

PEVENSEY BAY SAILING CLUB
Laser and Topper
OPEN MEETING SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 16 May 2015

1 Rules

Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the appropriate Classes, except as changed by these sailing instructions, including changes made in compliance with instructions 2 and 3.

2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the ground floor of the clubhouse in the entrance hall.

3 Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no less than 1 hour before the advertised start time of the race concerned.

4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Clubhouse Flagpole.

4.2 For a committee boat start, when flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'. This changes AP in Race Signals.

5 Schedule of Races

The schedule of races will be as advertised in the Notice Of Race, and as given on the course board.

6 Class Flags

Class flags will be as listed on the notice board or as defined on the course board in the porch.

7 Racing Area

7.1 The sea area defined between the beach and the yellow buoys to the east of the club is for safe swimming. Boats are prohibited from entering this area which is designated an obstruction.

7.2 The courses shall be within an area no more than approximately 2 nautical miles from the Clubhouse.

8 The Course

8.1 If a Committee Boat start is to be provided code flag W will be displayed ashore.

8.2 Courses will be defined on the Course Board in the porch of the Clubhouse.

8.3 Courses will be defined no later than 1 hour before the starting signal of the race or races concerned.

8.4 The approximate compass bearing from the committee boat to the first Mark, and the number of rounds to be sailed, will be displayed on the race committee boat.

9 Marks

Rounding Marks will be as denoted on the course board and/or at the briefing. Start and finish marks will be smaller spherical buoys.

10 The Start

10.1 For multiple starts, the sequence of starts shall be as indicated on the Course Board in the porch.

10.2 For starts controlled from the Clubhouse, the starting line is defined as a seaward extension of the line between the flag pole on the Clubhouse and a transit pole surmounted by a diamond shape. The seaward limit of the line is defined by a floating mark known as the "limit mark" on, or near the line. Boats must start inside the limit mark and pass inside it at the end of each round.

10.3 For starts controlled from a committee boat, the starting line is defined as the line between a staff bearing an orange flag on the committee boat and an outer distance mark.

10.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.1.

10.6 Where two or more races are to be sailed 'back-to-back' the 'AP' will be displayed on the conclusion of the previous race to alert boats that another race will begin soon.

11 Change of Position of Next Mark

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position. The change will be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the original course configuration.

12 The Finish

12.1 Where the race is controlled from the Clubhouse, the finishing line will be between the Club Flag Pole and the Limit Mark.

12.2 Where the race is controlled from a committee boat, the finishing line shall be between a staff bearing a blue flag aboard the finishing vessel and the nearby mark.

13 Time Limits and Target Times

- 13.1 RRS Rule 35 is changed in that the time limit for each race shall be 90 minutes unless prescribed otherwise. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish.
- 13.2 The planned duration of the race for the leading boat sailing the full course will be indicated on the course board.

14 Protests & Request for Redress

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is one hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 14.3 Hearings will be held in the starters box as soon as possible.

15 Scoring System

- 15.1. The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. The number of races in the series and number of discards to apply will be as given in the Notice Of Racing.

16 Safety Regulations

- 16.1. The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors.
- 16.2. A tally number will be allocated to each helm and each crew of a boat upon registration. A tally board will be situated near the clubhouse entrance. Timing for the release of tallies prior to going afloat will be on the instruction of the Race Officer and will not be less than 30 minutes before the warning signal of the first race.
- 16.3. **Check in** – The helm of each boat intending to start a race shall remove the tally bearing their allocated number from the board and keep it on their person. Should the helm go afloat having failed to tally, they may at the sole discretion of the race officer, redeem themselves by:
 - 16.3.1 Reporting to the committee boat before the start and advising the Race Committee that they have failed to tally, and
 - 16.3.2 Making a £10 donation to the RNLI at the Race Office.
- 16.4. **Check out** – Immediately on returning to shore after racing, the tallies for the helm of each boat must be replaced on the tally board. Should the helm fail to tally after coming ashore and within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore their boat will face possible disqualification.
- 16.5. A boat that retires from a race must notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 16.6. In an emergency of which he shall be sole arbiter the skipper of a safety boat may instruct the helmsman and crew of a capsized dinghy to abandon their efforts to right the dinghy, in order that the safety boat may carry out its responsibility to the remainder of the competitors. This may mean the salvage of a dinghy may have to wait until all competitors are safe.
- 16.7. Failure to comply with any part of this sailing instruction shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes Rule 60.1.

17 Personal Communication

While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes the use of mobile phones.

18 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

19 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.