

Dinghy sailing instructions 2010

Rules

Racing will take place under the current ISAF Rules (i.e. 2010 - 2012), with RYA Prescriptions, these sailing instructions, the appropriate class rules, and the 2010 notice of races

1 Competitors Responsibility

The safety of a dinghy and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/competitor racing the dinghy.

The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner/competitor for his/her crew, his/her dinghy and the management thereof.

2 Entry and insurance

The owners/helmsmen of all dinghies wishing to take part in races must do the following: -

- i) Insure their craft for a minimum of £2,000,000 third party risks
- ii) Complete, sign and return an official Entry Form to the Club each season before racing, (available from the Club Administrator, Captain of Dinghies or from the Club website).
- iii) Under 16's must complete a Parental consent form available from the Club Administrator, or the Club website.

No points or places will be given to any competitor who fails to satisfy all of these requirements.

3 Safety

Life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn by all competitors at all times. All dinghies must be equipped with adequate buoyancy, (properly secured), and carry all safety equipment.

It is the responsibility of the competitors alone to decide whether or not it is safe to race. This includes an assessment of weather conditions and forecasts, the sea worthiness of their vessel and the competence, experience and fitness of its crew. Such standards may vary and the fact that a race has not been cancelled does not mean that it is safe for all competitors to take part.

4 Navigation

On all courses competitors must pass north of Voose Buoy and south of Bar Buoy. Competitors must take every precaution to keep clear of moored craft in the river.

Particular attention is drawn to those rules concerning rights of way at obstructions.

5 Courses

Courses will be either:

- i) Pursuit - The course to be sailed will be signalled by course letter board hung at the foot of the ramp leading to the pontoons. Details of courses are given on race cards available from the Club Office and Captain Dinghies. Competitors should ensure they use the most up-to-date card by checking the valid date on the card with that on the

Club notice board.

- ii) Committee Boat line start - Letter "A" will be displayed at the foot of the ramp. The course letter board will be displayed from the Committee Boat before the Warning signal. Courses will be selected from the race card, Committee Boat line start section.

- iii) Windward/Leeward Triangle Courses - Letter "B" will be displayed at the foot of the ramp. The course will be standard windward/leeward triangle as illustrated in Appendix 'L' of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2010 - 2012, with an option to reduce the number of laps by shorten course procedure, and an option to use the windward and leeward marks as starting and finishing marks. A course card will be provided by Captain Dinghies

- iv) Light winds, a light wind course option will be signalled by letter board L at the bottom of the Ramp, or on the Committee boat. A suitable light wind course will be notified by Captain dinghies or the Race Officer.

6 Starting

- i) Pursuit - A signal will be sounded at or soon after the start time published in the HRSC Year Book, or otherwise advised on the Clubhouse notice board. Each dinghy will start at its own individual start time shown on their race card.

The start line is the Club Line marked by the transit of the two masts at the Clubhouse.

- ii) Committee Boat line start - The starting procedure will follow RRS 26, with the warning signal at or soon after the time published in the HRSC Year Book, or otherwise advised on the Club notice board. In addition there will be a signal 5 mins before the warning signal, and Int. code Flag "B" will be hoisted. Flag "B" will be lowered at the Warning signal, then RRS 26 will be followed.

The start line will be a line between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an orange flag on another mark which may or may not be a mark of the course. The start line will be in the vicinity of the Start Mark, identified in brackets on the race card.

- iii) Windward/Leeward Triangle line start - The starting procedure will as per Sl 6 ii (Committee Boat Line start).

7 Number of starters

For a race to be valid the number of starters must be at least 3.

8 Finishing

- i) Pursuit - The finish will be at the first mark, rounded by the leading boat after the minimum time period has expired (90 minutes after the start signal). If the full course is completed before this time then the legs marked in brackets on the Race Card will be repeated until the minimum time period has elapsed. The finish may or may not be marked by a Committee or patrol boat. The finish line is deemed to be a line extending from the finish mark, at right angles to the course from the previous mark. The finish mark should be left on the same side as it would have been rounded. There

will not be a hook finish. The length of the line will be two boat lengths.

Any boat not on the same leg as the lead boat when the minimum time period expires shall finish by rounding the next mark on the correct side. The Committee Boat or patrol boat will attempt to record finishing positions. However, it is essential that competitors note the name / sail number of the boats finishing ahead and astern.

ii) Committee Boat line start Race - The finish line will be marked by the Committee Boat and a mark of the course. The line will be at 90° to the course from the previous mark. Boats will finish by crossing the line leaving the mark of the course on the correct side according to the race card. To indicate that the Committee Boat is on station it may fly a blue flag.

The Race Officer will finish the race after approx. 60 mins duration, at a mark of his/her discretion, by following the shorten course procedure. The course may be shortened between marks of the course by creating a finish gate between a blue flag displayed on the Committee boat and an additional mark displaying flag 'S', and by following the shorten course procedure before the first boat crosses the finish line.

iii) Windward/Leeward Triangle Race - The finishing procedure will be as per SI 8 ii) (Committee Boat Line start Race)

9 Shortening course

In accordance with RRS 32.2, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

10 Retirements

All competitors retiring must notify the Race Officer or Patrol Boat Crew as soon as possible.

11 Time limits

Committee Boat line start races. Any boat not finishing within 30 mins of the leading boat will be deemed to have retired.

12 Protests

Protests will be heard in accordance with ISAF Rules 60 - 71 (part 5). This procedure must be followed correctly and in full, or the protest may not be heard.

A fee of £5 must be presented with the protest, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

13 Assistance to another boat

It is the duty of every dinghy to render all possible assistance to any vessel or person in distress in accordance with Fundamental Rule 1.1. The Race Committee will subsequently make every effort to reach an equitable decision regarding the outcome of the race in accordance with Rule 62.

14 Points RRS Appendix A will apply.

15 Handicapping

Handicapping will be organised using the Portsmouth Yardstick Scale as determined by the Sailing Committee. All entries shall adhere strictly to their respective class rules and to their PY rating.

16 Use of Club Boats

- i) Club boats may only be used for racing by helmsmen who have been previously authorised to do so by Captain Dinghies and only when a safety boat is in attendance.
- ii) Users of Club boats must take all steps to avoid damage. At the end of racing the boats should be returned to their moorings or the dinghy park, properly secured with sails properly folded and returned to the store. Any damage must be reported promptly to Captain Dinghies.

Pursuit race dinghy handicaps/ start times

Class	PY	Start Time (after hooter)
Starting signal		00m.00s
Topper	1290	14m 45s
Pico I	1260	16m 30s
RS Feva	1189	20m 38s
Laser 4.7`	1175	21m 28s
Solo	1155	22m 38s
Nat 12, 2512-3140	1130T	24m 05s
(Single handed)	(1122T)	(24m 37s)
Wanderer	1129	24m 08s
Enterprise	1116	24m 54s
(Single handed)	(1107T)	(25m 11s)
Nat 12, 3141-3271	1115T	24m 58s
(Single handed)	(1106T)	(25m 29s)
Wayfarer No spinnaker	1108T	25m 22s
Nat 12, 3272-3410	1104T	25m 36s
(Single handed)	(1095T)	(26m 08s)
Laser Radial	1101	25m 47s
Wayfarer	1099	25m 53s
(Single handed) No spin	1099T	25m 53s
Nat 12, 3410 on	1092	26m 18s
(Single handed)	(1083T)	(26m50s)
Comet Trio	1086	26m39s
(Single handed) No spin	(1086T)	(26m39s)
Laser	1078	27m 07s

T= Trial Number. The race finishes when the leading boat reaches his next mark of the course, after 90 mins. duration from the Starting Signal. (As per section 8 of sailing instructions)

NOTE: The dinghy race card may be amended from time to time. Competitors should ensure that they are using the up-to-date version by checking with Captain Dinghies or the Club notice board.