

## **Race Officer's Guide – RS200.**

### **Background**

This event has proved to be a successful and popular format with the 200 fleet, that attracts large entries and provides extremely close racing. If you have any questions or would like to communicate with the fleet, the 200 boat park is next to the winches and HISC hire fleet.

### **When & Where**

The sprint events will be held a couple of hours of either side of high water on the appropriate Saturdays. Ideally you will have 2 hours each side of HW – so 4 hours – but other considerations may mean that you have less time to complete the program before the ebb gets going.

Accordingly, it is important to get started at the published start time, which means you need to launch your team early and get to the race area allocated to you with plenty of time.

### **Format**

4-6 short races sailed back-to-back each 15-20 minutes in duration for the lead boat, using the 3,2,1 starting sequence.

### **Committee Boat.**

Find out from the office before the event which rib you have been allocated and who is manning your support rib. Ensure you have all the racing marks, flags and starting equipment you will need. Please communicate to the sailors, via the notice board, where you plan to run the racing, the colour of the marks being used and the planned number of laps.

### **Course**

We need 2-3 laps (wind strength dependent) of a windward / leeward course, with the beat being approximately a 400-500m long. Ask a boat to sail the beat to check if it is approximately 4 minutes long.

The committee boat and start line act as the leeward marks and the finish line (see course chart below).

To shorten the race, if laps are taking too long then use flag 'S', with the normal two blasts as the leading boat rounds the windward mark.

Please communicate with the fleet verbally if the number of laps is changing between races.

Also, please talk to the race officer on the other course to keep adequate separation between the courses.

### **Start signals**

We are using a 3-minute sequence. The Preparatory signal for all starts will be the Black Flag.

- 3 Flag R up
- 2 Black Flag Up
- 1 Black Flag Down
- 0 Flag R down

## 2021 SPRINT Series

### SUPPLEMENTARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

<u>Date:</u>	**** <u>First Start</u> : **** <u>H W</u> : ****
<u>Eligibility:</u>	RS200
<u>Format:</u>	4-6 short races; each lasting approximately 15-20 minutes; all sailed back-to-back. A boat's worst score will be discarded if four or more races are completed.
<u>Committee Boat:</u>	The intended CB will be announced on the day.
<u>Course:</u>	Windward / Leeward
<u>Marks:</u>	Marks 1, 2 will be HISC inflatable marks. Leeward Marks – Committee boat and Mark 2
<u>Class Flags:</u>	Flag R
<u>Start Line:</u>	Will be between a staff on the CB flying an orange flag and Mark 2.
<u>Start Signals:</u>	Start sequence will 3,2,1 Go and amends RRS 26. The Preparatory signal for all starts will be the Black Flag.
<u>Finish Line:</u>	The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the CB and Mark 2.
<u>Shorten course:</u>	If flag S is displayed from the CB (in position as per diagram below) and then boats will proceed straight to the finish line from Mark 1.
<u>Penalty</u>	RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

### COURSE LAYOUT

