

EASTBOURNE SOVEREIGN SAILING CLUB

OPEN EVENT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Rules

The current Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 these Sailing Instructions, your Class Association Rules & the RYA Racing Charter Code of Conduct, will govern this regatta.

2. Entry

Prior to race competitors shall complete the entry form & pay the fee. Signing the Entry Form also confirms your acceptance the RYA Racing Charter Code. All boats must be insured against third party liability, with racing cover of a minimum of £2,000,000.

3. Safety

The safety of a boat and her entire management & insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/person in charge, who must ensure that the boat & crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the race. Neither these SI's nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the person/persons in charge of the boat for the crew, the boat and her management. The race organizers shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner/person in charge or crew of a boat as a result of their taking part in the race or races. Moreover, every owner/person in charge of a boat warrants the suitability of the boat for the race or races. Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times when afloat – wetsuits/drysuits do not constitute personal buoyancy.

4. Notices to Competitors

These will be posted on the official notice board at reception.

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change will be posted at least 1 hour before the advertised time of the first race of the day. **Flag L** will be flown ashore to indicate a change to these instructions.

6. Signals made ashore

All signals made ashore will be displayed on the clubhouse flagstaff.

7. Schedule of Races

Refer to the official notice board. No warning signal will be made after 14.30hrs on the last day of racing.

8. Class Flags

Refer to the official notice board

9. The Course to be sailed

This will be displayed on the official notice board. The number of laps for Multihulls & Contenders will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

10. Signing On

All competitors must 'sign on' at least 30 minutes before the advertised start of their first race. When **Code Flag W** is flown from the flagstaff, competitors must remain ashore.

11. Tallies

Competitors must collect their tallies before going afloat, to signify their intention to race. Any competitor not collecting their tally will be ranked as a non-starter.

12. The Start

Start line is between an orange flag flying on the Committee Boat and the limit mark.

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13. Starting Sequence

The Starting Sequence will be displayed on the official notice board. 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. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

14. General Recall

In the event of a General Recall, the published starting sequence will be maintained.

15. Black Flag

In the event of a **Black Flag**, sail numbers of offending boats identified may be displayed on the Committee Boat for a minimum of 3 minutes and a long sound signal will be made when this is done. Boats so identified shall immediately retire and remain well clear of all boats racing. A boat that fails to observe this instruction may be disqualified from all races in the series (alteration of RRS30.3 & 63).

16. Wind shift

When, after a race has started, there is a substantial wind shift during the first leg, the Race Committee may abandon the race and restart it.

17. Minimum Wind Strength

Races will not be started unless the Race Committee is satisfied that the wind strength on the racecourse is sufficient.

18. Change of Course after the Start

A change of course after the start will be signalled using Rule 33 (a)(1) before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Further marks may then be moved to maintain original course configuration.

19. Penalty System

For the Catamarans only rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns penalty is replaced by the One Turn penalty.

20. Finish

(i) The finishing line will be between the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a mark at the port end.

(ii) In the event of a shortened course the finishing line will be either as in 20.1 above or between the staff of a boat displaying a blue flag with International Code Flag S and the relevant class flag and a nearby rounding mark.

(iii) All boats in the fleet that has been shortened will finish regardless of the number of laps sailed.

21. Time Limit

The time limit shall be 2 hrs for the leading boat in each class. Places may be given to boats failing to finish within 20 mins of the leading boat as per their race position at that time.

22. Declaration

Within 30 minutes of the last finisher, crossing the line, of the last race of the day competitors must return their tally to reception stating that races were finished correctly or retired, etc. **Anybody not handing his or her tally back within this time may be DISQUALIFIED from the event.**

23. Scoring

The low points scoring system will apply - RRS appendix A.

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24. Protests

Protests shall be written on forms available from reception and delivered back within 1 hour after the last boat finishes the last race of that day.

CONTENDER FLEET

Amendment 1 – Propulsion

The CONTENDER Class rule 22 permits pumping, rocking and ooching when the wind speed exceeds 10 knots and the leg is NOT a beat. The race committee may signal that those actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, by displaying flag 0 before or with the warning signal. The flag will be removed at the starting signal.

If the wind speed exceeds the specified limit after the starting signal, the race committee may display flag 0 with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal that the actions are permitted, as specified in the class rules, to a boat after she has passed the mark.

If the wind speed becomes less than the specified limit after flag 0 was displayed, the race committee may display flag R with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal that rule 42, as changed by the class rules, applies to a boat after she has passed the mark.