



Maylandsea Bay S. C. & Harlow (Blackwater) S. C. JOINT SAILING INSTRUCTIONS 2023

(For Open Meetings, Individual SIs will be produced)

Note; Items in **Blue** MBSC specific, Items in **Brown** H(B)SC specific

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing. 2021/4*
- 1.2 Each boat must comply with the Class Rules and Constitution of its own class.
- 1.3 **Racing rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:**
 - 1.3.1 RRS A4 and A5 are changed by SI 11.4 - A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This may be waived at the discretion of the race officer.
 - 1.3.2 RRS 32 is changed by SI 12.1 - a race may be shortened by flag R denoting that boats are to round a mark of the course and return to the club **line/gate** to finish.
 - 1.3.3 RRS 40.1 is changed by SI 18.1 Personal Flotation Devices must be worn at all times while afloat.
 - 1.3.4 RRS 90.3 and A2.1 are changed by SI 17.2 Races to count in a series shall be the nearest whole number above half the number of races completed.
 - 1.3.5 G1.1 is changed by SI 19.3 Under exceptional circumstances the race officer may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by appendix G

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board(s) located near the former signing-on point.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted half an hour before race start time on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not less than one hour before race start time on the day it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE




- 4.1 Except for starting signals for club line starts (where **SI 11.1.2** & **SI 11.2.3** applies), signals made ashore will be displayed from the race box flagstaff.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

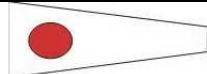

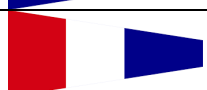
- 5.1 The schedule of races is set out in the current **MBSC** & **H(B)SC** programmes
- 5.2 The classes to race and the order and times of starts shall be displayed on the course board.

6.1 CLASS FLAGS

MBSC Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>	
Dinghy Handicap Long Course	Numeral Pennant 1	
Dinghy Short Course	Flag Q	
Keelboat	Flag B	

6.2 H(B)SC Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>	
Dinghy Handicap Long Course	Numeral Pennant 1	
Second Start	Numeral Pennant 2	
Third Start	Numeral Pennant 3	

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Appendix A shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course to be sailed will be displayed on the notice board near the former signing-on point. For joint racing courses will be transmitted by WhatsApp between the clubs.

8.2 The course may include navigation buoys as well as club rounding marks and contain one or more laps.

8.2.1 **For MBSC Starts only.** When a course requires a boat to sail from marks upstream from the MBSClub Gate (i.e. 0 and/or 1) to any mark downstream of the MBSClub Gate, or vice versa, then boats shall pass through the MBSCClub Gate, as defined in SI 9.1

8.3 Races may start and/or finish at a Committee Boat.

8.4 When starting from the Committee Boat, the course to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Boat before the warning signal. But also maybe displayed on club notice board prior to start of first race.

9 MARKS OF THE COURSE

9.1 **MBSClub Gate is an imaginary line formed by the lower tip of the orange Triangle on the MBSC Clubhouse and the upper tip of the orange Triangle at the north end of the starting area. An Outer distance mark (yellow buoy marked ODM) maybe laid close to this imaginary line near the northern triangle. If laid competitors must pass to the south of the Outer Distance Mark.**

9.2 See appendix A for mark/buoy identification & colours

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 At very high tides it may be possible for boats to pass through gaps in Mundon Spit, however to do so, is considered dangerous, hence any such gap shall be designated as a prohibited area.

11 THE START

11.1 MBSC Club Line Starts

11.1.1 The start line is the MBSClub Gate as defined in SI 9.1

11.1.2 Club line starting lights are displayed from 4 boxes each containing 3 lights. One light for each of: warning, preparatory and one-minute signals (Rt. to Lt.). 1st Start box is 2nd box on the right, with following starts from Right to Left. The far right box contains Amber (recall) Blue (general recall) & Red (automatic start) Lights

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	The 5 minute light - will illuminate	1 Hoot	Warning signal
4	The 4 minute light - will illuminate	1 Hoot	Preparatory signal

	(4&5 min. illuminated)		
1	The 1 minute light - will illuminate (1,4&5 min. illuminated)	1 Long Hoot	One minute
0	All the above Lights extinguished	1 Hoot	Starting signal

11.1.3 Individual recall: Is signalled with 1 Hoot (*Inc. start hoot, 2 in total*) and an AMBER light on the right hand lighting box. The amber light being extinguished when the premature starter returns to the pre start side of the start line.

11.1.4 A General Recall: Is signalled with 2 Hoots (*Inc. start hoot, 3 in total*) and a BLUE light on the right hand light box.

11.1.5 Postponement (indefinite) This will be displayed as Blue & Red flashing lights mounted (above balcony on the right looking from the water).

11.1.6 MBSC Shorten course will be displayed by BLUE flashing lights (above balcony on the right looking from the water).

11.1.7 All other signals will be made with flags flown from the race box flagstaff.

11.2. H(B)SC Club Line Starts

11.2.1 The H(B)SC starting line is an extension of an imaginary line between the race box flag mast and the orange post on the foreshore. The outer limit of the line is marked by 'Jetty' mark, which may not be in line with the starting line

11.2.2 Class Signals.

- If Class Flags are to be used instead of Lights, that will be indicated on the Course Board (**Starting Flags as RRS 2021-2024**)

11.2.3 Starting Sequence

Starting Lights will be displayed from the race box balcony

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	The 5 minute light - will illuminate	1 Hoot	Warning signal
4	The 4 minute light - will illuminate (4&5 min. illuminated)	1 Hoot	Preparatory signal
1	The 1 minute light - will illuminate (1,4&5 min. illuminated)	1 Long Hoot	One minute
0	All the above Lights extinguished	1 Hoot	Starting signal

11.2.4 Individual recall: Is signalled with 1 Hoot (*Inc. start hoot, 2 in total*) and an AMBER light The amber light being extinguished when the premature starter returns to the pre start side of the start line.

11.2.5 A General Recall: Is signalled with 2 Hoots (*Inc. start hoot, 3 in total*) and a BLUE light on the right hand light box.

11.2.6 All subsequent start sequences will commence a minimum of 1 minute after the previous start

11.2.7 Postponements will be indicated by RED light displayed from the race box balcony

11.2.8 All other signals will be made with flags flown from the race box flagstaff.

11.3 Committee Boat Starts

11.3.1 The Committee Boat start / finish lines are imaginary lines formed by an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a club rounding mark or temporary buoy. Unless stated differently on course board

11.3.2 An inner distance mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. No boat shall pass between such inner mark and the committee boat.

11.3.3 The Committee Boat signalling will be:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	Class flag	One Hoot	Warning signal
4	Flag P or I or U or Black	One Hoot	Preparatory signal
1	Flag P or I or U or Black Removed	One long Hoot	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One Hoot	Starting signal

11.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule RRS A4 and A5. This may be waived at the discretion of the race officer.

12 SHORTENING THE COURSE


12.1 At club line

12.1.1 MBSC Shorten course will be displayed by BLUE flashing lights (above balcony on right looking from water)

12.1.2 H(B)SC Shorten course will indicated by BLUE & WHITE single lights displayed from the race box balcony

12.2 At a mark of the course

12.2.1 Shortening a course by displaying flag S in accordance with rule 32.2,

12.2.2 As an alternative to shortening a course by displaying flag S in accordance with rule 32.2, a race may be shortened by flying code flag R  adjacent to a mark of the course, denoting that boats are to round that mark of the course and return to the club line/gate to finish. This changes Rule 32

13 THE FINISH

13.1 MBSC Club finish line is the MBSClub Gate as defined in SI 9.1;

13.2 H(B)SC Club finish line is an imaginary line between the flag mast and the 'Jetty' mark.

13.3 Committee Boat finish line is as described in SI 11.3.1.

13.4 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

A time limit of two hours after the published high water time is set. Boats not finishing within the two-hour limit will be scored as DNF

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest shall be written on forms available from the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within 30 minutes of the last boat coming ashore. The protest time limit may be extended at the race committee's discretion.

16.2 Protests will be heard in the Clubhouse of the race administrator, in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible after the end of the days racing.

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3, A2 (amended by SI 17.2) A4: Low Point System and A5.3 (A5.3 - DNS,OCS,DNF,RET,DSQ,NSC = 1point more than number of boats that came to the starting area **in that race** ---- **DNC = 1 Point more than the number of boats entered in the series**)

17.2 Races to count in a series shall be the nearest whole number above half the number of races completed. This changes RRS 90.3, A2.1

17.3 **In the event of a series Tie between 2 or more boats RRS A8.1 & A8.2 Applies**
(No. of - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Etc. until broken, if this still remains a tie, position in last race counts)

17.4 Those on duty, eg race officer, safety boat can claim (ODD) average points for the races concerned. The ODD must notify the race officer – this can be done via WhatsApp.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Each member of the crew must wear a personal Floatation Devices, minimum standard level 50 (EN393 or ISO 12402-5) at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be flown.

18.2 Competitors should transmit in advance of the race their boat class, number, helm and crew name to the race officer. Retiring boats must notify race officer as soon as practicable but no more than 20 minutes after the race has ended. This can be transmitted by WhatsApp using Mbsc Hbsc Dinghy Racing.

18.3 **Keelboats** must carry a fully working outboard motor, along with sufficient fuel. A competitor who does not comply with this Rule in relation to any race shall be disqualified from that race. A radio (Channel P4) must be carried for use in cases of emergency

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Substitution of competitors is allowed without prior approval, but please inform the race committee

19.2 Substitution of boats / equipment is allowed without prior approval, but please inform the race committee

19.3 Distinguishing Numbers

Under exceptional circumstances the race officer may permit a boat to use sails carrying a distinguishing number other than that required by appendix G of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be given at the Prize Giving Dinner(s)
(In some circumstances, prizes maybe given out on the day)

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A

