



Royal Solent Yacht Club

YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT

EASTER LASER REGATTA 2014

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th April

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 including subsequent ISAF amendments, the prescriptions of the RYA, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS are changed in these Sailing Instructions as follows: - RRS 35 by SI 11; RRS 40 by SI 14.1 .

2. Notice to Competitors

- 2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Board in the Royal Solent Yacht Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions.

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted in the on the Sailing Board.
- 3.2 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted not less than 60 minutes before the start of any race to which it relates.

4. Signals made ashore.

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on Club mast located on the jetty.
- 4.2 Flag AP with two sound signals means the racing is postponed. The warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after AP is lowered when on shore.

5. Schedule of races.

- 5.1 Racing will be on Saturday 19th April and Sunday 20th April with two races on each day. Two races need to be completed to constitute a Regatta. If there is no racing on the Saturday three races may be sailed on the Sunday.
- 5.2 All Laser classes will have a single start. If three or more boats of the standard, radial or 4.7 classes start and complete two races they will have separate results and prizes. If two or less boats of the standard, radial or 4.7 classes start, their results will be collated with the next smallest class and calculated according to the Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system.

6. Class Flags

- 6.1 The class flag shall be:
 - All Laser Classes flag R

7. Racing areas

7.1 Racing will be in the Western Solent, in Bouldnor Bay.

8. The Courses.

8.1.1 Courses will be selected from the dinghy marks and navigation marks which have been allocated code letters, numbers or symbols as shown in Appendix 1 and displayed on the Start/Finish Boat.

9. Starting

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 (five) minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the course side of the starting mark buoy.

10 Finish

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

10.2 Boats that have lost contact with the majority of the fleet may be told on the water that he/she need not complete the course. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded.

11. Time Limit. RRS 35 is varied in that:

11.1 All races will have a time limit of 90 minutes after the valid start.

11.2 When the first boat in each class her race finishes within the time limit the race will be valid only for those boats which finish within the time limit or within 30 minutes of the first boat in her class whichever is the later.

12. Protests

12.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within one hour after the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day. The protest time limits will be posted on the Sailing Board.

12.2 Protest notices will be posted on the Sailing Board no later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors when there is a hearing in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard in the sailing office- or another prescribed place within the Club. It shall be the responsibility of competitors to check the Sailing Board for such notices.

12.3 RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA rules Dispute Procedures will be available.

13. Scoring

13.1 A minimum of 2 or more race must be completed to constitute a series.

13.3 Series Tie: If two or more boats have the same points total the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

14. Safety Regulations

14.1 All competitors shall wear suitable personal buoyancy in good condition, at all times whilst on the water. This amends RRS 40 and the preamble to part 4.

- 14.2 All sailors must complete the signing in sheet provided before going afloat and sign off within 10 minutes of coming ashore.
- 14.3 All sailors under the age of 18 must provide a parental consent form and a medical form signed by their parent or guardian prior to going afloat for the first race and submit this to the race office.
- 14.4 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible and before going ashore.

15. Prizes

- 15.1 Prizegiving will be in the clubhouse as soon as practical after racing is concluded on Sunday.

16. Boat handling Ability

- 16.1 All competitors must be capable of launching and recovering their boats as sea conditions at the RSYC slipway can be demanding. This is a SAFETY MATTER and ALL COMPETITORS are solely responsible for this activity. Launching and recovery teams are at hand but cannot guarantee to be always available at busy times. Parents are required to assist with this SAFETY task.

17. Risk Statement.

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the race organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party Liability Insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

Appendix 1



