



HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS For Open Meetings and Club Racing

1 Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the classes sailing, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. For Windsurfing racing, only RRS Appendix B sections B1, B2 and B3 shall apply as changed by these sailing instructions.

2 Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organising authority. Competitors are entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing reduces this responsibility. It is for competitors to decide whether their boat and its helm and crew are fit to sail in the conditions that they might find. By launching or going afloat competitors confirm their boat is fit for those conditions and that they are competent to sail and compete in them. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owners and/or competitors, nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the event. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve owners and competitors of their responsibilities.

3 Notices to Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located centrally in the clubhouse.

4 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 4.1 Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted 30 minutes before the race in which they take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 10.30am on the day it will take effect.

5 Personal Buoyancy

- 5.1 Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat. Young sailors (17 years or under) must wear personal buoyancy on their upper torso (waistcoat type) regardless of any other type of buoyancy worn. This amends rule 40.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The schedule of races for open meetings will be three races for dinghy classes and four or five races for sailboard classes. The first race will start no earlier than 11.00am. Times of subsequent starts will be posted on the official notice board.
- 6.2 The schedule of races for club sailing will be as advertised in the published programme.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 Class flags for individual dinghy fleet starts will be the class insignia on a white background.
- 7.2 Class flags for individual sailboard fleet starts will be a sailboard representation on a white background or as identified by the race officer at the briefing.
- 7.3 Handicap race starts will be the letter 'H' on a white background.
- 7.4 Pursuit race starts will be the letter 'P' on a white background.

8 The Course

- 8.1 The order in which marks are to be rounded will be indicated by lettered tiles displayed on a board on the race committee boat. A tile with a red background indicates a PORT rounding, leaving the mark to port. A tile with a green background indicates a STARBOARD rounding, leaving the mark to starboard. A number tile will indicate the number of COMPLETE laps to be sailed.
- 8.2 A tile showing 'LINE' may be shown on the course board as the start and finish, and if so then an imaginary line between the committee boat and a buoy marked 'S' or a danbuoy forms a gate and every boat must pass upwind through the gate at the end of each lap.

9 Marks

- 9.1 The marks to be rounded are yellow coloured plastic buoys, painted with the first letter of their name.

10 The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between the mast of the race committee boat and a designated mark (the side nearest the first rounding mark).
- 10.3 Boats for whom a preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11 The Finish

- 11.1 The finish line will be between the mast of the race committee boat and a designated mark (the side nearest the last rounding mark).
- 11.2 A Grand Prix finish system will be used. After the leading boat has finished, all other boats that cross the finish line correctly will have finished regardless of the number of laps completed. In handicap races the finishing position will be based on the corrected average lap time.

12 Time Limit

- 12.1 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.

13 Declarations

- 13.1 For open meetings, when a boat has taken either a two turns penalty or a one turn penalty, or has retired after finishing (RET), the competitor shall complete a declaration on the Official notice board within her protest time limit. There will be no signing on prior to racing apart from the declaration signed on the entry form.
- 13.2 For Club racing, competitors indicate their intention to race by manoeuvring near the start line between the warning signal and the starting signal or up to 3 minutes after the starting signal.

14 Protests

- 14.1 Written protests shall be handed to the race officer within 30 minutes of the last boat's finish in that race unless races are sailed back-to-back in which case it is within 30 minutes of either the last boat's finish in the last race or when the race officer returns to shore if later.

15 Scoring

- 15.1 For handicap racing, the Portsmouth Yardstick handicap system will be used.
- 15.2 For open meetings the number of races scheduled shall be as advertised in the Notice of Race, of which 1 race sailed shall constitute a series. Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded, if 3 or more races have been completed.
- 15.3 For club racing numbers of races scheduled and numbers of race scores discarded shall be as advertised in the programme.

16 Exception to Appendix B

- 16.1 For windsurfing racing, rule B3 is deleted. Rule 31 is unchanged.

17 Prizes

- 17.1 For open meetings, prizes will be awarded to competing crews who are placed in approximately the top 25% of the racing fleet.
- 17.2 For club racing a prize or perpetual trophy attributed to the event or series will be awarded to the highest place crew.

18 Biosecurity measures at Hollowell reservoir

- 18.1 Following the discovery of an invasive species of shrimp (*Dikerogammarus villosus*) at Pitsford Water Reservoir and Zebra Mussels in Hollowell Reservoir, Hollowell Sailing Club has set out specific wash-down requirements for all visiting craft to Hollowell Reservoir. These requirements apply to all craft and their trailers, being powered or non-powered craft, including RIB, rowing craft, dinghies, canoes, kayaks and sailboards and others.

All visiting sailors to Hollowell Sailing Club premises with any type of craft, having the intention to sail said craft on the reservoir, will be required to sign a declaration agreeing to self-regulated checking, cleaning and drying of their craft, in so far as is practical, before entering the reservoir and prior to their departure. The declaration will confirm that incoming craft have been washed before leaving the previous venue, preferably with sufficient interval to allow thorough drying, Where this has not been possible, the declaration will confirm that the craft has had a thorough wash-down at Hollowell Sailing Club before the craft is launched, using the hose down facilities in the allocated area. The declaration will also confirm that the sailor will take responsibility for cleaning and drying their craft prior to leaving our premises or before it is launched again.

Notes

Dogs: No dogs are allowed in the clubhouse or anywhere in the club grounds at any time, unless as required by disability or illness or in the interests of public safety.

Cars: All competitors' cars shall be parked in the car park as soon as possible after unloading boats and prior to the start of the first race.