



AQUARIUS SAILING CLUB RACING

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 1 April 2006

Competitors should note that Aquarius Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008) or at ww.rya.org.uk/racing/charter.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The RYA Racing Rules of Sailing current issue.
- 1.2 The RYA Prescriptions and any class rules will apply.
- 1.3 The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Start Box.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Start Box.

4 PERSONAL BUOYANCY

At all times, whilst racing, competitors shall wear life-jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy. Wet suits and dry suits are not adequate buoyancy. This changes rule 40.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as described in the current Aquarius Sailing Club Programme
- 5.2 The start time for races will not be earlier than that published.
- 5.3 Signals might not be made if a start is delayed.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be as displayed on the official notice board.

7 Spare

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be as displayed on the official notice board and the sequence of mark rounding will be displayed on the river side of the Race Box
- 8.2 A race will last approximately 60 minutes or as displayed on the official notice board.
All boats will finish the next time they cross the finish line after the prescribed time, or after two sound signals indicating the end of a revised time.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks will be red or orange bouys, a red flag indicates pass to Port and a Green flag indicates pass to Starboard.
- 9.2 Marks on the Start/Finish line are marks for the start only, unless defined as part of the course.
- 9.3 At the start boats must not pass between a mark near the start line and the nearer bank.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with flag signals replaced by minutes to start displayed in the Start Box window. A Bell will be sounded at 6 minutes before the start. There will be no signals to indicate a late or postponed start.
- 10.2 The starting line will be the extension of a line from the flag pole behind the Start Box and a pole with a triangle at the top in front of the Start Box.

11 Spare

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be the same as the start line.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P, immediate penalties for breaking rule 42 (Propulsion), will apply.
- 13.2 Rule 45 (Hauling Out; Making Fast; Anchoring) will not apply.
- 13.3 If Mediation is used the Penalty is 20% (minimum 1 maximum 5 places)

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the race box. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 A list of boats that, under instruction 13.1, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 15.. Advisory, Mediation or Protest Hearings may be used; an advisory Hearing does not require a Protest Form.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 The number of races to count for a series shall be will be half the total number of races sailed in the series, rounded up when an odd number of races are sailed.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after racing.

18 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.