

Hollowell Sailing Club Sailing Instructions v1.7

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 National prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Some instructions in this SI change a rule in the RRS. Where there is a change to a rule it is stated at the end of the instruction.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located within the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 30 minute before the race in which they take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule of the days races will be posted by 10:30am on that day.

4. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn at all times when afloat or on the pontoon, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Young sailors (17 years or under) must wear personal buoyancy on their upper torso (waistcoat type) regardless of any other type of buoyancy worn. The flag Y will not be displayed. This amends rule 40.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a flag pole close to the launching area.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 The schedule of races will follow the sailing programme as advertised on the club website.
- 6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is detailed on the club website.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

- Handicap races will be the letter 'H' on a white background
- Pursuit races will be the letter 'P' on a white background

With the exception of individual fleet starts or open meetings where the class flag will be displayed by the race officer at the briefing.

8. RACING AREAS

Addendum A shows the location of the racing area.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 The order in which marks are to be rounded will be indicated by lettered tiles displayed on a board on the race committee boat. See Addendum A.
- 9.2 A tile with a red background indicates PORT, leaving the mark to port. A tile with a green background indicates STARBOARD, leaving the mark to starboard. A number tile will indicate the number of COMPLETE laps to be sailed.
- 9.3 A tile showing 'LINE' may be shown on the course board as the start and finish. This is an imaginary line between the committee boat and pin end buoy that forms a gate that every boat must pass upwind through at the end of each lap.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks are located in the approximate area as shown in Addendum A.
- 10.2 Marks are yellow coloured plastic buoys painted with the first letter of their name except mark 'S' which is coloured orange. See Addendum A.

11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

- a) submerged fences on the corner at the North end of the bay,
- b) submerged fences in the corner between the Dam and the Clubhouse.
- c) floating boat sheds adjacent to the bay area
- d) shallow edges of the reservoir
- e) significant weed growth

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between the yellow flag racing pole on the committee boat 'Stan' and a designated mark. For any other committee vessel the start line will be the midpoint of the race committee vessel and a designated mark. This changes RRS Appendix S 5.2 and Appendix S RRS 9.2
- 12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 12.5 Separate starting arrangements will apply for pursuit racing.
- 12.6 When a Dan Buoy is used to mark the pin end of the start line **it will not be displayed on the course board**. The planned use of the Dan Buoy must be communicated on the notice board located in the clubhouse.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee can move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position without flag signals and provided no boat is required to sail a different distance to any other.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line will be between the yellow flag racing pole of the race committee boat and a designated mark, when using committee vessel 'Stan'. For any other committee vessel the finish line will be the midpoint of the race committee vessel and a designated mark. **This changes Appendix S RRS 11.1**
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 The Duty Race Officer should plan to finish slower boats as close to the leading boat finish time as possible. This may necessitate finishing boats without shortening the course for the entire fleet using a Race Officer's Discretionary Finish (RODF). See point 15 for the detail of RODF. This changes RRS 28.1, 35 and A5

15. RACE OFFICER'S DISCRETIONARY FINISH (RODF)

- 15.1 The Duty Race Officer may finish a boat using a Race Officer's Discretionary Finish (RODF). The Race Office or an assistant or patrol vessel will communicate they have finished using one of the following methods: a) verbal communication, b) by whistle, c) by displaying a W Flag. The Duty Race Officers decision is final and is not grounds for redress. Refusing to accept a RODF will not be grounds for redress under RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 15.2 When a Race Officer's Discretionary Finish (RODF) is given, finishing places for those finished under RODF will be awarded as follows:
 - a) In a Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap race a boat may be finished on any lap as they pass through the Start/Finish line. The finishing place will be awarded based on average lap time.
 - b) In an Individual One Design Class race a finish can be given at any point on the course. The finishing place will be:
 - behind boats that completed the full course
 - behind boats finished under a RODF at a point further along the course
 - behind boats finished under a RODF at the same point at an earlier time

- 15.3 An RODF finish cannot be awarded in a Pursuit race

16. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 Time limits and target times will be displayed on the club website
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Officer within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after 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 sailed or when the race officer returns to shore if later.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. The location and time of the hearings will be posted on the official notice board.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 For open meetings 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2 For club racing the number of races required to be completed to constitute a series shall be included in the sailing programme.
- 18.3 Bronze silver gold fleet handicaps will be applied to personal handicap club races.
- 18.4 Personal handicaps as determined by the sailor based on series performance will be applied to Thursday evening personal handicap club pursuit races.
- 18.5 In classes, where competitors have a choice of rig size, they may change between Rigs and retain their scores from different rigs for the series. When results are determined using the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicapping System, the finishing position for all races in series will be calculated using the Portsmouth Number for the largest rig used by that competitor in that series. Sailors must disclose this change to each duty officer.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 There are no restrictions on the substitution of competitors that are not the helm. In exceptional cases the Duty Race Officer may permit a change in Helms.
- 20.2 There are no restrictions on the replacement or substitution of equipment between races. In Handicap racing, and where different equipment or craft configurations have different Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers, (such as spinnaker/non-spinnaker) differing Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers may be used when equipment is changed.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be checked at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. Non class legal boats may be allowed to compete at the race officer's discretion.

22. ADVERTISING

- 22.1 Boats shall display advertising supplied by the Organising Authority as required.
- 22.2 Competitors may be asked to remove or conceal any advertising that has not been provided by the Organising Authority.

23. PRIZES

Prizes to be awarded for each individual series or event will be displayed on the club website.

24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising 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.

25. INSURANCE

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

26. BIOSECURITY MEASURES AT HOLLOWELL RESERVOIR

Under Anglian water guidance the club operates a wash, clean and dry biosecurity policy that must be followed by all craft and their trailers as detailed on the club website or open entry forms. Visiting members will be asked to sign a declaration to confirm they have read, understood and followed this process.