

1 Rules

1.1 The regatta / club race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the racing rules of sailing.

2 Identification

2.1 While racing, boats will be identified by their sail numbers.

3 Notices to competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official race notice board located in the sailing club.

4 Changes to sailing instructions

4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 2 hours before the actual race start time.

5 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the mast located on the lawn in front of the club house.

5.2 When flag AP is made ashore '1 minute' is replaced by not less than 30 minutes in race signal AP.

6 Schedule of races

6.1 Races are to be sailed in accordance with the sailing program published in the club handbook and on the website.

7 Class flags

7.1 Class flags will be: Fast Catamarans – C, Dart 18 – D, Cruisers - V
Handicap Fleet (Dinghies, Dart 16s) – H Junior Handicap Monohulls - M , Optimist - O

8 The courses

8.1 The course(s) to be sailed will be selected on the day from the appropriate course card by the race officer. Catamarans and Monohulls will use the 2015 course card, published on the web site. Cruisers will use the cruiser course card issued by the Fleet Captain. The course numbers will be displayed on a frame at the front of the committee boat.

9 Marks

9.1 Catamaran & Monohull Racing Marks will be cylindrical cans; orange in colour except starting marks which are orange, blue and green. Cruisers will use marks detailed on their course card.

10 The start

10.1 Races will be started as follows: 6 minutes before the start the class flag will be raised and 1 sound given. 3 minutes before the start the P flag will be raised and 1 sound given. At the start both flags will be lowered and 1 sound will be given.

10.2 The starting line will be between the flagstaff flying the club burgee on the committee boat and either the orange, black or green starting marks as indicated by a coloured board on the committee boat.

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

10.4 Except for Cruisers, a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start. This changes rule a4.1. Cruisers may use engines prior to crossing the starting line.

11 The finish

11.1 The finishing line will be between the flagstaff flying the club burgee on the committee boat and the ODM (orange starting mark) or any other mark of the course.

12 Penalty system

12.1 For the catamaran class(s) rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720° turn is replaced by a 360° turn.

13 Time limits

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored did not finish. This changes rules 35 and a4.1.

14 Protests and requests for redress

14.1 Protest forms are available at the race office and on the website. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and protest committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.3 Every attempt will be made to hold the protest hearing within one week of the race. Competitors which are parties to the protest will be given three days notice of any hearing.
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 16.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 14.6 Breaches of instructions 2,10.3 and 16.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 14.7 On the last day of a regatta or on the day of a club race a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - (c) This changes rule 66.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 The low point scoring system of appendix a4 and the Long Series Scoring of appendix a9 will be in effect with the following exceptions:
 - (a) DNC will be scored as number of boats in race + 2.
 - (b) Junior Mirrors will operate a modified scoring system determined by the Junior Handicap Monohull Fleet Captain.
- 15.2 Handicapping will be calculated in accordance with the club handbook.
- 15.3 For all classes:
 - (a) When 3 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When from 8 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
 - (d) When from 12 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
 - (e) When from 15 to 17 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.
 - (f) When from 18 to 20 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her five worst scores.
 - (g) When 21 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her six worst scores.
- 15.4 When a boat does not sail because a member of her crew is OOD or ARO then the boat shall be awarded the average of all points scored by that boat in other races in the series.

16 Safety regulations

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2 Rule 40 applies at all times while afloat.

17 Replacement of crew or equipment

- 17.1 The Boat officially enters the series and hence substitution of competitors will be allowed without prior approval.

18 Equipment and measurement checks

- 18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19 Radio communication

- 19.1 Except for Cruisers, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20 Prizes

- 20.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the club handbook.

21 Disclaimer of liability

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta / club race 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 / club race.

22 Insurance

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