

**1. Rules**

Races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) issued by World Sailing, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), class rules, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions, and by these sailing instructions.

The Deben Yacht Club endorses the RYA Racing Charter.

**2. Entries**

It is the responsibility of each competitor to comply with the Conditions of Entry on the Entry Form. Competitors must enter their names and details of their boat on the entry part of the Entry/Declaration Form before the Preparatory signal.

Rule 46 is amended. Only races during which an entrant is aboard his/her boat shall qualify for a series.

**3. Risk Statement**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 3.1 they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Event;
- 3.2 they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 3.3 they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 3.4 their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the Event and they are fit to participate;
- 3.5 the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the Organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 3.6 the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- 3.7 it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue;
- 3.8 they will not participate in the Event if under the undue influence of alcohol, drugs or if otherwise unfit to participate;
- 3.9 their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £2,000,000 against third party claims];
- 3.10 they will inform the Organiser if there have been any changes to the information provided on this form at the time of the Event.

**4. Notices to Competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board at the clubhouse.

**5. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 45 minutes before the start of the race and must be signed by the Race Officer.

**6. Signals Made Ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club mast.

**7. Safety**

RRS rule 40 is modified as follows: Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all competitors. Wet suits, dry suits and deflated mouth inflation buoyancy aids are not adequate personal buoyancy.

**8. The Course**

Courses will be displayed on the Race Notice Board at the Clubhouse. In the event of a Committee boat start the course may be displayed from the committee boat.



## 9. The Start

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the start. When there is a starting sequence of more than one fleet there will be 5 minutes between the individual starts.

9.2 The start line will be Starting Line A or a Committee Boat Line: Start Line A consists of either  
a: A line from the Crow's Nest to two transit marks directly across the river (designated Starting Line A)  
or:  
b: A line from the Crow's Nest to two transit marks placed down river from transit marks a (designated Starting Line A(S))  
or:  
c: A line from the Crow's Nest to two transit marks placed up river from transit marks a (designated Starting Line A(N))  
Committee Boat Line: The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark. An inner limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. If laid, no boat may pass between the inner limit mark and the committee boat after its preparatory signal.

9.3 For individual recalls flag X will be flown for a maximum of 2 minutes. This modifies RRS rule 29.2. The numbers of boats being recalled will be called out at the discretion of the Race Officer.

9.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

## 10. The Finish

The finishing line will be either Starting Line A (even if A(N) or A(S) were used for the start) or a line from the mast of the committee boat, flying a blue flag, to a mark of the course. The course may also be shortened taking any line that crosses the full width of the river.

## 11. Time Limit

The time limit will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is the later, will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rule 35.

## 12. Declarations

Helms must complete the declaration on the Entry/Declaration form within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the race. In the event of back-to-back races, the form shall be signed within 30 minutes of the last boat finishing the last back-to-back race.

## 13. Protests

Protestors are required to ensure that their protest is acknowledged by the Race Officer on finishing. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Crow's Nest and delivered to the Race Officer within 1 hour after the time of the last boat finishing the race concerned.

Protests will, as far as possible, be heard on the same day as the protest is lodged and both Protestor and Protestee should make themselves available to the convenience of the Protest Committee.

## 14. Scoring

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. Subsection A4.2 will be amended in respect of boats failing to start the race and A9 'Race Scores in a series longer than a Regatta' will be adopted in this respect.

Subsection A2 will be amended in respect of the available discards and the following shall be adopted:

For a series of 8 or more races, 3 discards will be allowed.

For a series of 5 to 7 races, 2 discards will be allowed.

For a shorter series only one discard will be allowed with a minimum of 2 races to count.

Cancelled races reduce the number of races in a series.

Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A.