



## Weston Open Meeting for Single Handers (W O S H)

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Organising Authority: Weston Sailing Club

Event Location: Weston SC, Southampton, Hampshire - Race Officer: xxxx xxxx / tel xxxx xxxxx

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017–2020. Participating boats shall conform to the current ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) and their class rules. Competitors should note that WSC operates the RYA Racing Charter and expects competitors to sail in full compliance with the charter.

#### 2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.

#### 3 Notices and Signals to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located near the WSC Race Office. Signals for this event will be by flags on a committee boat (CB) or boards displayed on the WSC Race Box balcony. Sound signals may also be provided.

#### 4 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the first warning signal of any race affected.

#### 5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Any signals made ashore will be displayed on the WSC Race Box balcony situated near the WSC Clubhouse.
- 5.2 Postponement Signals Ashore: When the AP is displayed ashore the time "1 minute" shall be replaced with the time "not less than 15 minutes". This changes the RRS Race Signals.
- 5.3 Launch Control: When, before a race, International Code flag K is displayed ashore no craft shall launch until flag K is removed. A boat may rig and approach the beach while flag K is displayed ashore. (IC flag K has yellow and blue vertical stripes)

#### 6 Fleet Designation and Class Flags

The Class flag for each fleet will be announced during the briefing.

#### 7 Schedule:

25 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2018 Registration from: 09:00	1st High Water: 10:59
Briefing: 10:00	
First start: 11:00	Up to 4 races

Subsequent races shall follow immediately after the preceding race. However a suitable break may be given between races at the Race Officer's discretion, to allow participants to go ashore.

## 8 Race area

Races will be held on Southampton Water within a ~2 mile radius of WSC.

## 9 Courses and Shortened Courses

- 9.1 The Course to be sailed will be advised at the briefing. The number of laps to be sailed may be announced during the briefing and will be displayed on the CB / Race Box no later than the warning signal.
- 9.2 Boats must pass through the start line on every lap towards the first mark.
- 9.3 Races will be shortened according to RRS 32; Flag 'S' and the class flag (or board) will be shown from the Race Box and two sound signals will be made when the leading boat in the fleet for which the course is to be shortened is in the vicinity of the last mark before the finish. Boats in that fleet will round the mark in the normal manner and then proceed directly through the finish line. If flag 'S' is flown without a class flag, then all fleets will finish on the next occasion of crossing the finish line.

## 10 Marks

- 10.1 Racing marks shall be either large inflatable yellow or orange triangular or orange cylindrical buoys or any of the fixed Southampton Water buoys or posts. The approximate positions of Southampton Water buoys and posts are shown on the course-board attached to the WSC Race Box.

## 11 The Start

- 11.1 The outer limit of the start line shall be a buoy, the colour of the pin end buoy (P) will be announced during the briefing. The start-line shall be a transit between this buoy and the main flagstaff on the CB / Race Box.
- 11.2 An inner limit starting mark may be laid and shall be a small spherical buoy.
- 11.3 Races will be started with the following sequence:

DEFINITION	VISUAL SIGNAL	SOUND SIGNAL	MEANING
Alert	None	1 long sound signal	Approx. 10 mins before the start
Warning	Class flag displayed	1 sound signal	5 mins before the start
Preparatory	P, I, U or Black flag displayed	1 sound signal	4 mins before the start
1 Minute	Preparatory flag removed	1 sound signal	1 min before the start
Start	Class flag removed	1 sound signal	Start

- 11.4 Subsequent classes shall be started with the same sequence.
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4 and A5).

## 12 General Recalls

- 12.1 General recalls will be signaled by displaying the flag 'First Substitute' and making two further sound signals immediately after the start signal.
- 12.2 For the recalled fleet, the new warning signal will be displayed 1 minute after the first substitute flag has been removed and the start will be 5 minutes later.
- 12.3 The order of starts for all fleets will remain unchanged.
- 12.4 Individual recalls will be signaled by displaying flag "X" and making one further sound signal immediately after the start signal. Flag X will be removed after offending boat(s) have re-started or after 2 minutes, whichever is earlier.

## 13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finish line shall be between a designated buoy and the main flagstaff of the CB / Race Box. The colour of this buoy will be announced during the briefing.

## 14 Time Limits and Penalty System

- 14.1 The target race duration for the leading boat shall be 45/55 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes may be scored DNF. This is at the discretion of the Race Officer and changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 Protests, Rule Disputes and Requests for Redress**

- 15.1 Competitors wishing to lodge a protest must notify the Race Committee, but preferably the Race Officer, of their proposed action as soon as possible after finishing the race concerned.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available in the Race Office at WSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the relevant time limit and must be signed and logged by a Club official.
- 15.3 For each Fleet, the protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat in that boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 15.4 Protest notices will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.5 Any notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 2, 7.3, 13.5, 18, 19.2, 20 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction shall be DPI.
- 15.7 A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16 Radio Communication**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **17 Safety Regulations**

- 17.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits shall not be considered as adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40. Parents, guardians and those acting in loco parentis are solely responsible for ensuring that young competitors in their care comply with this instruction.
- 17.2 The helm of every boat intending to race must sign on by collecting a tally wrist band with the correct competitor number before going afloat. After returning to the shore, this tally band is to be replaced on the tally board in order to indicate that the correct courses have been sailed and racing rules obeyed for all races sailed. Helms shall tally off within 30 minutes of finishing the last race of the day.
- 17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race Committee afloat or ashore as soon as possible. A helm shall indicate that they have retired from a race by signing off with the Code RET, DNF, indicating which race on the form near the race office.
- 17.4 The location of the Tally board will be advised at the Briefing.

## **18 Local Variations**

- 18.1 Competitors must keep clear of other Classes which are starting and should be aware that WSC Club racing may also be operating during the Event, using start and finish transit lines from the WSC Race Box.
- 18.2 Competitors are asked to keep well clear of fishermen's lines whether cast from the bank or moored boats.
- 18.3 Competitors must keep clear of the commercial shipping channel to the West of the green IALA channel marks in Southampton Water.

## **19 Media use**

In entering this event, competitors automatically grant the organising authority and Class Association the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, without compensation.