

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Each boat must comply with the Class Rules and Constitution of its own class.
- 1.3 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
- 1.3.1 RRS A4 and A5 are changed by SI 11.3 - A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.
- 1.3.2 RRS 32 is changed by SI 12 - 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 to finish.
- 1.3.3 RRS 44.1 is changed by SI 14.1 - the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3.4 RRS 40 is changed by SI 18.1 – Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times when afloat.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board(s) located at the signing on point.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

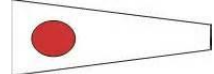


Except for starting signals for club line starts (where SI 11 applies), signals made ashore will be displayed from the race box flagstaff.

5.0 Schedule of Races

The schedule of races is set out in the current MBSC programme

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class	Flag	
Dinghy Long Course	Numeral Pennant 1	
Dinghy Short Course	Flag Q	
Keelboat	Flag B	

7 RACING AREAS

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 at the signing on point.

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

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.

9 MARKS

9.1 See appendix A for mark/buoy colours.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

There are no designated obstructions

11 THE START

11.1 Club Line Starts

11.1.1 Club line starting lights as viewed from the water: You will see 5 Blue boxes each containing 3 lights.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5	The 5 minute light will illuminate	Hoot	Warning signal
4	The 5 and 4 minute lights will illuminate	Hoot	Preparatory signal
1	The 5 and 4 and 1 minute lights will illuminate	Long Hoot	One minute
0	Lights extinguished	Hoot	Starting signal

11.1.2 A boat over the line: Is signalled with a AMBER light on the right hand lighting box and a hoot. The amber light being extinguished when the premature starter returns to the pre start side of the start line.

11.1.3 A General Recall: Is signalled with a BLUE light on the box on the right.

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

11.1.5 The club line (starting/finish) is an imaginary line formed by the orange transit on the MBSC Clubhouse and the orange transit at the north end of the starting area.

11.2 Committee Boat Starts

11.2.1 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	One Hoot	Preparatory signal
1	Class P removed	One Hoot	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One Hoot	Starting signal

11.2.2 The Committee Boat start / finish lines are imaginary lines formed by an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a club rounding mark or a yellow inflatable buoy.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule RRS A4 and A5.

12 SHORTENING THE COURSE

As an alternative to shortening a course by displaying flag S in accordance with rule 32, 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 to finish.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 Club finish line is as described in SI 11.1.5; Committee Boat finish line is as described in SI 11.2.2.

13.2 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 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14.2 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 MBSC Clubhouse in the approximate order of receipt as soon as possible.

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS 90.3, A2, A4: Low Point System

17.2 (a) When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from seven or eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Each member of the crew must wear an approved buoyancy aid at all times when afloat. Flag Y will not be flown.

18.2 Competitors shall "SIGN ON" before going afloat to indicate their intention to race, and shall "SIGN OFF" after each race within 30 minutes of finishing the race or, where races are held back-to-back, within 30 minutes of finishing the last of the back-to-back races. Where a race finishes otherwise than on the Club Line, the time for signing-off shall be extended by the race committee to allow adequate time for competitors to return to shore and sign-off. A competitor who does not comply with this Rule in relation to any race shall be disqualified from that race. Retirements and penalties taken shall be declared on the Signing On/Off sheet

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

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

Prizes will be given at the Prize Giving Dinner.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A

