

## Sailing Instructions for Bourne End Week Regatta

26<sup>th</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Organizing Authority: Upper Thames Sailing Club

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The Exoneration Penalty and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration procedures of the RYA Rules Dispute Procedures will be available. Decisions from RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed. See the Official Notice Board for details.
- 1.3. Trash Disposal - Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.
- 1.4. Thames A Raters shall not moor on the club's river frontage on any scheduled racing day between 0900 and the start of the last race of the day, except when prior permission has been given by the Race Officer (which will only be given in exceptional circumstances) or in an emergency. On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Thames A Raters shall not moor on the club's river frontage between 0900 and 1300. Any boat breaking this rule will be penalised, without a hearing, by disqualification from the next race, or previous race if there is no further race. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 1.5. Boats wishing to go afloat for testing, tuning, crew training, practice or recreational purposes shall only do so after the finish of the last race of the day or between 0800 and 30 minutes before the scheduled time of the first warning signal for that day's racing. Any boat breaking this rule will be penalised, without a hearing, by disqualification from the next race, or the previous race if there is no further race. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 1.6. Boats waiting to race shall not sail in the race area whilst flag F over their class flag is displayed. No warning signal will be made less than 10 minutes after flag F is removed. Any boat breaking this rule will be penalised, without a hearing, by disqualification from the next race, or the previous race if there is no further race. This changes rules 63.1 and A5.
- 1.7. Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, as amended in the Notice of Race, will apply to all classes racing.

### 2. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors are referred to the Risk Statement in the Notice of Race.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

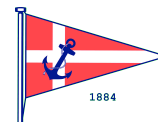
- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the Clubhouse entrance.
- 3.2. Approval of the Race Committee is required in order for a boat to use a sail number other than that allocated by its class association, which must be obtained from the Race Committee before the sail concerned is used in any race. This changes Rule 77
- 3.3. Rule 40 and the Part 4 preamble are changed so that personal flotation devices shall be worn at all times when afloat, without flag Y being displayed:
  - 3.3.1. by all non-swimmers
  - 3.3.2. by all sailors under 14 years of age

### 4. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main clubhouse signal masts, adjacent to the Race Control Box.



- 5.2. After a postponement of more than 15 minutes flag D will be displayed with one sound meaning 'the warning signal will be made not less than 10 minutes after flag D is displayed'.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. The schedule of races and the times of the warning signals will be as in the Notice of Race.  
6.2. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flags will be:

Merlin Rocket Class	Flag O	International OK	Naval Numeral 3
Wayfarer, National 12, Solo, Handicap Class	Naval Numeral 7	'A' Class Thames Rater	Naval Numeral 1

- 7.1. Subject to the number of entries, the Race Committee may reduce the number of boats on the starting line by the use of group starts ("flights"). If so, the entries will be divided into four groups, seeded by the Race Committee. Each group will be identified by a colour (black, yellow, green, blue) and a flag issued which shall be displayed on the Port shroud. The starting order will then be as follows:

Race Number:	1a) Black & Yellow	1b) Blue & Green
	2a) Black & Blue	2b) Yellow & Green
	3a) Black & Green	3b) Yellow & Blue

## 8. MARKS AND COURSES

- 8.1. The approximate position of marks will be displayed on the notice board outside the Race Control Box.  
8.2. Marks are orange and spherical and are identified by the letters H, S, T, M & L, and, unless stated otherwise on the course board, are rounding marks. Starting line limit marks (when set) shall be passed on the side away from the adjacent bank.  
8.3. At the warning signal, letter boards followed by a numeral board indicate the course. From the left, the first letter on a red (port) or green (starboard) background indicates the first mark of the course and its rounding (or passing) side. Reading from left to right, letters together indicate the side of rounding (or passing) and the order of rounding (or passing) marks in a lap of the course. The number on a white background indicates the number of laps. Letter and numeral boards with yellow backgrounds denote different classes.  
8.4. When an Upstream start is required, the Course Boards will be displayed before the boats leave the Club area, allowing sufficient time for boats to proceed to the Upstream start.

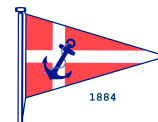
## 9. STARTS

- 9.1. The warning signal time for all races will be as specified in the Notice of Race.

## 10. STARTING LINES

- 10.1. One of the following starting lines may be used:

- 10.1.1. The **Club Line** is defined by two black and white poles set on the south bank of the river in transit with a similar pole near the Race Control Box. The orange flag and pole on the front of the Race Control Box is also in line with this. The Club Line will normally be used.



- 10.1.2. The **Angled Club Line** is defined by two black and white poles (without top marks) on the south bank of the river set approx. 20 metres downstream of the Club Line poles, in transit with the orange flag and pole on the front of the Race Control Box.
- 10.1.3. The **Upstream Line** is between an orange flag and mast on the committee boat or on shore, and a yellow limit mark. Boats shall pass on the channel side of the committee boat and yellow limit mark.
- 10.1.4. When a start line other than the Club Line is used, the starting line in use will be indicated on the balcony adjacent to the Race Control Box, together with one sound signal and the hoisting of flag Naval Numeral 4. This flag shall remain hoisted whilst a start line, other than the Club Line, is in use.
- 10.1.5. Rules 30.2 (Z flag), 30.3 (U flag) and 30.4 (Black flag) are changed so that the Triangle referred to in those rules is deemed to be the whole width of the river from the Start Line to the First Mark of the course.

## 11. FINISHING

- 11.1. Boats shall finish at a finishing line determined as follows:

- 11.1.1. When the home mark is positioned **upstream** of the Club Line and when H is rounded to starboard, the finishing line is the line between the orange flag and pole on the Race Control Box and H, OR when H is rounded to port, the finishing line is the extension beyond H of the line between the orange flag and pole on the Race Control Box and H.
- 11.1.2. When the home mark is positioned **downstream** of the Club Line the finishing line is the Club Line, approached from whichever direction is necessary to complete the lap.

## 12. SHORTENING COURSE

- 12.1. This changes RRS 32. The Race Committee may shorten the course at a finishing line defined by one of the following:
  - 12.1.1. As in 11.1.1 above.
  - 12.1.2. As in 11.1.2 above.
  - 12.1.3. Between the committee boat and a rounding mark.
  - 12.1.4. Between the committee boat and a suitable mark/buoy laid in the river.
  - 12.1.5. The Race Committee may finish lapped boats after the leading boat has finished, as follows: After the leading boat has finished, all boats will be finished the next time they cross the finishing line, and any lapped boat's result will reflect her position in the race at that time. In a Handicap race, the Average Lap Time of the lapped boat will be used to calculate what would have been her finishing time had she sailed the full course. This changes Appendix A. Such action or inaction by the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress by competitors under rule 62.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

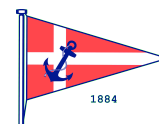
- 13.1. The time limit for all races is 2 hours, except for the Thames A Raters' race for the Queen's Cup and Vintage Rater Trophy which is 4 hours. Any boat which fails to finish within 45 minutes of the leading boat in its race, will be scored as DNF, this changes rule 35 and Appendix A.

## 14. DECLARATIONS

- 14.1. There are none except that boats retiring from a race shall inform the Race Committee at the Race Control Box before the end of protest time.

## 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available from the Race Control Box. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.



- 15.2.** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the finishing time for the last boat in the race. The closing time will be available at the Race Control Box. Whenever the Race Committee is aware of protests between boats, at the end of the protest time a list will be posted on the official Notice Board adjacent to the Race Control Box advising the time and place of hearings.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1.** The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series, except for the Thames Champion Cup and Dunn Cup, where a minimum of four races shall be sailed to constitute a series.
- 16.2.** The following table determines the number of discards applying, for all classes except the Thames A Rater class:

8 races sailed	6 to count
6 or 7 races sailed	5 to count
5 or fewer races sailed	all to count

Discards, where applicable, for the Thames A Rater class are as shown in the Notice of Race

- 16.3.** Should a competitor decide to forgo a race in order to provide assistance to the organizing team, the boat shall be awarded average points for that race, calculated from all races sailed in the regatta excluding discarded races. The organizers are grateful to competitors that are prepared to do so, for the benefit of all competing.
- 16.4.** In the Handicap class, points will be awarded to the helm, not the boat. This changes rule 90.3 and Appendix A.

## 17. LOCAL VARIATIONS

### 17.1. Sailing Safety Zone:

- 17.1.1.** When there is no rounding mark downstream of the 'Club Line' and when a boat is completely within the 'Sailing Safety Zone' on the downstream (East) side of the racing area, a boat breaching rules 41 or 42 while attempting to exit the zone shall receive a zero penalty.
- 17.1.2.** The 'Sailing Safety Zone' is any part of the river on the downstream (Eastern) side of an imaginary line between the downstream end of the UTSC river frontage and the downstream post marking the end of the fence separating the downstream end of the Cock Marsh shallows and the property Windwhistle.

### 17.2. Obstructions

- 17.2.1.** Fishing tackle shall count as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20.

### 17.3. Haul-out

- 17.3.1.** Thames A Raters shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.