

# HERNE BAY SAILING CLUB

## MEMORIAL WEEKEND

### Paul Smith Memorial Pursuit Race Colin Sproxton Memorial Jim Newbury Memorial

16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the Class Associations, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions. In cases of conflict, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

### 2 LIABILITY EXCLUSION

- 2.1 A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.
- 2.2 The boat is required to hold adequate insurance and in particular to hold insurance against third party claims in the sum of at least £2,000,000.

### 3 CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 3.1 **Measurement**. Boats must have current measurement certificates and buoyancy endorsements as required by her class rules. Protests and disputes on measurement or other class rules will be referred to the class association and results will be announced "subject to protest".

### 4 SAFETY

- 4.1 **Personal Buoyancy**: Adequate personal floatation devices (PFD) for all crew members shall be worn at all times whilst racing. Neither a wetsuit or drysuit constitute adequate personal buoyancy. Flag Y will not be displayed. This alters RRS 40.
- 4.2 **Tally Safety System**: The requirements of this SI are specified for the safety of competitors.
- 4.2.1 The Tally Safety System will be located at or near the head of the launching ramp.
- 4.2.2 Numbered tallies will be issued to individual members of a boat's crew and shall be worn whilst afloat. The number will be the same as that issued for the launching trolley at registration.
- 4.2.3 Each member of a boat's crew shall individually tally out before racing and individually tally in immediately on returning to shore after racing. 'Tally in' requires tallies to be placed either in a box marked 'I have sailed correctly', or in the other, marked 'I have retired'. Also see SI 14.2 (acknowledgement of penalties).

4.2.4 All crew shall tally back in the appropriate box immediately after coming ashore, and certainly **WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF THE FINISH OF THE LAST BOAT IN THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY**. This procedure is for the safety of competitors, so that the organisers know who is afloat and ashore if an emergency arises.  
The penalty for failing to comply with this sailing instruction may be disqualification as provided for in Rule 64.1 (a) (Penalties and exoneration).

4.2.5 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

4.6 Failure to comply with any part of this sailing instruction shall not be grounds for protest by another boat. This changes rule 60.1.

## **5 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

5.1 **Notice to Competitors** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

5.2 **Changes in Sailing Instructions** Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted 1 hour before the advertised starting time of the race concerned, except for a change to the starting time of the first race of the following day, which will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect. Changes in Sailing Instructions will be indicated by Flag "L" flown from the HBSA flagstaff until such time as deemed reasonable.

5.3 Competitors are advised NOT to go afloat until cleared to do so by the Race Committee.

5.4 **Briefings** These will be held at the Herne Bay Sailing Club on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 11:00hrs.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The schedule of races is:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Time of Warning signal</b>	<b>HW</b>	<b>LW</b>
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Race 1 (Pursuit Race)	11:55	10:33	16:54
	Race 2 (ACH)	Not Before 2:00 PM		

A Lunch break will be taken between Race 1 and Race 2

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Race 3	10:55
	Race 4	Back to Back with Race 3
	Race 5	Not before 14:30

A Lunch break will be taken between Race 4 and Race 5. Where races are held back-to-back, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after the last boat has finished or the time limit has passed.

## **7 WARNING SIGNAL**

7.1 The warning signal will be: International Code Flag T.

## **8 COURSE INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The committee boat may display the HBSC burgee.

8.2 **Course:** The courses will be similar to advised on the Official Notice Board.

8.3 **Magnetic bearing of Mark 1.** The approximate magnetic bearing of Mark 1 from the committee boat may be displayed on the committee boat before the warning signal.

- 8.4**     **Description of course marks.** Course marks will be orange inflatable buoys. The starting marks and finishing marks will be a race committee boat or an Inner Distance Mark (IDM) at the Starboard end and an orange/yellow spherical buoy or Yellow pillar mark at the port end.

## **9**       **STARTS**

- 9.1     **Committee Boat** An orange flag will be displayed on the starting committee boat.

9.2     **Starting Procedures**

- 9.2.1   The starting procedure for Race 1 (Pursuit Race) will be in accordance with Rule 26 for first start and then for all subsequent starts the next start number will be displayed on a blackboard on the committee boat. A red flag will be raised 15 seconds prior to the next start and lowered at the start. A sound signal will be made for each start.

- 9.2.2   The starting procedure for Race 2 (ACH) will be in accordance with Rule 26 with warning signals 5 minutes before starts. The race officer may alert competitors that he is about to make the warning signal by sounding a number of short blasts.

9.3     **Starting Line**

The start line may be one of 2 options and will be published 1 hour before scheduled start on the club notice board

- 9.3.1   Option A: The starting line is defined as the line between the mast displaying an blue flag on the Committee Boat, and the centre of the port end starting mark. The committee boat at the starting line may hold station using engines.

- 9.3.2   An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) **may** be laid to mark the starboard end of the line. The IDM may not be on the line. When an IDM is laid boats must start between the IDM and the port end starting mark. The IDM will be described at the briefing.

- 9.3.3   Option B: Starting from the Clubhouse Race Tower: The start line may be formed of the 8 Knot marker (Large yellow buoy) north of the sailing club and a small orange mark laid.

- 9.4     A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.

- 9.6     **Black Flag Rule** After 2 general recalls, Rule 30.3 shall apply to all subsequent starts of that race. This amends rule 30.3

## **10**      **CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

- 10.1   Due to the nature of the races being sailed, there will be no changes of course after the start.

## **11**      **FINISHING**

11.1   **Finishing Line.**

Where option A is used for starting the finishing line will be between the mast displaying a blue flag, aboard a race committee boat and the finishing mark, which will be a orange/yellow spherical buoy or, for a shortened Course, the nearby course mark. The committee boat at the finishing line may hold station using engines.

Where option B is used for starting line the finish will be between the Race Tower and the 8 Knot Yellow Buoy to the north of the club.

For Race 1 (Pursuit Race) the finishing line will be laid in front of leading boat(s) at the time limit. The finishing line will be laid on the median line of preceding mark and next mark.

For Race 2, 3, 4 & 5 (ACH) an average lap system will be in use. All boats will finish after the International Code Flag S is flown from the committee boat or Club House.

11.2   **Time Limit**

- 11.2 (a) The primary time limit for each race will be 2 hours from the starting signal. The race will be valid for all boats finishing within this limit.
- 11.2 (b) Additionally, when the first boat finishes within 90 minutes of her start, the race will be valid only for those boats which finish within 30 minutes of the first boat. This alters Rule 35

## **12 PENALTIES**

- 12.1 Rule 44 is amended to one tack, one gybe for all penalties.

## **13 PROTESTS**

- 13.1 A protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee on the Committee Boat as soon as possible after finishing, but without interfering with other boats finishing.
- 13.2 **Protest time limit.** The protest time limit will end 1 hour after the last boat has finished the last race of the day, unless the protest or race committee extend this time limit.

## **14 SCORING:**

The low point system of appendix A (Scoring) will apply,

16<sup>th</sup> July races 1 & 2 to count

17<sup>th</sup> July 2 races to count from Races 3,4 & 5; or one race to count where one race sailed

## **15 PRIZES**

Paul Smith Memorial Trophy – Results from all races on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Colin Sproxton Trophy – Results from race 2 16<sup>th</sup> July – Single-handers only (Restricted to HBSC members)

Jim Newbury Memorial Trophy – Results from Races on 17<sup>th</sup> July (Restricted to HBSC Members)