



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

LEIGH ON SEA SAILING CLUB

BELL WHARF RACES



Responsibility: 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 race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organisers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever 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.

Competitors should note that Leigh on Sea Sailing Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

Rules: The event will be governed by the **Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008**, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and rules of the class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The Open Meeting is designated Category C.

Acceptance of the Rules: By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees :

- (a) to be governed by the *rules* ;
- (b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules* , subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules* ; and
- (c) where the matter is not one to be determined under the *rules* , not to resort to any court of law or any tribunal until all internal remedies provided by ISAF or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport have been exhausted.

Entries: Entry is by sailing in the vicinity of the start area in the period prior to the preparatory signal.

Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located in the downstairs atrium.

Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted one hour before the first start on the day it will take effect.

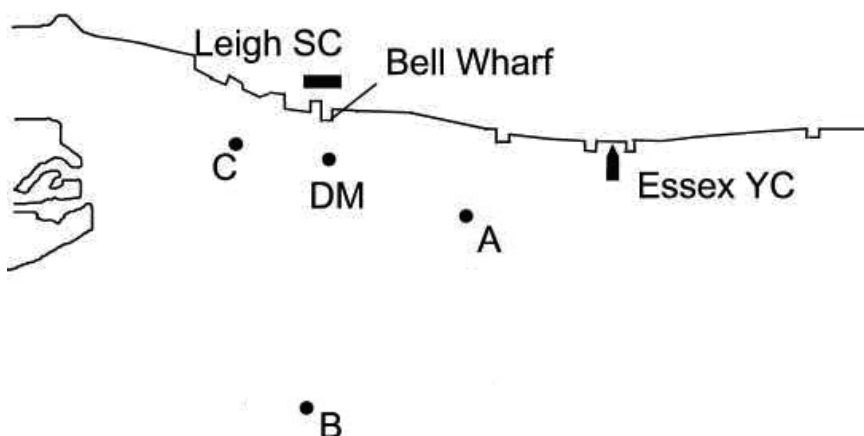
Schedule of Races.

See club programme.

Scoring - General The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

The Course

The marks A, B & C are large orange inflatables. The distance Mark "DM" is a small round orange buoy. The chart below indicates the approximate positions of the marks, the positions will be adjusted to suit wind conditions. A red flag at the start will indicate port rounding (anticlockwise on the chart) and a green flag starboard rounding (clockwise). The course will consist of rounding A, B, C, DM to starboard or C, B, A, DM to port.



The Start

The start line will be between a flag mast on Bell Wharf or the club balcony carrying the LSC pennant and the DM.

The Finish / Number of Rounds

The finish will be between the "DM" and a flagstaff on Bell Wharf or the club balcony. The race will be time limited. Boats crossing the line from 30 minutes after the start will be finished, irrespective of how many laps they have completed. The finish line will close 50 minutes after the start. Average lap times will be used to calculate the handicap results. The race may be shortened to allow completion of two races before the water leaves the shore.

Special Instructions

Whilst covered by the International Rules for the Prevention of Collision At Sea (Rule 9), please pay particular attention to observing and giving way to displacement vessels in Leigh Creek.

Outside Help

Rule 41 is amended to allow coaching of sailors who are in the second half of the fleet.

Declarations

No declarations are required.

Protests

Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered back within 90 minutes after the time of the last boats finish in the last race of the day.

Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.

Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.