.

2 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 2.1 The racing is open to all dinghies of the Optimist, RS Tera Sport, RS Tera Pro, Topper, Laser 4.7 and RS Feva Classes, registered at Hayling Island SC. Competing helms and/or crews shall be members of Hayling Island SC.
- 2.2 For the Firecracker Open Winter Series, the entry fee is £30.00 per boat for the series, and is applicable to boats sailed by non-members.
- 2.3 The annual parent/guardian declaration form shall be completed, signed and lodged with the office prior to racing.

3 SCHEDULE

- 3.1 Each Series will consist of no more than 3 races each Sunday to be held back to back.
- 3.2 The Pennant Weekends and the Spring Regatta shall consist of no more than 3 races on the Saturday and no more than 3 races on the Sunday.

SERIES	DATES	BRIEFING
Spring Energiser	11, 18, 25 Apr 9, 23, 30 May	Details available on notice board from 09:30
Spring Regatta	Sat 1 & Sun 2 May	Details available on notice board from 1030 both days
Summer Sizzler	6, 13, 27 June 11, 18, 25 July	Details available on notice board from 09:30
Summer Scorcher	1, 8, 15, 22 August	Details available on notice board from 09:30
Autumn Equinox	19, 26 Sep 3, 17, 24, 31 Oct	Details available on notice board from 09:30
Firecracker Open Winter	7, 14, 21, 28 Nov 5, 12 Dec	Details available on

Series		notice board from 09:30
Pennant Weekends	3 & 4 April, 15 & 16 May, 19 & 20 June, 3 & 4 July, 4 & 5 September & 9 & 10 October	Details available on notice board from 12:30 on Saturday and 09:30 on Sunday

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official youth notice board, located outside the training room. This will include the race area, course, marks and estimated time of first warning signal.
- 4.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the youth official notice board.
- 4.3 Class flags will be:

Class	Flag
Optimist	O
RS Tera Sport	T
Topper	R
RS Tera Pro	Pennant 1
RS Feva	Pennant 2
Laser 4.7	Pennant 4

5 THE START

- 5.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the start line outer distance mark.
- 5.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 5.3 The times in RRS 26 are deleted. Races will be started using the following signals. This changes RRS 26.
- 5.4 The starting sequence will be communicated at the briefing and will depend on the number of entries per fleet.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
3	Class flag	One	Warning signal
2	Preparatory flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Prep flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Start

6 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the finish line outer distance mark.

7 TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish within ten minutes after the first boat of her class sails the course and finishes will be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

8 PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 8.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

- 8.4 Breaches of SIs 5.2 and 10 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 8.5 Penalties for breaches of class rules, RRS 55 or rules in the NoR and SIs marked [DP], are at the discretion of the protest committee.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 9.2 **Series:** A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores from races completed, as follows:

<i>Races Completed:</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Scores Excluded:</i>	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	6

Pennant Weekends: each pennant weekend and the Spring Regatta will be scored as a separate series:

- (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from three to five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 10.1 Pennant Series:
- (a) When one or two weekends are sailed a boat's Pennant Series score will be the total of her Pennant Weekend rankings.
 - (b) When three or four weekends are sailed a boat's Pennant Series score will be the total of her Pennant Weekend rankings excluding her worst.
 - (c) When five or six weekends are sailed a boat's Pennant Series score will be the total of her Pennant Weekend rankings excluding her two worst.
- 10.2 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.

10 PRIZES

- 10.1 Prize giving for Each Series will be held on the last Sunday of each series after Racing. Prizes will be awarded 1st place in each fleet comprising of 3 boats or more. Further prizes may be awarded depending on the number of entries.
- 10.2 Pennant Weekends, prize giving will be held on the Sunday directly following racing, prizes will be awarded for 1st place in each fleet comprising of 3 boats or more. Further prizes may be awarded depending on number of entries.
- 10.3 Pennant Series, prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each fleet.
- 10.4 Discretionary prizes may be awarded by the Youth Committee

11 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 11.1 [DP] Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 11.2 Check-out and check-in of competitors will apply as follows:
- (a) [DP] Competitors shall check-out, before going afloat, by signing the form at the displayed on the Youth notice board (outside the Training Room).
 - (b) [DP] Competitors shall check-in, immediately on returning to shore after racing, by signing the same form.
- 11.3 [DP] No boat shall go afloat without the permission of a member of the race team.
- 11.4 [DP] Boats failing to follow the instructions of safety boats will be reported to the protest committee, which may protest the boat. A boat penalized under this SI may be scored DNE.
- 11.5 [DP] A boat that retires from a race, or does not intend to start a race, shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

12 EQUIPMENT

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

13 RISK STATEMENT

13.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

13.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
- (h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2 million against third-party claims, or the equivalent in other currencies.