

NORTHAMPTON SAILING CLUB

The 29er, MustoSkiff, Open Regatta **25th and 26th October 2008**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005 – 2008,
- 1.2 Advertising. - The regatta is designated Category C.
- 1.3 The rules of the 29er International Class Association are changed as follows:-
Paragraph C2.1(c) is amended to permit up to two suits of sails to be used throughout the Regatta.
Appendix 2 is amended to add clause 1.3 as follows: ‘Appendix 2 will not provide grounds for a competitor to seek redress’. This changes rule 62.

2 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Condition of Entry.
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 inspections 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, however 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. This condition does not override statutory rights.
- 2.2 Competitors must have completed the entry form and paid the necessary dues for the event in order to be eligible to race.
- 2.3 Measurement Checking. Yachts may be checked before or after any race at the discretion of the Race Committee or Class Association.
- 2.4 Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all crew members whilst afloat. Neither a wetsuit nor dry suit constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board situated in the wet bar at the southern end of the Club House.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board, one hour before the advertised start of the race or races concerned, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 7 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be hoisted on the flagpole located on the Club balcony at the northern end.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowering) means 'The race is postponed'. The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Saturday 30th April

BRIEFING	12.30 hrs
Race 1 warning	13.00 hrs
Race 2 & 3	Back to back as soon as possible after the finish of the previous race

Sunday 1st May

Race 4 warning	10.00 hrs.	Race 5 Back to Back.
Race 6 warning	13.00 hrs.	Race 7 Back to Back.

6.2 Order of Start

Saturday	Musto	Sunday	Musto
	29er		29er
	405		405

7 CLASS FLAGS

Musto	IC Flag F
29er	Class Flag
405	Class Flag

8 RACE AREA

The area of the lake to be used for the series will be as notified at the briefing.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The courses will be as indicated in Addendum A.
- 9.2 The course letters and number of rounds for each class will be indicated on the committee boat. The windward mark will always be rounded to PORT
- 9.3 Two leeward marks forming a gate will be used. Boats may round either leeward mark as indicated on the diagram. The second leeward mark will be mark S and placed in the starboard position.
- 9.4 The course may be shortened by displaying IC flag "S" and the relevant class flag with 2 sound signals on the committee boat. If a course is shortened, boats must still pass through the leeward gate before the Finish. A patrol boat displaying IC flag "S" will be at the windward mark to identify that a course has been shortened. In the event of a shortened course, boats will Finish, irrespective of the laps they have completed.

10 MARKS

Course markers will be Orange spherical buoys as indicated in Addendum A.
Mark 1a will be a small orange stand-off mark.

11 THE START.

- 11.1 Races will be started in accordance with RULE 26 with the Warning Signal given 3 minutes before the start. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the failure of a sound signal shall be disregarded. The start of the preceding race may be the warning signal for the next race.
- 11.2 The start line will be between a mast displaying an ORANGE flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and an outer distance mark with an ORANGE flag at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat shall not start later than 3 minutes after her starting signal.
- 11.4 The race officer may adjust the position of the committee boat up to 1 minute before the start of a race if he considers the bias on the line has become unsuitable for a fair start.

12 RECALLS

- 12.1 In the event of a general recall, the recalled class will go to the end of the start sequence and start 3 min after the last scheduled start. The general recall flag will be lowered 1 min before The next start.

13 FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the committee boat at the port end and a DAN BUOY with a BLUE FLAG as indicated in Addendum A.

14 TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit will be 60 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored 'Did not finish'.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The penalty for infringement of part 2 shall be a "One Turn Penalty" including one tack and one jibe. This alters rule RRS 44.

16 PROTEST

- 16.1 Notice of intended protest SHALL be lodged with the Committee boat at the end of the relevant race.
- 16.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered back there within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat's finish. For races sailed back to back, the time limit will be 60 minutes from the end of the last race of that group.
- 16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 16.4 Protest forms will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest or named as witnesses.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point System as provided in RRS Appendix A will apply. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if 3 or more races have been completed.
- 17.27 Seven races are scheduled, of which 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series.

18 PRIZES

Prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the finish of the last race.

Addendum A

Course A

- 1 Lap - Start, 1, 1a, leeward gate, finish line
- 2 Laps - Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, leegate, Finish line
- 3 Laps - Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a 2, 1, 1a, leegate Finish line
- 4 Laps - Start, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, 2, 1, 1a, leegate Finish

