

2009 CLUB RACING
Brightlingsea Sailing Club
Organising Authority: Brightlingsea Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the rear wall of the club race control box, and / or on in the club house on the official sailing notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the advertised starting time of the race or races affected.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast on the club race control box.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The dates of racing, number of races scheduled, and first start times are published in the Club calendar. The detailed start times and class sequence will be published on the official notice board.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be :-

Slow Handicap	Numeral 6
Fast / All-in Handicap	Numeral 2
Fireball	Numeral 1
Cat Handicap	Flag Z
BOD	Flag Y

7. THE COURSE

7.1. Courses to be used shall be described on the club course card or on the official race notice board. Flag L with a sound will indicate when a course NOT on the club course card is to be used. (This use of flag L is in addition to its use as a signal in the RRS).

7.2. When the club course card is to be used the course will be indicated on the front of the club race control box as follows :-

All classes to sail the same course

- a letter and course number will be displayed.

Classes to sail using class group courses

- course group letter for particular classes will be displayed on the official race notice board.

- course number to be selected from the appropriate group will be displayed on the front of the club race control box.

7.3. Courses to be used when a committee boat start is in use will be indicated from the committee boat.

7.4. The course to be used will be indicated at least 15 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race or races affected.

7.5. All non handicap races will be **3 laps** unless shortened as per S.I. 10.4.

7.6. All handicap races shall be "average lap races". Each class shall be allocated a Group Letter which shall be displayed on the official race notice board. The number of laps sailed shall be determined by the Race Officer. When a Group Letter is displayed on the starting hut, all boats of that Group shall finish their current lap by crossing the finishing line. If a group letter is not displayed, all boats of that group shall continue racing until that group letter is displayed. For clarity, S.I 10.4. does not apply to average lap races.

8. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable buoys, Club racing marks, or navigation marks as described on the club course card.

9. THE START

9.1. Start sequences will use a 3 minute interval, i.e warning signal 6 minutes prior to starting signal; preparatory signal 3 minutes prior to starting signal and be described on the official notice board. This changes RRS 26.

9.2. **Committee Boat Start:** The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat and a buoy details of which will be posted on the official notice board.

9.3. **Club Starting Line:** The starting line is defined by a triangle atop a pole, in line with the flag pole of the club race control box.

9.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.5. When at her starting signal, if any part of a boats hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the start line the race officer shall leave the class flag at the dip, accompanied by one sound signal, until all such boats are wholly on the pre-start side of the line but no later than 10 minutes after the last start of the sequence. This changes RRS 29.1

9.6. Pursuit race starts shall be in the sequence and at the times displayed on the official notice board.

9.7. A start that is subject to a general recall will be re-started as soon as possible, new warning and preparatory signals shall be made. In multi class starts a recalled class shall await a new warning signal. This changes RRS 29.2

10. THE FINISH

10.1. **Committee Boat Finish:** The finishing line details will be posted on the official notice board.

10.2. **Club Finish line:** The starting line is defined by a triangle atop a pole, in line with the flag pole of the club race control box.

10.3. **Pursuit Races:**

10.3.1. Pursuit races will finish at the time designated on the official race notice board, the finish will be indicated by a sound signal being made from the club race control box. Additionally a rescue boat may sound additional signals in the area of the race course.

10.3.2. Boats will be positioned based on a line perpendicular to the rum line between buoys forming the relevant leg of the course at the time of the finishing signal. On this basis the rescue boat(s) will determine the first 10 places; all other boats will be placed as 11th. To assist with any subsequent query boats should note the boats considered to be immediately ahead and immediately behind.

10.4. **Shortening Course:** The race committee may signal a shortened course by displaying code flag "S" on a board on the front of the club race control box and a red barrel shall be hoisted from the club flag mast. Classes whose flag is flown from the club flag mast shall finish at the end of the race leaders current lap. If no flags are flown alongside the orange barrel all classes races are shortened.
This changes RRS 32.1

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1. Time Limits are as follows:

(a) When one race is scheduled in a day, including evening races, the time limit is 180 minutes (or sunset if earlier).

(b) When two or more races are scheduled in a day the time limit is 150 minutes.

11.2. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. Boats failing to finish before sunset will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing.
This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

12. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1. 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.

12.2. Protest forms are available at the club race control box.

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

12.4. Breaches of instructions 9.4 and 14 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

13. SCORING

13.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2. **Club 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
<i>Scores excluded:</i>	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7

- 13.3. **Pursuit Races:** In all pursuit races, positions 1st thro 10th will be awarded, all other boats remaining in the race at the final signal will be awarded 11th.
- 13.4. **Deputies Cup Series:** A maximum of 2 races will form the series with no results to be excluded.
- 13.5. **Martini Trophy Series:** A maximum of 3 races will form the series with each boats worst result excluded if all races are sailed, if less than 3 races are sailed no results will be excluded.
- 13.6. **Fulmar Cup Series:** A maximum of 2 races will form the series with no results to be excluded.
- 13.7. **Lipton Cup Series:** A maximum of 3 races will form the series with each boats worst result excluded if all races are sailed, if less than 3 races are sailed no results will be excluded.
- 13.8. **Lancaster Volvo Trophy,** will be awarded for the short course series consisting of a maximum of 4 races, with each boats worst result excluded if all races are sailed.
- 13.9. If one boat comes to the starting area, it will constitute a race, and the race shall be scored. This changes RRS 90.3 (a).
- 13.10. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall make a request of the Vice Commodore – sailing, with appropriate information as soon as practically possible and no later than 24 hours after the result has been posted.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 14.1. Effective personal buoyancy shall be worn by all helmsmen and their crews at all times when racing. Neither wet suits or dry suits constitute adequate personal buoyancy
- 14.2. **Check-out and check-in.** The requirements of this instruction are specified for the safety of competitors.
- (a) Competitors shall check-out, before going afloat, by signing the form on the official notice board.
 - (b) Competitors shall check-in, immediately on returning to shore after racing, by signing the same form.
 - (c) Competitors failing to do this may be scored either DNS or DSQ as necessary without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1
- 14.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and indicate this on the check-out/in form.
- 14.4. Competitors in all races prior to the first May Mugs race and from the first winter series race must wear either a full wetsuit or a drysuit.

15. LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. Competitors are asked to note that the beach known as second beach which lies to the east of the estuary is a nature conservation area with landing restricted to an area designated between the two arrows.

16. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1. A boat or its equipment maybe inspected at anytime for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions.
- 16.2. The Race Committee may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by Appendix G. Application to do so shall be approved by the race committee before the start of the days racing.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

18. INSURANCE

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