

CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Note to Competitors: - Due to the location of Clevedon Sailing Club, and the parking area for boats taking part in any sailing being on a public promenade, can we remind you to park all trailers and equipment in a considerate and safe manner, so not to endanger the promenade users.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The racing will be governed by the rules as defined in THE RACING RULES OF SAILING.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the foyer of the Club house.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the notice board 2 hours before the programmed start time on the day it will take effect, except if a decision is made to alter or postpone an event in advance, an E mail will be sent out.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the OOD Hut located on the Starboard end of CLEVEDON SAILING CLUB when viewing from the sea.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Dates of racing will be as programmed on the annual Clevedon Sailing Club programme.
- 5.2 Number of races will be as programmed.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 5 minutes before the programmed start time.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Will be assigned to a fleet if required.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The racing areas will be displayed in The Club House Foyer on the Course Board, prior to each day's racing.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be set daily, a posted on the Course board in The Club House Foyer, a minimum of 1 hour before the programmed start time.
- 8.2 Courses will not be shortened, the race will be calculated on an average lap basis, the duration of the race will be approximately 1 hour.

8.3 Class racing will be run on a number of lap's basis, this could be shortened if the conditions change, competitors will be signalled by 2 blasts of the horn and code flag N will be displayed.

9. MARKS

9.1 The marks of the course will be placed on the course board and labelled for each day's racing.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The following area is designated as obstruction, The Clevedon Pier all boats must keep at least 20 metres clear of the Pier as the local fishermen have lines out.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows: 5 minute code sign R 4 Minute code sign P 1 minute code sign P drops Start code sign R drops.

11.2 The starting line will be between the orange distance mark and the white transit pole on the OOD's Hut.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored **Did Not Start** without a hearing.

12. CHANGES TO THE COURSE

12.1 Any changes to the course will be performed between races.

12.2 The Safety boat will inform competitors of the changes.

13. THE FINISH

The Finishing line will be between the Distance Mark and the White Transit Pole on the OOD's Hut.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available in the main club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in The Quarter Deck in the main Club House beginning at the time posted.

14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the main race board to inform boats & witnesses involved.

14.5 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking rules will be posted.

14.6 Breaches of instructions, penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14.7 Decisions of the protest committee will be final.

15. SCORING

15.1 The scoring system is as follows: Low points score with discards.

15.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 (a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races scores.

(b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races score excluding her worst score.

(c) When 5 or 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

15.4 In the case of a points tie the boat with the highest position on completion of the last race will be deemed the winner.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Check – Out and Check – In: The Signing On/Off Sheet will be the method of keeping tally of the boat's racing, you must sign off no later than 45 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

16.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk. 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 the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £500,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.