



Sailing Instructions

Shadow Nationals

Gurnard Sailing Club 26th - 27th June 2021

1 RULES

1.1 RACING

Racing will take place under the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race, these sailing instructions (SIs) and the appropriate class rules. In the event of conflict these sailing instructions will prevail.

1.2 All races are deemed to be Category 'C' under RRS 79.

2 CONDITIONS

2.1 GENERAL

The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner or competitor racing the boat. The establishment of these sailing instructions in no way reduces the complete responsibility of the owner or competitor for his boat and the management thereof. The race organisers shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/competitor as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, it is for the boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Competitors should note that the Gurnard Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.

2.2 INSURANCE

All boats are required to have third party insurance, without restriction, for £3,000,000.

2.3 MEASUREMENT OR RATING CERTIFICATE.

All boats must comply with class measurement and buoyancy rules.

2.4 DISTINGUISHING MARKS

Under exceptional circumstances, the race officer may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by RRS 77.

2.5 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

All boats are to keep clear of commercial shipping.

2.6 CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

No boat shall be sailed in a dangerous manner or without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for others.

2.7 LAND TO THE WEST OF BEAULIEU RIVER ENTRANCE

Competitors are advised that the land to the west of Beaulieu river entrance going west to Montague Beach House is a designated nature reserve and landing is forbidden. To land in this area renders trespassers liable to prosecution and a fine of £1000.

3 SAFETY

3.1 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Adequate personal buoyancy, i.e. Lifejacket/Buoyancy Aid must be worn at all times by all crew members. Wetsuits/drysuits or trapeze harnesses do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy. The race officers will disqualify a boat that does not comply with this instruction without a protest.

4 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the official notice board. The official notice board is located outside the changing room at Gurnard Marsh.

4.2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be displayed on the official notice board one hour before the starting time of the first race and will be indicated by flying International Code Flag "L", above the appropriate numeral pennant for the number of the latest amendment, from the club flagstaff.

5 STARTS

5.1 START TIMES

The start times will be displayed on the official notice board. If a race has been postponed or needs to be re-sailed information will be displayed on the official notice board.

5.2 RANKING AS A STARTER

A boat that is on the water prior to her preparatory signal and in the area of the start shall count as a starter whether she starts or not. A BOAT NOT AFLOAT BY HER PREPARATORY SIGNAL SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A NON STARTER.

5.3 STARTING PROCEDURE

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

5.4 GENERAL RECALLS

RRS 29.2 will apply for general recalls.

5.5 STARTING PENALTIES

5.5.1 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 30 STARTING PENALTIES. In particular, after a general recall RRS 30.3 may apply to any or all subsequent starts.

5.5.2 A U flag may be broken as the preparatory signal and lowered one minute before the start, to denote when RRS 30.3 is in effect.

6 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 COURSE AREA

The course area will be the Solent.

6.2 The diagram(s) in Event Appendix A show the course(s), the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses will be displayed on the official event notice board.

6.3 The number of laps to be sailed will be indicated on the Committee Boat, displayed on the course board at or near the transom.

6.2 START LINE

6.2.1 The start line will be an imaginary line between a flagstaff displaying an orange flag and an outer distance mark.

6.2.2 Inner limit

An inner limit mark may be laid, boats starting must pass between the inner and outer limit marks.

6.3 FINISHING LINE

The finish line will be an imaginary line between a flagpole displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark as described in the Event Appendix. Boats must pass between these two marks when finishing.

6.4.1 The course to be sailed will be explained at the briefing.

6.4.2 KEEPING CLEAR AFTER FINISHING

A boat once finished must keep clear of the finishing line and boats finishing.

7 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

The Two Turns Penalty (two turns in the same direction to include two tacks and two gybes), RRS 44.2 is amended to a One Turn Penalty (to include one tack and one gybe)

8 TIME LIMIT

8.1 RRS 35 is varied in that the time limit for boats will be 30 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat.

8.2 If, after 90 minutes from the start, no boat has finished the course or the shortened course, or passed through the imaginary line defined in SI 8.2 at any appropriate stage of the course, the race will be abandoned.

9 PROTESTS

9.1 RRS 61.2 and 61.3 are varied in that protests must be written on RYA protest forms and along with a £5 deposit must be submitted to the race officer within one hour of the end of the last race of the day. This time limit will only be extended in special circumstances.

9.2 It is the duty of both the protester and the protestee to ascertain from the race committee the time and place of the hearing and to produce their witnesses at this time.

10 DECLARATIONS and RETIREMENTS

Declarations are not required. However, skippers of boats that retire, or, for any other reason, do not finish are required to indicate this to the race box as soon as possible or by informing any safety boat on the water before coming ashore.

11. SCORING SYSTEMS

11.1 The low point scoring system (RRS Appendix A) will apply.

12. DISCARDS

If five or more races are completed, then one discard will be allowed, otherwise there will be no discards.

13 RESULTS

Provisional results (subject to any protest procedures) will be published as soon as possible and displayed on the official notice board.

14 COVID 19

All competitors shall comply with current Covid-19 guidelines. Boats shall not compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of Covid-19 in the 10 days prior to participation, please use the advice available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>