

Sailing Instructions 2013

- 1.The Racing Rules of Sailing, RYA Prescriptions, Class Rules and these Sailing Instructions will apply to all boats, whether racing or not, except that boats competing in open meetings will be subject to special Open Meeting Sailing Instructions.
- 2.Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these Sailing Instructions, the buoyancy, safety and management of a boat shall be the sole responsibility of the person in charge of her.
- 3.Every boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate in accordance with her class rules.
- 4.Every boat shall be insured with a Third Party Indemnity of at least £3,000,000
- 5.**All persons shall wear an approved buoyancy aid whilst afloat.** Wet suits or dry suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.
- 6.The Sailing Committee may inspect the buoyancy arrangements of boats and if considered inadequate, a boat will not be allowed afloat.
- 7.The Club and Watersports Centre are only able to provide safety facilities during the hours of Club racing and certain other specified times. When safety facilities are provided, the Club burgee will be flown at the safety boat hut. Safety cover is only provided in the area visible from the Safety Boat Garage, as shown on the back cover of this Programme.
- 8.It is the responsibility of Members, Parents and Guardians to dress, or ensure that children or wards dress, to suit the conditions.
- 9.It is always the sole responsibility of the helm/crew to decide if it is safe for them to go afloat, bearing in mind the state of their craft, their own sailing experience and ability, and the weather conditions during the time they are afloat.
- 10.Sailing is permitted only between sunrise and sunset, the times of which are updated daily on the weather page on the Club's web-site.
- 11.A member may race any boat on the club's current approved class list of racing boats. Race entries shall be made before the warning signal on the sheets provided in the Clubhouse.
- 12.If more than one class of boat is sailed, or a different rig is used on the same class of boat that changes the recognised PY of that boat, each boat/rig combination will be treated as separate entries for the series.
- 13.The Flags and Numeral Pennants will be used as class signals as follows:-

JAYS Fleet races	IC Flag 'J'
All other Races	IC Flag 'R'

Boards depicting these flags will be used to distinguish between courses intended for different classes.

- 14.Starts will be from a committee boat. The start line will be between a mast flying an orange flag on the committee boat and an outer limit mark flying an orange flag.
- 15.Courses will be displayed on the committee boat forming the starting line at the warning signal by letters that correspond to marks of the course and numerals indicating the number of laps to be sailed. Red backgrounds indicate marks to be rounded to port and green backgrounds indicate marks to be rounded to starboard.
- 16.The starting procedure for Handicap and Fleet Racing (other than Sprint Series) will be in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal will be made 5 minutes before the start i.e. 5, 4, 1, Go. The start signal for the 1st start will be the 5 minute warning signal for the 2nd start etc.
- 17.Sprint Series starts will use the following sequence. The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the start i.e. 3, 2, 1, Go.

18. In the event of a General Recall, the fleet concerned will start at the end of the fleet start sequence. The General Recall signal will be lowered at the 1-minute signal for the following class start. This will also apply for lowering the Individual Recall signal.
19. When a Pursuit Race is shown on the programme, the datum boat will start at the advertised time. The starting times for the other classes will be based on the Club's Handicap system and will be displayed at the Clubhouse before the race. Warning and preparatory signals will not be made for these other classes, but elapsed minutes after the first start will be indicated on the committee boat. Boats will be regarded as racing from 4 minutes before their starting time, and will be recorded DSQ if more than 4 minutes late for their own start. If more than one class of boat is sailed, each will be treated as separate entries for the series.
20. The finish line will be between a mast flying a Blue flag on the committee boat and an outer limit mark flying an orange flag.
21. The time limit for each race other than a "Sprint" race shall be 90 minutes. A boat failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later shall be scored 'did not finish'. This replaces RRS 35.
22. The time limit for a "Sprint" race will be 10 minutes after the first boat finishes
23. When a boat wishes to protest another boat it shall hail the word "PROTEST". Boats, whatever their length, need not display a red flag when protesting. This changes RRS 61.
24. Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered to him within 45 minutes of the protesting boat finishing the race. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the Official Notice Board for details.
25. A helm need only sign, within 30 minutes of finishing the race, a declaration that the rules were observed when they have infringed a rule and done the appropriate penalty, or have retired.
26. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place - 1 point, 2nd place - 2 points, 3rd place - 3 points etc. Boats retiring score number of starters plus 1. Boats disqualified score number of starters plus 2. Non-starters score number of competitors for the series. A competitor is an entrant who ranks as a starter in a race of the series. The lowest total score denotes the winner of the series. This rule replaces RRS Appendix A Section 4.2.
27. If there is a series tie, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst (including any discarded races), and at the first point where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat with the best score.
28. A race declared void or not sailed shall be deemed cancelled unless the Sailing Committee orders a re-sail. When one or more races in a series is cancelled, the number of races to count shall be reduced if necessary to keep the proportion of races to count as nearly as possible constant, except that if less than three valid races are sailed, all results shall count for points.
29. The member who is Club Race Officer and the member who is Assistant Race Officer may claim "average points" for the races they run. A member may count a maximum of two average points scores ("OODs") for each series, providing that the number of "OODs" counted does not exceed 20 % of the races that took place in the series. The exceptions to this are the Holcot Handicap Series where three "OOD" scores may be counted, again providing that the number of "OODs" does not exceed 20 % of the races that took place in the series and any "Sprint" series where a maximum of 10% of the races that took place in the series may be counted. Average points are based on the member's "non DNC" results. Members will only be awarded OOD points for a single nominated boat in any particular series
30. The Race Officer will disqualify boats seen by the race team to have sailed the wrong course, including missing the line when set as part of the course.
31. The Sailing Committee will, in the normal course of events, disqualify from the series concerned any member(s) not fulfilling their duties.