



Gurnard Sailing Club

IW Dinghy Championship

24th – 25th July 2021

Competitor Notes

To ensure residents are not inconvenienced and the launch/recovery of dinghies is not impeded, please only park at the bottom of Shore Road if you are parked in a designated parking space. Please rig / launch / recover from the beach where possible.

Complimentary food and drink

There will be a complimentary burger/jacket potato after sailing each day along with a beer or soft drink. Please collect your tokens from the tally desk

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

1.1 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. This changes RRS 63.7

1.2 Boats may advertise in accordance with the World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).

2 CONDITIONS

2.1 RISK STATEMENT & RACING CHARTER

Rule 3 of the RRS states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss, to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or any event at the venue drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event.

(h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims.

(i) All boats 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 14 days prior to participation. Please use the advice available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

Competitors should note that Gurnard Sailing Club has implemented the RYA Racing Charter and that all competitors will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (RRS) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

2.2 MEASUREMENT OR RATING CERTIFICATE.

All boats must comply with class measurement and buoyancy rules.

2.3 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.

2.4 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

All boats are to keep clear of commercial shipping.

2.5 CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

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

2.6 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 FLOTATION DEVICES

Adequate personal buoyancy (ie buoyancy aid) must be worn at all times. Wetsuits/drysuits, sailboard or trapeze harnesses do not constitute adequate personal flotation devices. The Race Officers will remove from the course and disqualify a boat that does not comply with this instruction without a protest. This changes RRS 3.

3.2 EQUIPMENT

All boats must carry a painter at least 4.6m (15ft) long and should carry a paddle.

3.3 TALLIES

All boats must collect a tally before racing, carry it with them on the boat whilst racing and return to the tally desk within 30 minutes of finishing. (For boats based at Gurnard Marsh, there will be a tally point there)

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

4.1 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be displayed on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located on the NE corner of the clubhouse.

4.2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be displayed on the ONB.

4.3 BRIEFING

There will be a short briefing at 0945 at Gurnard Sailing Club

5 START TIMES and CLASS FLAGS

5.1 START TIMES

5.1.1 The start times and the starting order for the classes is indicated below.

Start times and order for the second and third races of each day will vary – please watch for class flag

Class	PY Numbers	Class Flag	Start time
Big Cats	SCHRS	C	1100
Shadows	Class	D	1105
Fast Handicap	1009 and below	F	1110
Medium Handicap	1010 - 1160	G	1115
Slow Handicap	1161 - 1390	E	1120

5.2 RANKING AS A STARTER

A boat that is on the water at her preparatory signal and in the area of the start shall count as a starter.

A BOAT NOT AFLOAT BY HER PREPARATORY SIGNAL SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A NON-STARTER.

All boats must keep well clear of the start line when another class is starting.

5.3 STARTING PROCEDURE

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

6 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 COURSE AREA

The course area will be the Western Solent.

6.2 START LINE

6.2.1 The starting line will be a fixed transit between a black and white board on the clubhouse and an orange pole fixed to the sea wall.

6.2.2 The outer distance mark will be a buoy, which is very near, but not necessarily on, the start line.

6.3 THE COURSE

6.3.1 The course to be sailed will consist of fixed Solent marks and specially laid racing marks which have been allocated code letters, numbers and symbols as listed on a separate card available from the race box or bar.

6.3.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by displaying the appropriate letters, numbers and symbols in a frame on the clubhouse at or as soon as possible after the preparatory signal for the class. The colour will indicate which way the marks are to be rounded and the course will be read from left to right, top row to bottom row.

White letter on a green background - round to starboard

Red letter on a white background - round to port.

6.3.3 If inflatable buoy 3 is shown in the course, it will be a windward mark; if inflatable buoy 4 is shown it will be a leeward mark and if inflatable buoy Y is shown it will be a Yellow rounding mark.

6.3.4 Varying SI 6.3.2, the Western Outer Limit Buoy (●) may, in certain circumstances, be a passing mark.

6.4 NUMBER OF ROUNDS

6.4.1 The number of rounds to be sailed will be indicated by the number of dots shown in the last frame of the course board.

6.4.2 If no board with dots is shown in the last frame of the course board, the course should be sailed as shown.

6.4.3 To complete a round, a boat must pass through the imaginary line between the black and white board on the clubhouse and the Western Outer Limit Buoy (●) at the appropriate stage of the course. A subsequent round starts the moment a boat passes through this line.

6.5 FINISHING

6.5.1 FINISHING LINE

The finishing line, which is NOT the same as the starting line, is defined as the imaginary line between the black and white board on the clubhouse and the Western Outer Limit Buoy marked with a ●.

6.5.2 KEEPING CLEAR AFTER FINISHING

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

7 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

RRS 44.1 will apply to all monohulls but is amended to a One Turn Penalty for all catamarans in all incidents.

8 TIME LIMIT

8.1 RRS 35 is varied in that the time limit for boats

(i) in handicap classes, will be 30 minutes, on CORRECTED time, after the finishing time of the leading boat on corrected time in the class,

(ii) in all other classes, will be 30 minutes after the finishing time of the first boat in the class.

8.2 At any stage that the course demands that boats should pass through the imaginary line between the black and white board on the clubhouse and the Western Outer Limit Buoy (●), (whether at the end of a round or not) the times of all boats will be recorded as they cross this line. If the first boat takes more than two hours to complete the course or shortened course, but has, at the appropriate stage of the course, passed through this line within two hours of the race starting, the latest time of passing through the line that is less than two hours after the start will be taken

as her finishing time. The result of the race will be determined by the time, corrected if necessary, of boats as they pass through this line at this stage of the course. Any retirement or infringement of the Rules which occurs after this time will be ignored.

Time limits as in 8.1 will apply.

8.3 If, after two hours 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 and will not be resailed.

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 race. The deposit will be returned if the protest is successful. This time limit will only be extended in special circumstances.

9.2 It is the duty of both the protestor and the protestee to ascertain from the Race Committee the time and place of the hearing and to produce their witnesses at this time.

9.3 RYA Arbitration will be available. The procedure is described on the RYA website (www.rya.org.uk) under Rules Disputes. The exoneration penalty will be a 20% scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). Requests for arbitration shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

10 RETIREMENTS

Boats retiring are required to inform the race box as soon as they are ashore.

11 SCORING SYSTEMS and DISCARDS

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

11.2 One race is required to constitute a series.

11.3 If 1,2,3 or 4 races are sailed there shall be no discard.

11.4 If 5 or 6 races are sailed there shall be one discard

12 RESULTS

Provisional results (subject to any protest procedures) will be published as soon as possible and displayed on the club website and results board inside the clubhouse.

13. PRIZEGIVING

The prizegiving will take place as soon as possible after racing on Sunday 25th July