

LANCING SAILING CLUB

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – TOPPER OPEN MEETING - 22nd MAY 2009

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, the RYA Racing Charter and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:- RRS Racing Signals, RRS 35, A4, A5, 60, 61.3, 62.2, 60.1(a), 63.1, 40 and Appendix A.
- 1.3 Where there is conflict between the RRS and the Sailing Instructions, these Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing and the Class Rules of any eligible boat competing will apply.
- 1.5 All boats competing must have completed an entry form, made the appropriate payment, completed the necessary declarations and provided any other relevant information.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards, which are located in the clubhouse entry foyer, and externally adjacent to the entrance door.
- 2.2 Notices to competitors afloat will be posted on a blackboard displayed on the Committee Boat.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at least 30 minutes before the start of any race, or races where these are to be back to back.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag mast atop the public toilet block.
- 4.2 When Code Flag 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with, 'not less than 30 minutes' in RRS Race Signals 'AP'. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Four races will be run as conditions permit.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the first Warning Signal is 10.55hrs.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 The Class Flag will be Code Flag 'T'

7 RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area is intended to be directly to the South of the clubhouse.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course configuration and the order of rounding marks will be as shown in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions. The course will consist of four laps.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 The type of mark(s) will be as described in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1 Competitors should be aware that the rock groynes extend underwater and form obstructions.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat flying an orange flag at the Starboard end and the yellow cylindrical mark as described in Appendix 1 of these Sailing Instructions.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the main mast of the Committee Boat flying an Orange flag and the yellow cylindrical mark as described in Appendix 1 of the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTIES

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 apply.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form in the entrance foyer within the Protest Time Limit.
- 14.3 The Race Committee and its observers will bring a Protest when it believes RRS 42 may have been broken.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 75 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS35, A4 and A5.
- 15.3 At the discretion of the Race Committee and on making two sound signals and displaying Code Flags 'C over S' the Committee Boat and/or a Committee vessel (RIB) will with the above flags displayed motor around the course and along the rhumb line in an opposing direction to the course so as to finish boats that have not reached the Finishing Line. Boats to be finished in this way, will be scored after all other boats that sailed to the formal Finishing Line and, are advised to sail near to the rhumb line. The finishing position of any boat finished this way is as recorded by the Race Committee and this shall not be grounds for any Protest. This changes RRS 35, 60, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest Forms are available at the Race Office, situated adjacent to the first floor balcony. Protest Forms shall be delivered to the Race Office within the time limit.
- 16.2 The Protest Time Limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the Protest Time Limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in a location as directed on the Notice.
- 16.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee will be posted to inform competitors under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under Sailing Instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 14.2, 18, 19.2 and 22 will not be grounds for a 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.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

- 17.2 The number of races to count will be 3/4, 2/3, 2/2 or 1/1, depending upon the number of races sailed.
- 17.3 When the Race Officer (or other member of the Race Committee) sees a boat failing to sail the required course, the Race Committee may disqualify (DSQ) the boat concerned without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 17.4 Exoneration Penalty: A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2, or RRS 31.1 or RRS 42, may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the Race Committee that she accepts a 20% scoring penalty as stated in RRS 44.3(c), (except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF). This penalty does not reverse an OCS score, a disqualification under RRS 30.3 or a penalty under Appendix P. It is not available for a breach of RRS 2 or of class rules or for gross misconduct under RRS 69. Nor is it available to a boat that caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breach: in these circumstances, her penalty is to retire.

When an Exoneration Penalty is accepted,

- (a) neither the boat, nor the Protest Committee, may then revoke or remove the penalty.
 - (b) the boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the Protest Committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.
- 17.5 Advisory Hearing: When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat may, within the protest time limit, lodge a request for an advisory hearing with the race office, and notify any other boat involved in the incident. An advisor will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may as a result notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Declaration Form(s), available in the entrance foyer, for each race must be completed within 45 minutes of the last boat finishing any race, or where races are held back to back, the last race of the sequence, for every race.
- 18.2 Competitors will sign off on the Declaration Form(s) as either having completed the race in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing and these Sailing Instructions, Retired, Protesting or having completed a one or two turn penalty.
- 18.3 Adequate personal proprietary buoyancy aids shall be worn properly secured by all competitors at all times whilst afloat. Wetsuits and drysuits do not constitute personal buoyancy. This is in addition to RRS 1.2. No flag signals concerning personal buoyancy will be made. This changes RRS 40.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions.
- 20.2 Competitors may use the 4.2²m sail but only as supplied by Topper International and stamped 'Race Approved Sail'. They will race as one fleet with the standard rigged competitors and will be credited with their finishing positions.
- 20.3 Only one sail may be used for this event.

21 NOT USED

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1 Official boats will comprise the Committee Boat (White hull, Yellow topsides) grey and orange RIBS.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches, parents and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 200m outside of the extremities of the course configuration from the time of the first Warning Signal until all boats have finished, retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The distance described here shall include the shoreline where boats may race close to the beach.
- 23.2 Team leaders, coaches, parents and other personnel who fail to observe the above will be subject to protest by the Race Committee and any penalty so accrued will be ascribed to the competing boat(s) that they are connected with which shall be non-excludable. This changes RRS Appendix A.

24 TRASH

- 24.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Committee Boats.

25 NOT USED

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27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 27.1 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.

28 PRIZES

- 28.1 There will be a prize giving in the main clubhouse after racing.

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 29.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Lancing Sailing Club 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.

30 INSURANCE

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