

Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing shall be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2013-2016, the prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA), the appropriate class rules, Canterbury City Council Water Safety Rules and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the sailing instructions shall prevail.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1. **Eligibility and entry:** Members of Tankerton Bay Sailing Club may take part in races and series of races organised by the club. Any boat not completing in more than 50% of a series will be excluded from final series results. Visitors who are members of an RYA recognised Sailing Club and are signed in to the TBSC visitors book may take part but will not be scored in club series. Entrants shall complete the Declaration (signing on) sheet in the TBSC club house before going afloat to race.
- 2.2. **Entry fees:** There are no fees for racing in club series.
- 2.3. **Insurance cover: All craft under the aegis of the Club must bear and maintain third party insurance to the minimum of £2,000,000.00**

3. SAFETY

- 3.1. **Personal responsibility:** Neither the provision of support boats and crews, nor the decision of a Race Officer to start or continue a race shall absolve a boat of the personal responsibilities as defined in the above stated RRS, under Part 1 / FUNDAMENTAL RULES, rules 1 and 4.
- 3.2. **Personal buoyancy:** competitors must wear personal buoyancy jackets all times afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal buoyancy and will not satisfy this instruction.
- 3.3. **Support boat cover:** Competitors shall comply promptly with directions from support boats. This may include abandoning a boat and boarding the support boat if persons are at risk.
- 3.4. **All Competitors:** Will assist with the launch and recovery of the Support boat.
- 3.5. **Shipping:** Boats shall keep well clear of shipping at all times, wherever it may be.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1. Permanent notices to Competitors will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board in the club house at least one hour before the start of the first race affected and remain there as long as they are in effect.
- 4.2. Where applicable, copies of such notices will also be available on the club website www.tbsc.co.uk, under the section 'On the Water'.
- 4.3. Temporary notices relating to one day will be posted on the Course Board in the club house at least ten minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Permanent changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board at least one hour before the start of the first race affected and remain there as long as they are in effect.
- 5.2. Such changes will also be made available on the club website www.tbsc.co.uk, under the section 'On the Water'.
- 5.3. Temporary changes to the Sailing Instructions relating to one day will be posted on the course board in the club house at least ten minutes before the first Warning Signal of the day.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the club house mast.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

7.1. **Series racing:** The schedule of races is shown in the TBSC Sailing Rota, which is issued to all members, and will also be shown on the club website www.tbsc.co.uk

8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1 All scheduled races are all in handicap, which will be signal flag **z**.
(RRS rule 30.2 not adopted for club races).

9. GENERAL RECALLS

9.1. In the event of a General Recall there will be no 5 minute preparatory signal prior to the start sequence.

10. RACING AREA

10.1. The racing area is in the Thames Estuary to the north of TBSC.

11. THE COURSE

11.1. **Course diagram:** The course diagram will be displayed on the Course Board in TBSC club house.

11.2. **Marks:** The marks of the course will be described on the Course Board in TBSC club house.

11.3. **Briefing:** will be 20 minutes before the start time specified on Sailing Rota.

11.4. **Course change:** If series races are taking place, then at least one course change will be made during the days racing, to ensure no advantage is gained by any one type of craft.

12. THE START

12.1. **The class starting sequence:** Will be 5, 4, 1, Go.

12.2. **Preparatory signal:** Under certain circumstances the start sequence may be preceded by a 5-minute preparatory signal. This will be displayed as a temporary notice on the club course board in the club house (see 4 above).

12.3. **Club start line:** The starting line will be a line projected seaward from the club house through the inner transit pole and limited to seaward by the Outer Distance Mark (ODM). Boats shall start between the shore and the ODM. The ODM is not necessarily on the transit line. The line definition may be varied by temporary instructions (see 4 above).

12.4. **Starting Time limitation:** A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after its class-starting signal.

12.5. If flag **I** is displayed then RRS Rule 30.1 is operational.

13. THE FINISH

13.1. **Club finish line:** The finishing line will be between the club house and the transit pole. The ODM is not part of the finishing line definition.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1. The time limit for all club races will be, 1 hour for 30 minute timed races, up to 2 hours for 1 hour timed races and up to 3 hours for long distance races. Boats failing to finish within the relevant time limit will be scored as "Did Not Finish". This amends Rule 35 of the RRS.

15. BACK TO BACK RACES

- 15.1 Race Officer should inform competitors during the briefing if you intend running races back to back; this may be due to circumstances such as tides or weather forecast.
- 15.2 When the last boat finishes the current race, 2 long "10 second" blasts of the klaxon, will be sounded.
- 15.3 1 minute after that the standard 5-4-1 GO sequence will commence, to begin the next race.

16. MULTIPLE BOATS AND REDRESS FOR DUTY

- 16.1 Owners with more than one boat, who may wish to, or end up using both boats during any Race Series, must elect before the Series starts, to which boat they wish to apply any redress points they may acquire as a result of performing a 'race duty' during any of the races in that Series.

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1. **Lodging of protests:** Protests and claims for redress shall be written on Protest forms available from the Race Hut and shall be delivered there within 45 minutes after the time of the last boat finishing the last race of the day.
- 17.2. **Protest hearings:** A member of the Committee will arrange Protest hearings and protests will be heard in the order of receipt as soon as possible (sometimes never).

18. SCORING SYSTEM

- 18.1. The Low Point scoring system, *RRS*, Appendix A, 4.1, will apply.

19. HAVING FUN

- 18.1 It is in the clubs interest that all sailors participating in scheduled races should enjoy themselves. If a sailor is found to be miserable or using defamatory language during a race, the committee may ask that sailor to retire from races until they cheer up..!!