



STOUR SAILING CLUB

Manningtree Town Regatta 2019 – Sailing Instructions 20th and 21st July 2019

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 These series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the prescriptions of the RYA (except as supplemented and amended by these sailing instructions).
- 1.2 RRS 26 is changed as described in SI 8.
- 1.3 RRS 44.3(a) and RRS 44.3(b) do not apply for this event.
- 1.4 Personal flotation devices are to be worn at all times whilst on the water.

2.0 ENTRIES

2.1 Condition of Entry

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the series. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspections of the boat, limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge of the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury caused to the owner/person in charge or crew, as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races. This condition does not override statutory rights.

2.2 Eligible boats shall be entered by completing registration with the organising authority as specified in the Notice of Race.

2.3 Entries from persons under 18 years of age shall be completed by a parent or guardian.

2.4 The event is open to all boats with a Portsmouth Number. Any boat not listed in 2019 recommended numbers will be allocated a Portsmouth Number by the Race Committee and this may be modified on a race-by-race basis.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated on the Start Hut.

3.2 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least one hour before the advertised start of the race or races concerned.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole on the river side of the Start Hut.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES AND BRIEFING

5.1 Programme and race schedule:

Saturday:-

12.15 Time synchronisation signal

13.15 First start of pursuit race

15.15 Pursuit race finish

16.30 Approx. Prize Giving

Sunday:-

13.00 Time synchronisation signal

14.00 Micro Class start

14.05 Dinghy Class start

14.10 Cruiser start

14.15 Classics start

16.45 Approx. Prize Giving

5.2 There will be no formal briefing. Instructions and guidance will be displayed on notice boards adjacent to the race hut.

6.0 COURSES

6.1 Courses to be sailed will be displayed ashore on the Start Hut

7.0 MARKS

7.1 Course marks will be described as part of the course description.

8.0 THE START

8.1 Saturday:-

This is a pursuit race starting on the club line with starts rounded up or down to 5 minute intervals.

A boat's handicap is a 'regatta handicap'

- based on available data and past experience and results
- reviewed by race officer
- is not subject to appeal
- is rounded to provide 5 minute start intervals (for Saturday racing)
- may include a 'weather/tide' factor to consider adverse tide and/or weather
- starts scheduled every five minutes, from club start line
- start and sail the course as indicated on course board

Sunday:-

- Class and fleet starts as defined in SI 5.0

Saturday and Sunday:-

- if over the line at your designated start you will need to ensure that you are visible to the Race Officer when starting correctly
- a non-appealable time penalty will be imposed on any early starters (at a rate of 20% of result per minute early start penalty)
- competitors shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on their retirement and declare it on signing off

8.2 RRS 26 is changed and the starting sequence will be as follows:

Saturday:-

- 12.15 time sync signal
- 13.15 first pursuit starts

and then every 5 minutes to cover all published pursuit start times

No flags will be flown. The absence of a time signal should be ignored. Race time will be shown at the Start Hut. Recalls may be made by hailing.

Sunday:-

- 13.00 time sync signal
- 14.00 first start

and subsequent starts as per SI 5.0 every 5 minutes.

No flags will be flown. The absence of a time signal should be ignored. Race time will be shown at the Start Hut. Recalls may be made by hailing.

9.0 THE FINISH

9.1 Saturday

The finish is at a fixed time of 15.15

- sail the course for at least 5 minutes after this time
 - it is the intention to finish you on the water by committee boat
 - note the boat ahead and behind you at the finish time
 - complete the details request above and return them to the start hut on coming ashore
- Failure to comply with the finish 'sail on', lack of recording boats ahead/behind or no finish declaration may result in a non-finish.

9.2 Sunday

- as described on course board (or as per RRS 32 (shortening or abandoning after the start)).

10.0 EXONERATION PENALTY, ADVISORY HEARING & ARBITRATION HEARING

10.1 EXONERATION PENALTY

10.1.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31 or 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under Rule 30.4 (Black Flag Rule) or a penalty under Appendix P (RRS 42). It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) or of class rules or for misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances her penalty is to retire.

10.1.2 When an exoneration penalty is accepted:

- (a) Neither the boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
- (b) The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

10.2 ADVISORY HEARING

10.2.1 When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request and advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An advisor will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

10.3 RYA ARBITRATION

10.3.1 When a protest or request for redress is lodged, a boat may at the same time request RYA Arbitration, or the protest committee or race committee may offer it.

10.3.2 If the parties and a member of the protest or race committee agree that RYA Arbitration is suitable, an arbitrator (who may be a member of the protest committee) will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that RRS 64.1(a) will not apply. Instead, when the arbitrator decides that a boat that is party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which the Exoneration Penalty is available, the party will be invited to accept that penalty, and, if it is accepted by a protested boat, the protesting boat will be allowed to withdraw the protest, changing RRS 63.1.

10.3.3 When there is not an agreement to use RYA Arbitration, or when, after RYA Arbitration, a protest is not withdrawn or the Exoneration Penalty is not applicable to the facts, there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. RRS 66 (Reopening a Hearing) will not apply to the arbitration decision. A boat may still accept

an Exoneration Penalty at any time before the start of a protest hearing and receive its protection from further penalization. She may also retire.

10.3.4 When redress is offered and accepted at the RYA Arbitration, the protest committee or race committee may seek to have this reviewed by asking for a full hearing. When redress is offered and not accepted, or not offered at all, the boat may have her request heard before a protest committee.

11.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

11.1 A boat which fails to start or finish correctly or to sail the course as set and thus fail to comply with RRS 28 may be disqualified without protest or a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

11.2 As an alternative to a protest hearing for an alleged breach of a rule in Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Exoneration Penalty (and Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures) of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available.

11.3 Notice of intended protest shall be lodged with and acknowledged by the Race Officer at the end of the relevant race.

11.4 Protests forms are available at the Start Hut. Protests or requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

11.5 For each class or fleet, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat of her class or fleet has finished the last race of the day.

11.6 The crew of boats that made one and/or two turn penalties shall complete the declaration on a form available from the Centre/Race Office, within her protest time limit.

11.7 The Protest Committee will hear protests as soon as possible in approximately the order of receipt of the protest forms.

11.8 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are party to a protest or named as witnesses.

11.9 Notice of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

11.10 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 1.4, 4, 7, 8.8 and 14 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

11.11 A £5 donation to the RNLI will accompany all protest forms.

12.0 SCORING

12.1 The Saturday Pursuit race will be scored by 'position on the water' as having sailed the longest distance at the time of the finish signal.

12.2 The Sunday racing will be scored

- for Micros as level racing

- for all other classes on corrected time (using Regatta handicaps)

13.0 RACE TIME LIMIT

13.1 There is no time limit for Saturday racing as the finish time is fixed. For Sunday's racing all races will have a 2 hour time limit for the first boat with a 30 minute extension for others in that class/start.

The remaining boats will be classed as DNF.

14.0 LOCAL VARIATIONS

14.1 By entering the event, all competitors agree to read and abide by the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules