



Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions for the Hare and Hounds Series 2021

To be read in association with the "Notice of race – Hare and Hounds Series 2021"

1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict with the Notice of the Race, these Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2. NOTICE BOARD & NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on ESC and ESSCs websites, dinghy notice board and Face Book.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to these instructions will be posted at least one hour before the start of racing.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES / WARNING SIGNALS / SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. There are 5 races scheduled for the Hare and Hounds Saturday series, and 5 races scheduled for the Hare and Hounds Sunday series. The dates and start times can be found in Annex A. The start sequence shall commence at the time indicated in Annex A.
- 4.2. At least 3 boats are required for any race otherwise racing may be cancelled.
- 4.3. Signals made ashore will be made from the ESSC Millpond Race Hut.

5. SIGN UP

- 5.1. Please sign up for the race at least one hour before the race start time using the electronic sign on at:
<https://www.emsdinghies.com/>
- 5.2. On signing off, please declare your finish time where prompted, together with a note of which boat was in front/behind you (if possible).

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The racing area is within Chichester Harbour, and will use the Federation, local Club marks and, where designated, navigation marks.

7. MARKS

- 7.1. Marks shall be round yellow buoys or the appropriate navigation mark, each marked with their name.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The course to be sailed will be determined by the Race Officer and displayed from the ESSC Race Hut.
- 8.2. The course will be designated by a code letter and/or number identifying one of several Course Specifications previously made available to competitors OR If code flag L is flying from the flagpole, a Course Specification which is specially written for the occasion.
- 8.3. Please note the ESSC & ESC updated courses cards for 2021 (see Annex B below).

9. THE STARTING & FINISHING LINES

- 9.1. The start line will be the ESSC LINE. This is the eastwards extension of a line between two transit poles with triangular top marks in front of the ESSC Millpond Race Hut. Beacon Point buoy is used as the outer distance mark, however it is not necessarily on the line and boats must pass it to the west.
- 9.2. The finish line is the same as the start line.
- 9.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. MARK BOATS

- 10.1. There will be no "mark boats", however, where possible, patrol boats will be stationed close to some marks.

11. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

11.1. No adjustments to the course will be made for wind shifts after a race has commenced.

12. SHORTENED COURSE

12.1. If the designated course names a Line to be crossed between the Start and the Finish and Flag S is hoisted at the ESSC race hut, that signal means "Finish the race at the Line named in the course which the leading boat is next required to cross after the signal is made". Or

12.2. A patrol boat will position itself at a mark of the course, with flag 'S'. A sound signal may be made. Competitors shall round that mark in the designated direction and proceed directly to the finish line, crossing the line in the direction from the last mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. A race may be abandoned if no boat has finished within a time limit of two hours after the start. The abandonment is at the discretion of the Race Officer.

13.2. A boat may be scored DNF if she has not finished within a time span of one hour after the first boat finished.

14. PROTESTS & RETIREMENTS

14.1. Retirements shall be reported to a patrol boat at the first opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a competitor being scored DNS. Competitors must inform a patrol boat if they intend leaving the course area before racing has finished.

14.2. Protests shall be written on RYA Protest Forms available from the ESSC race hut or clubhouse and lodged with the Race Officer as soon as possible, and in any event within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore.

14.3. Protest hearings will take place as soon as possible after the protest has been lodged.

15. SCORING SYSTEM

15.1. RRS A3, A4, A4.1 using the low point system A5, A6, A7, A9, A10 and A11 will apply except that scores will be assigned to the helm / boat combination in all cases, not to the helmsman. RRS A4.2 will not apply (i.e. only one helm and boat combination shall count towards the series). If a competitor sails more than one class of boat in the series, points awarded to one helm and boat combination cannot be added to points gained with a different class of boat. The best set of results will count, except in the case of a tie where rule 12. (iii) will apply.

15.2. The Hare and Hounds Series will be scored overall as separate Saturday and Sunday Series. There are five races in each series (see Annex A below). 'Fleet' results will also be calculated – for these the Saturday and Sunday combined race results will both be used.

15.3. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.4. When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When three or four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.5. For the 'fleet' results the discard profile above applies, in addition if six or more races are completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores, and if seven or more races are sailed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

15.6. Ties in a Series will be broken as follows:

15.7. Following RRS A8.1: If there is a series score tie between two or more boats, each boat's race scores shall be listed in order of best to worst, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s). No excluded scores shall be used.

15.8. When a tie occurs following RRS A8.2 If a tie remains between two or more boats, they shall be ranked in order of their scores in the last race. Any remaining ties shall be broken by using the tied boats' scores in the next-to-last race and so on until all ties are broken. These scores shall be used even if some of them are excluded scores.

15.9. The Interclub Competition: For each Hare and Hounds race the finishing positions of the first five boats from each club will have their points added to the total for the series. The winning club will be that club with the fewest points after totaling the points for the club's best 8 out 10 races. If a full inter-club series is not sailed,

there will be 2 discards if 6 or more races are sailed, 1 discard if 4 or 5 races are sailed and no discards if 3 or less races are sailed. If any club is missing a boat for a race, so they cannot produce the requisite 5 boats, the missing boat(s) will score as if they sailed in the race and retired i.e. number of boats that sailed + number required to make up 5 entries for the club + 1 point for retirement.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. ESC, ESSC and TISC members are eligible for prizes and trophies in this series.
- 16.2. Whenever the Helmsman of a two-man boat wins a prize so will the person who has been that Helmsman's sole or most frequent crew throughout all the races.
- 16.3. As well as prizes for the overall individual Saturday and Sunday series, competitors will also be eligible for fleet prizes. These fleet prizes will be calculated over the entire Hare and Hounds series (i.e. Saturday and Sunday combined). The fleets will include Aero/D0, Laser (all rigs), Fast Handicap, Medium Handicap and Slow Handicap. Additional fleets may be added during the series depending on turnout.

Annex A

Race	Date	Start Time	High Water (time/height)
Hare and Hounds 1	Sat 23rd October	1300	1350 4.7m
Hare and Hounds 2	Sun 24th October	1345	1419 4.6m
Hare and Hounds 3	Sat 6th November	1130	1155 5.2m
Hare and Hounds 4	Sun 7th November	1200	1241 5.1m
Hare and Hounds 5	Sat 20th November	1130	1151 4.7m
Hare and Hounds 6	Sun 21st November	1200	1223 4.6m
Hare and Hounds 7	Sat 4th December	1000	1048 5.1m
Hare and Hounds 8	Sun 5th December	1100	1135 5.1m
Hare and Hounds 9	Sat 18th December	1030	1052 4.6m
Hare and Hounds 10	Sun 19th December	1100	1128 4.6m

Annex B

For ESSC/ESC updated course cards 2021 please go to:

<https://www.emsworthslippersc.org.uk/sailing/dinghies-1>