



Hornsea Sailing Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2016

Points Series and Trophy Races

1 RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (copies of the rules are available in the clubroom). For the purposes of these instructions, all boats participating in a race shall be collectively referred to as a class. Local interpretations and variations are set out in these instructions.

2 ENTRIES

Registration for Points Series

Eligible boats will automatically be entered into a points series once they have competed in one race of that points series.

An owner may change the boat raced in a series once. The points from the original boat will be carried forward to the new boat. Only the new boat may then score points.

Registration for Individual Races

Eligible boats must be entered before each individual race in which they wish to compete, by the crew or helm entering their names and the boat details on the appropriate entry sheet for that particular race.

A yacht may use sails carrying distinguishing numbers different from the boats correct sail number as long as the Race Officer has been informed and agrees to such use.

Eligibility to Compete in Individual Races

In addition to all other ISAF, RYA and Class eligibility requirements, competitors must also observe the following eligibility requirements:

- (i) Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times whilst afloat.
- (ii) All boats shall have adequate buoyancy. The Race Committee will disqualify any yacht which, in the opinion of the Race Committee has inadequate or inadequately secured buoyancy.
- (iii) All boats shall have Third Party Insurance cover valid for a liability of at least £3,000,000.

Eligibility for Points

To be eligible for points in a particular race the following eligibility requirements must be fulfilled at the time of the race:

- (i) The boat must have a valid measurement certificate.
 - (ii) The boat owner must at the time of that race be a fully paid up member of the Hornsea Sailing Club.
 - (iii) The boat must race with the owner aboard.
 - (iv) The crew must be a member of Hornsea Sailing Club unless they have previously raced less than 4 times in that season at the Mere.
- Boats may only compete in Trophy races fully crewed. Boats sailing single handed may not use a spinnaker unless so designed.

Eligibility for Crews Race

To be eligible for the crews race the helm must have crewed in no less than 3 Hornsea Sailing Club races prior to the date specified in the official race programme for the crews race and must not have helmed a boat in a club points race, club open meeting or other special club competition during that year prior to the crews race actually taking place.

Minimum Number of Entrants

A minimum of two boats in a Class, providing they qualify as starters, shall constitute a race for that class.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be;

- a) posted on the official notice board located in the Club Room
- or b) on a blackboard in the vicinity of the Club Room.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted as above not less than 15 minutes before the start of the next race where the change will have any affect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on or near the flagpole in front of the Club Room.

A signal to shorten the course may be displayed ashore adjacent to buoy 9

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The numbers of races scheduled and the scheduled time of the starting signal for each class is published in the Club Year Planner and the Club Information brochure displayed on the Official Notice Board in the Club Room.

7 COURSES

Courses will be announced to competitors by the use of a course diagram displayed in, or near, the registration sheet in the Club Room.

Boundary Lines

There are boundary lines running North-South at the West end of the Mere and in the North East corner of the Mere. These are shown on the race area map. These must not be crossed and are regarded by the Sailing Committee as continuing obstructions in respect of ISAF rule 18.5 and rights of way must be given accordingly.

Shallows

There are three areas of the Mere which are officially designated as shallows. These areas are shown on the race area map. The extremities of these shallows are marked by white buoys which are shown on the race area map. The track of a boat's continuous course must not lie between the buoys within each set. The shallows located to the West of the island are marked by buoys and a boat's continuous track must not lie between the end of the island and these buoys. All three shallows are designated

by the Sailing Committee as obstructions in respect of ISAF rule 18 and rights of way must be given accordingly.

Race Area Map Not to scale



8 STARTING

Pursuit Races

A count down will be provided as an indication by the automatic starting box in the Club Room but individual class start times will be displayed on the Club Notice Board and it will be the responsibility of each competitor to start after this time.

Club Starting Line

The starting line will be a transit formed by the Clubhouse flagstaff and a white pole sited on the bank. The outer limit of the start line is marked by a buoy designated as '0' on the race area map, which shall be left to port when starting.

Starting Signals

This will be by means of the automatic starter. The starting sequence shall be Warning Signal at 10 minutes to the advertised start time, Preparatory signal at 5 minutes and Start signal. Each signal will be indicated by changes of a sequence of coloured lights on the flagpole.

Recalls

(a) Individual recalls will be signaled by one sound signal immediately after the starting signal; no visual signal will be given. It will be up to competitors to judge whether they were guilty of the infringement and return to make a correct start.

(b) General recalls will be signaled by repeated sound signals immediately after the starting signal; no visual signal will be given. In the event of a general recall, that class will go to the back of the starting sequence. In the event of more than one general recall, recalled classes will re-start in their original rotation.

On The Water Starts

The starting line will be between two post buoys displaying orange flags.

Starting Signals

The sequence of flag and sound signals shall be Warning at 5 minutes, Preparatory at 4 minutes a further signal at 1 minute and Start.

Recalls

Recalls will be signalled as indicated in the Racing Rules. In the event of a general recall, that class will go to the back of the starting sequence. In the event of more than one general recall, recalled classes will re-start in their original rotation.

Time Limit

A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Compete (DNC).

9 FINISHING

Pursuit Races

For pursuit races the 'finish time' will be displayed on the course diagram in the Club Room before the start of the race, however final positions will only be determined after continuing to sail and rounding the next buoy of the course after the advertised finishing time.

Club finishing line

The finishing line will be between the Clubhouse flagpole and buoy '9'.

Shortened Course

Courses may be shortened at buoy '9' by displaying flag S and the appropriate Class signal board on shore. Boats will finish by leaving buoy '9' to starboard and crossing the finishing line.

On The Water Finish

The finishing line will be between the flag pole displaying a blue flag on the Committee Boat and the nearest buoy.

Shortened Course

Courses may be shortened by making the appropriate signal as the leading boat rounds the last buoy before the new finish which may be repeated for following boats.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protest forms are available in the Club Room.

Protests shall be delivered to the Race Officer or in his/her absence a Flag Officer of the Club within the protest time limit.

For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. [The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress.]

Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as far as practical at a mutually convenient place, date and time.

Decisions will be displayed on the Official Notice Board.

11 SCORING

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.

Half the number of sailed races in a series plus one, rounded up to the nearest whole number, are required to be completed to qualify for a series.

12 DECLARATIONS.

Declarations for pursuit races must be signed on the race entry sheet not later than 30 minutes after the last boat of the same class finishes that race. For all other races unless a boat's crew inform the Race Officer otherwise it is assumed that the boat has completed the race within the rules and no declaration is required.