

## Leamington Spa Sailing Club

# **Sailing Instructions Part 1 (Updated March 2018)**

### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 Racing on Willes Meadow Reservoir is governed by the current World Sailing rules and the RYA prescriptions thereto, except as modified below.
- 1.2 These Sailing Instructions shall rank as rules.
- 1.3 Changes to these Sailing Instructions may be made. Notice in writing will be posted on the Club notice board.
- 1.4 Notice of races consists of the sailing calendar posted on the Club notice board, these Sailing Instructions (Part 1) and the Sailing Instructions (Part 2) posted at the Doghouse before each race.
- 1.5 The Race Officer may postpone, cancel, or stop any race for any reason.
- 1.6 Formal entry for races is not required. Races are open to club members as helms, and to club members and guests as crews. Guests may helm by prior arrangement. Entry for any race will be limited to the first twenty boats presented for launching with the exception that crewed boats shall take precedence over boats being sailed single handed.
- 1.7 All boats must have been accepted into the club by the committee. All boats must be insured to the extent and in the manner required by the committee.
- 1.8 Boats not racing may not be on the water during the 11.00 am race on Sunday. They may sail during other races at the discretion of the Race Officer, provided that they make every effort not to interfere with the race in progress.
- 1.9 Buoyancy aids will be worn at all times by all persons whilst on the landing stage and slipway, and on the water, and will be regarded as meeting the requirements of World Sailing Rule 1.2. Anchors may not be carried and anchoring is forbidden. Except in an emergency, no dinghy may come ashore except at the landing stage.
- 1.10 Oral instructions may be given at the discretion of the Race Officer. It is the responsibility of the Race Officer to ensure that all competitors are aware of any oral instruction. The use of oral instructions shall be avoided wherever possible.
- 1.11 All boats shall display their own sail numbers, unless prior permission of the Race officer to do otherwise has been specifically obtained.
- 1.12 Two person boats may be sailed single handed at the discretion of the Race Officer, whose prior permission shall be obtained. Any boats so sailing shall be penalized by the addition of 5% to their corrected time in class and handicap races. In pursuit races a 5% penalty will be imposed by adjustment of the start time. Single handed boats shall sail under their advertised Portsmouth Yardstick in all races.
- 1.13 Boats with a Portsmouth Yardstick greater than a Topper (PY=1358 for 2018) are required to give the Race Officer adequate notice of their intention to sail in a pursuit race so that arrangements can be made to start them without delaying the start for other competitors.

### **2. COURSES**

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (Part 2) for a particular race shall be posted at the Doghouse not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal for that race. The above Sailing Instructions, which include a written list of marks with their required sides, together with the starting and finishing instructions and the number of laps to be sailed, define the course. A plan of the course may be displayed as added assistance to competitors. In the event of any discrepancy, the Sailing Instructions (Part 2) shall define the course.

2.2 Courses may be shortened in accordance with World Sailing Rule 32. In very light airs, when shortening course, a new finishing line may be advised to all competitors by hailing. This practice will be avoided wherever possible.

2.3 A course previously set may be changed at any time up to the warning signal. Attention will be drawn to any such change by four sound signals and the flying of International Code Flag -1. Every effort will be made to display the new course on the Doghouse and oral instructions will confirm the position.

2.4 Sailing between the pisometer tubes and the adjacent bank is prohibited.

### 3. CLASSES AND STARTING SIGNALS

3.1 Class racing is not provided for by the club, with the exception of open invitation events. The only class currently recognized is the British Moth.

3.2 All other boats will form part of a Menagerie fleet which is further split into 2 sub-fleets, **fast handicap** (PY 1133 and below) and **slow handicap** (PY 1134 and above).

3.3 For Pursuit Racing, the following signal shall apply

1 <sup>st</sup> start only	FLAG 6
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3.4 In Handicap Racing, the fleet shall be split into "Fast" and "Slow" fleet starts as follows: -

"Fast" fleet	FLAG 1
"Slow" fleet	FLAG 2

3.5 For the Wednesday evening series no flags will be used, the signals being given by sound only.

3.6 World Sailing Rule 26 is modified as follows: -

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals where given; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and Sound	Minutes before Start	Signal
Warning	Class Flag; 1 Sound	10	
Preparatory	Flag P; 1 Sound	5	
Start	Class Flag removed; 1 Sound	0	

3.7 In a Class or Handicap race when more than one class or fleet is starting, the warning signal for the second class or fleet will be displayed at the preparatory signal for the first class or fleet and so on; that is the preparatory signal will be displayed until lowered for the last class or fleet to start.

3.8 In a Pursuit race, visual and sound signals will be given as detailed in 3.3 above for the first start. Thereafter, only sound signals will be given for subsequent starts. All classes of boat racing will be deemed to have commenced a preparatory period 5 minutes before their start time. Flag or sound signals will not be given at the start of preparatory periods that commence after the first start.

3.9 World Sailing Rule 29.1 is modified as follows: -

A boat prematurely over the starting line will be hailed, but there will be no sound or visual signal. Responsibility for returning to the pre-start of the line shall rest with the boat or boats concerned.

3.10 World Sailing Rule 29.2 is modified (for class racing only) as follows: -

If a general recall is signaled, the class recalled shall start again five minutes after the start of the last class.

#### 4. FINISHING

4.1 Declarations are not required.

4.2 In Class and Handicap racing no overall time limits will be imposed. Races will be shortened at the discretion of the Race Officer.

4.3 In class racing, to qualify, boats must finish within thirty minutes of the leading boat in that class. In handicap racing to qualify, boats must finish within forty five minutes of the leading boat.

4.4 In pursuit races, one sound signal will be made at the finishing time. Boats should continue to sail the course until recalled by a further two sound signals. No visual signals will be used. This gives the Race Officer an opportunity to resolve the final positions

#### 5. PROTESTS

5.1 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and must be submitted within 30 minutes after the time of the last boats finish.

5.2 In accordance with World Sailing Rules Appendix P as modified below, the protest committee may penalize without a hearing as it sees fit a boat that has broken World Sailing Rule 42 (Propulsion). Note: Competitors will be advised verbally if they have broken Rule 42. No sound or visual signal shall be given.

#### 6. SCORING

6.1 All series will be scored as provided in 'Appendix A' of the 'Racing Rules for Sailing', as modified below, using the Low Point System.

6.2 The combination of boat and helm will be considered the entry in order to qualify for a series. The number of results used to determine final positions in a series will be calculated as follows:

$$(\text{Number of races in series} \div 2) + 1$$

If a series consists of an odd number of races, the minimum number of results used will be rounded downwards to the nearest whole number. e.g. an 11 race series will score from 6 races.

6.3 Competitors on duty will be awarded "OOD" (Officer On Duty) points for the race only where their duties prevent them from racing and the individual would otherwise be unable to qualify for a series. These will be calculated on the basis of: -

$$\frac{\text{total of points awarded to a boat in series for sailed races only}}{\text{total number of races boat has sailed}}$$

OOD points will be awarded, if appropriate, at the end of the series. Duty points will not be awarded for events or series comprising of less than 4 races. It is the responsibility of the competitor on duty to ensure that the Race Officer annotates the master race sheet with a "OOD" points entry. (This includes all duty types e.g. galley).

6.4 A boat's series score will be the sum of the lowest points awarded to it equal to the number of results required to determine a final placing. (See 6.2 above)

6.5 In the event of a series tie, the countback system will be used to determine placings, as per section A8 of Appendix A.

6.6 Results will be calculated for the overall Menagerie Fleet and individually for the Slow and Fast fleets (See 3.2 above) unless otherwise stated.

6.7 Results of individual races will be available in the Clubhouse on the day of the race, wherever possible.

- 6.8 Competitors using Club boats may count results obtained in different boats of the same type as a single entry in a series. The combined use of identical Club boats and privately owned boats in a series will not count as a single entry. The onus is upon the competitor to ensure that the Race Officer is made aware that a Club boat is being used to ensure that the Race Officer annotates the master race sheet with a "CLUB" entry against the sail number.
- 6.9 Competitors who sail a single boat and use more than one optional rig in a series which attracts a different Portsmouth Yardstick rating, may not count the results against one entry. For each different rig used during a series a separate entry will be recorded.
- 6.10 Where it is not possible to sail a race on the advertised day, the race will be abandoned. Abandoned races will not be re-sailed. For the purpose of determining the number of results to be used to determine final positions in a series, a race is deemed not to have been held if it is abandoned or cancelled. The number of races in the series will be reduced accordingly (See 6.2 above).