



Seafarers Sailing Club

7.1 Sailing Instructions 2019

A copy of these instructions will be displayed at the club in the "wet room".

1. All races will be governed by the World Sailing 'RACING RULES OF SAILING' (2017-2020) and sailed and managed as defined hereafter.
2. The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme as promulgated on the RYA's web site will be used.
3. The programme of races is as published in the 2019 Programme of Events.
4. The Officer of the Day will decide the course(s) which will be displayed on the Course Race board in the wet room or otherwise notified to competitors. OODs will set courses where boats in the middle of each fleet can complete the course near the optimum of 75 Minutes.
5. The start line is a transit from the white triangle on the signal tower mast and the orange arrow on the fence, extending outward as far as the Outer Distance Mark (ODM). All competing boats shall cross the line on the club side of the ODM.

Other means of starting e.g. Committee Boat or Gate starts may be employed, at the discretion of the OOD, after consultation with the Racing Secretary. In that case the revised start line will be as set out on the Course Race board in the Wet room or otherwise notified to competitors.

6. The finish line lies between the signal tower mast and the ODM / Line Buoy. Finishing boats shall cross the finishing line on the shore side of the ODM / Line Buoy from the direction of the last mark of the course. Other means of finishing eg Committee Boat finish line may be used at the discretion of the OOD and the revised finish line will be as set out on the Course Race Board in the Wet room or otherwise notified to competitors.

7. A suitable Personal Flotation Device (i.e. buoyancy aid) shall be worn by all participants, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Rule 40, which requires Flag 'Y' to be flown if Personal Flotation Devices are to be worn, shall not apply. Buoyancy aids that are self-inflating or require inflation by the wearer are not acceptable.

8. To enter the boat in the race, the Competitor must sign the Entry Form for that race. When signing, the Competitor agrees to be bound by the World Sailing 'Racing Rules of Sailing' and by all other rules that govern that event. When signing the Race Entry Form the Competitor accepts that they and, if applicable, their Crew have read the 'NOTICE OF RACE 2019' which is at the Annex of these Sailing Instructions.

Failure to sign in will result in a DNC result and no timings will be taken for the Race.

9. On completion of a race the Competitor must again sign the Entry Form, indicating whether he/she completed the course, retired or is making a protest. Signing 'in' after a race must be completed no later than 20 minutes after the patrol boat has been returned to the compound. Failure to sign in within the time scale will result in disqualification.

10. A minimum of three boats is required for a valid race.

11. Starting will be in accordance with Rule 26 using flag P for the preparatory flag. Flags I, Z or a black flag will not usually be flown except in cases of persistent starting delays. Where possible competitors will be alerted to this fact by the Patrol boat if conditions permit.

A boat(s) which is (are) OCS at the start and does not exonerate itself within the time limit will be disqualified. In this case the OOD may but is not obliged to inform the boat that it is DSQ.

12. Shortening course. Rule 32.2(b) shall apply except that in Club Series races, when conditions change, the OOD may shorten the course even though one or more boats have



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started another lap. The recorded time will be that taken on the last lap completed by all finishing boats. Ideally a middle of the fleet boat will sail for approximately 75 minutes. This instruction does not apply to Pursuit Races, which cannot be shortened.

13. Competitors are reminded that a boat must be afloat at the Preparatory Signal - Rule 45.

14. The Scoring System is as defined in the World Sailing 'RACING RULES OF SAILING' (2017 - 2020) Appendix A and described hereafter:

- a) Results for all races will be calculated using Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) numbers as promulgated by the RYA. For classes where no PY is published by the RYA, a PY will be allocated by the Racing Secretary.
- b) The number of races to count will be as follows:
 - 8 races sailed - 5 to count
 - 7 races sailed - 4 to count
 - 6 races sailed - 3 to count
 - 5 races sailed - 3 to count
 - 4 races sailed - 3 to count

If three races or fewer are sailed they will all count.

- c) Finishing points will be awarded as laid down in World Sailing A4.1 Low Points System. The following scoring system shall replace World Sailing A4.2.

A boat that did not finish or retired after finishing shall be scored points for that race one more than the number of boats entered in the race.

A boat that did not compete will be scored for that race one point more than the number of competitors entered in the series.

A boat that is disqualified will be scored for that race two points more than the number of boats entered in the race.

Note if a boat is disqualified it will score as disqualified even if it subsequently retires.

In all Series races points will be attributed to Competitors rather than boats.

- d) For elapsed time racing Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish in that fleet will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This replaces Rules 35 A4 and A5
- e) Rule A8 shall not apply. When there is a tie on the total points scored, to the nearest whole number, between two or more boats, the tie shall stand irrespective of the results of any discarded races.
- f) Duties. Competitors attending club duties shall be awarded, for the race missed, the average of the points gained by that Competitor in all other races in that series.
- g) To qualify for a "Main Series" prize a boat must have completed the necessary number of races in each of the qualifying series.
- h) For the Back to Back Series scoring will be on the following basis: the series will consist of 8 events each being 2 short back to back races. The combined score for competitors at each event will be taken as the average score over the 2 races at that event. If 3 or more competitors are signed on the race is valid even if subsequently competitors do not complete both races. For example if 4 boats sign on to compete in race 1 of the event but subsequently only 2 boats compete in race 2 of the event the boats that did not compete will score 5 points each for that second race. This is not the same as boats that did not sign on for that event which will score DNC for that event (calculated on the number of competitors in the series plus 1).



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15. The Back to back series, Handicap and Ladies Series, Evening A and Evening B Series and the Novices and Cadets Series will each be sailed as one fleet; results will be calculated on the basis of average lap times.

The Spring, Summer and Autumn Series will each be sailed as two fleets - Fast and Slow. Results for these races will usually be calculated on the basis of elapsed times although OODs may elect to run individual races as Average Lap Time races.

The Combined and Asymmetric Series will be sailed as two fleets with the Combined series being sailed as average Lap and the Asymmetric series as elapsed time but at the discretion of the OOD either one start or two starts will be employed and either or both courses can be shortened using the Fast fleet flag for the Asymmetric fleet and the slow fleet flag for the Combined fleet.

The Novice and Cadets series is sailed as one fleet and normally use the `Slow Handicap Flag`. The course should be a simple triangle (beat, reach, run) and should be laid as far as possible to keep the Novices and Cadets away from the Handicap fleet. The aim of these races is to provide a safe fun environment for inexperienced sailors to learn to race. Cadets are sailors under 18 years old. Novices we define as inexperienced dinghy sailors who may not have done much racing before. Sailors who have cruised may qualify as novices. However, if you sign up for the novice race and perform like Ben Ainslie you will be politely asked to join the handicap fleet!

The Ladies and Handicap series is sailed as one fleet using the "fast" handicap flag. This race will start 6 minutes before the Novices and Cadets. Ladies and Handicap sailors MUST be aware of Novices and Cadets on the water and give them sufficient room. The rules of the road and racing rules are in force but if in doubt experienced sailors should tack or manoeuvre away.

(Guidance can be found in the 'Course Setting' section in the OOD Duty Crew Guide section of the SSC Standard Operating Procedures.)

Fast fleet - Boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick Number (PY) of 1140 and below.

Slow fleet - Boats with a PY of 1141 and above.

16. There will be separate starts for the Combined and Asymmetric Series and Fast and Slow fleets in the Spring, Summer, and Autumn Series. The OOD has absolute discretion to combine the starts if he/she deems it necessary.

17. To enter the Asymmetric series a boat must, in compliance with the rules for its class, be intended to be equipped with an asymmetric spinnaker whether or not the spinnaker is actually rigged or deployed. Boats that are not intended to be equipped with an asymmetric spinnaker will not qualify for this series.

17. Pursuit races will be run for 60 or 90 minutes. The completion of a Pursuit race will be signalled by hoisting Flag S. A boat's finishing position will be the one she occupies at the time Flag S is hoisted.

18. Protests are covered in Part 5 of World Sailing 'Racing Rules of Sailing'. The time limit for a protest to be submitted to the OOD is thirty minutes after the last boat has finished.

Protest hearings will be conducted directly after the subject race or on the following Tuesday evening. If one party cannot attend either date then they should nominate an eligible representative or submit a statement and be prepared for the hearing to be conducted without them. If neither party can attend then the protest will be deemed to be void or both parties may be disqualified.

19. It is Club policy that club-owned boats must carry masthead flotation bags whenever they are used. Any club boat not carrying masthead flotation when racing will be disqualified from the race.



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7.2 Appendix A to Sailing Instructions - Notice of Race 2019

All competitors, including crews, **must** read the following clauses.

By signing in for a race the Competitor confirms that he/she has read this notice and takes full responsibility for his/her boat including its crew and also confirms that he/she has appropriate insurance including a minimum £2,000,000 third party liability. (Hereafter, a 'boat' is taken to mean the Competitor and, if appropriate, the crew.)

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in this 'Notice of Race' or the 'Sailing Instructions' or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, the patrol craft crew and the beach masters.

The provision of Patrol craft does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities.

All instances of outside assistance under Rule 41(a – d) should be reported to the OOD, preferably by the competitor. However the boat may not be protested and penalised unless they have gained a significant advantage and any penalty may be less than disqualification.