

## Part I - SAILING NOTICE

### SAILING COMMITTEE

The Sailing Committee is responsible for the organisation of all Club sailing events. Its composition being as follows:-

Sailing Secretary as Chairman, Assistant Sailing Secretary, Race Officer, Support Boat Officer, Captains of Classes.

### DINGHY CLASS RACING

The Sailing Committee is responsible for the conduct of club racing in Dinghy classes. The Sailing Instructions are set out in Part II. Other sailing instructions may be issued for other series or special races.

### CRUISER CLASS RACING

The Cruiser Class Captain is responsible for the conduct of club racing in Cruisers. The Sailing Instructions are set out in Part III.

### ENTRY

Unless otherwise stated in the Sailing Instructions, no entry fee is required. For Dinghy Class racing, completion of an entry form is required for each race or series and for Open Meetings. Series entry forms may comprise a chart on the official Notice Board or by a separate entry form for Open Meetings. The Race Officer will also endeavour to record the boats when they enter the starting area. Completion of an entry form is required for each race for any Cruiser racing. All boats must have a sail number displayed.

### CLASSES TO RACE.

All classes are welcome.

### ELIGIBILITY

Any yacht owned by a member of a Club recognised by the RYA is eligible to race. However visitor's positions and series results will not be counted unless stated in the Sailing Instructions.

Helmsman in Cadet races must be a "Cadet Member" or "Midshipman" as defined by the General Club Rules.

### COMBINED LSC/EYC RACES

For all races which are combined, both Points series and Feature Races, each boat is required to state which club flag it is racing under i.e. LSC or EYC. No boat can race under both flags for any race. LSC Trophies (excluding open meeting Trophies) may only be awarded to LSC members and to helms that have stated that they are sailing under the LSC flag.

### LADIES AND CREWS & MIXED SEX RACE

The Ladies, Mixed Sex (Couple) and Crews Race shall be a single start. Ladies may qualify for all trophies.

### OPEN MEETINGS

The Class Captain is responsible for the Open Meeting held for his class.

### WINTER SERIES OPEN MEETING

The Sailing Secretary is responsible for the Winter Series and Brass Monkey Trophy race.

### DINGHY POINTS SERIES TROPHIES - RACES TO COUNT

Races to count towards a series shall be calculated as half + one of the races actually sailed (i.e. not cancelled or abandoned) or as otherwise stated on the sailing programme. Decimal places shall be rounded up.

### CADET SERIES

Cadet races shall be organised as a separate series. Cadets remain eligible for the main program series

## Part II - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DINGHY CLASSES

### RULES

All racing shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions and recommendations of the RYA, the rules of the classes raced and these sailing instructions. Unless otherwise stated all series are racing is designated as Category B.

### NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official Noticeboard is situated in the Clubhouse. All results and points charts shall be posted thereon. Any changes to the sailing instructions and instructions for Special or Feature Races shall be posted one hour before the advertised start time of the day's race.

### SAILING PROGRAMME

The club sailing programme is as shown in the handbook.

### CLASS FLAGS

Class	PN's	Flag
'A' Cruiser Class		Pennant 1
Estuary O D		R
Toppers		T
Optimist		O
Fast Handicap (EYC/LSC class)	< 1000	F
Medium Handicap (EYC/LSC class)	1000 – 1174	C
Slow handicap and Cadets (EYC/LSC class)	> 1174	D

The Slow and Medium Handicap fleets will start together under flag "C". Flags "D" or "C" will be used with flag "S" to indicate a shortened course for the Slow and Medium Handicap Fleets respectively. (If there is a shortened course for both Slow and Medium H/C, then flags "C", "D" and "S" will be used. If there is a shortened course for all classes sailing, then only "S" will be displayed.)

Medium Handicap boats with a PN less than 1175 may elect to sail in the Slow Handicap class. The Race Officer is to be advised at least 5 minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day. Both EYC and LSC Race Officer's are to be notified. The Race Officer is to be advised of the class, sail number and hull colour of the boat electing to sail in the Slow Handicap class. Once a sailor has elected to sail in the slow handicap class, they will remain in that class until they request to revert to their original class."

### RACING AREA

The starting and racing areas shall be off the LSC East Racks for LSC starts and off the EYC "Wilton" for EYC starts.

### COURSES

The courses to be sailed shall be as shown in the handbook.

The courses to be sailed shall be indicated on boards outside the LSC race hut or from the bridge of the EYC "Wilton" and for each class it is that shown at its preparatory signal.

### THE START AND STARTING ORDER

Races shall be started using Rule 26, with 5, 4, 1 and 0 minute signals.

Class starting sequence shall be as shown in the Sailing Programme. Boats shall not enter the starting area until after the previous class has started.

### START LINE

The starting line for all Points Series and Feature Races or as otherwise advised, raced from the LSC shall be from the red triangular marker in front of the LSC race box to the Outer Limit Mark (OLM). The Distance Mark shall not form part of the Start Line. The starting line for all Points Series and Feature Races or as otherwise advised, raced from the EYC shall be a transit from the EYC "Wilton" main mast to the Outer Limit Mark. The Distance Mark shall not form part of the Start Line.

On subsequent rounds the Distance Mark shall be used as a mark of the course and the Outer Limit Mark will not form a mark of the course after the start (unless stated on the course card).

#### STARTERS

A race shall not be started with less than two starters.

#### SHORTENED COURSE

Shortening the course. This rule modifies Rule 32 relating to shortening course.

The Race Officer may shorten the course at any time boats pass through the Distance Mark (regardless of whether they are completing a triangle or sausage of the course).

The Race Officer may shorten the course using the class code flag and code flag S and / or board showing code flag S as the leading boat approaches the Distance Mark.

#### SHORTENING A COURSE AT A MARK.

When code flag H is displayed, with two sound signals, from a club vessel stationed near a mark of the course, it will have the following meaning for all classes. (where code flag H is displayed with a class flag this instruction will apply to that class only): The course is shortened and this is the last mark of the course. Pass it on the required side and sail to the finish line having sailed the same number of laps as the leading boat and Finish. Where the above "last mark" is significantly to the east of the distance mark, boats will finish east to west leaving the distance mark to port. Where the above "last mark" is significantly to the west of the distance mark, boats will finish west to east leaving the distance mark to starboard. Where the above "last mark" is significantly south of the distance mark (Ray, Ray Sand, West Leigh Middle) then boats will finish west to east leaving the distance mark to starboard.

#### FINISH LINE

The finish line for races raced from the LSC shall be from the red triangular marker in front of the LSC race box to the Distance Mark. The finish line for all races raced from the EYC shall be between the EYC Headquarters Ship Wilton main mast and the Distance Mark.

#### TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all classes shall be when the tide leaves the shore.

An amended time limit may be given, prior to the start of the day's racing, at discretion of the Race Officer or Sailing Secretary.

#### PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing within two hours of the finish of the racing for the day (i.e. once the last boat has completed the race) to the Race Officer (RO) or Sailing Secretary (SS).

Subject to good reason this time limit may be extended at discretion of RO or SS.

#### PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protests arising from club racing shall be heard by the Sailing Secretary, substituted by the Race Officer if a conflict of interest arises.

#### EYC/LSC JOINT PROTEST PROCEDURE

Any protest shall be delivered to the club that is running that particular race. That club can either arrange a hearing or if the protest involves only boats from the non organising club then the protest can be passed to them to resolve. If the boats

involved are from different clubs, the protest committee shall include members from both clubs.

#### HANDICAPS

The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick system as set out in YR2 shall be used. Yachts without Portsmouth Numbers will be allocated Numbers by the class or the Sailing Committee. Numbers may be reviewed before each race and any adjustment made shall be displayed on the Class notice board at least one hour before the start of that race.

#### SCORING SYSTEM

The low point scoring system, rule A4.1 & A4.2 shall apply but as amended herein. A Boat that did not finish, retired after finishing or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the race. A Boat that did not start shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series.

#### AVERAGE POINTS

Series average points will be awarded by the Sailing Secretary to an entry not competing owing to club commitments of the owner or crew. Written application must be made to the Sailing Secretary.

#### DECLARATIONS

Declarations will not be required. Competitors retiring should endeavour to inform the Race Officer.

#### PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as shown in the handbook and at the discretion of the Sailing Secretary.

#### DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the club racing entirely at their own risk.

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.

#### INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with minimal cover of £2,000,000.00.